

MEMBERS	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Bob Beda, Chair		X	
Dusty Szymanski	X		
Erich Ferchau	X	arrived at 7:08	
Ed Seymour	X		
Carolyn Riggs		X	
Greg Larson	X		
Councilor Ellen Harriman	X		

OTHERS PRESENT: Director Steve Westbay and Planning Technician Pam Cunningham

I. CALL TO ORDER AT 7:05PM BY VICE CHAIR GREG LARSON

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

III. CONSIDERATION OF THE APRIL 13, 2011 MEETING MINUTES

Councilor Harriman moved to approve the April 13, 2011 meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Seymour seconded the motion.

Roll Call Yes: Greg, Ed, Ellen

Roll Call No:

Roll Call Abstain: Dusty

Motion Carried

IV. ACTION TO EXCUSE COMMISSIONERS SZYMANSKI AND FERCHAU FROM THE APRIL 13, 2011 MEETING. Councilor Harriman moved and Commissioner Seymour seconded to excuse Commissioners Szymanski and Ferchau from the April 13, 2011 meeting.

Roll Call Yes: Greg, Ed, Ellen

Roll Call No:

Roll Call Abstain: Dusty

Motion Carried

V. UNSCHEDULED CITIZENS. There were none.

VI. COUNCIL UPDATE

Councilor Ellen Harriman provided an update on the April 23rd Council meeting, which was the last meeting of the sitting Council. The Council:

- approved a special events permit for the Farmers Market;
- heard that the garden show was well attended;
- discussed the noise ordinance enforcement which was raised by a prescheduled citizen who wants to encourage greater enforcement against loud vehicles;
- excused Councilor Nesbitt;
- approved a \$1,000 Challenge Grant for the Gunnison Glory climbing event;
- approved a contract for services for White Water Festival web cams for the river;
- approved the easement across the Wilson property which allows the County to connect the pressurized sewer line from Tomichi Village and will also guarantee a trails easement to the box culvert;
- passed on 2nd reading an additional appropriation for expenses incurred related to the ice rink carbon monoxide event and the City employees' insurance claims;
- approved on 1st reading a lease purchase for a tandem dump truck;

- discussed a smoking ordinance proposed by Youth City Council that will close the gap between the state law that allows persons under 18 to possess and use tobacco, but does not allow them to purchase it;
- heard staff reports:
 - water will start flowing through the ditch system on May 2nd;
 - 330 ballots have been returned as of April 25th;
 - the new HR Tech, Tammy Shelafo will start on Monday; and
 - a meeting about the bike race was to be held today.

VII. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- Commissioner Szymanski thanked the Commission for excusing him and for rearranging the March meeting schedule. He reported that he taught five Wednesday night classes at the college. He asked to be excused from the next meeting to travel out of town for work. He is planning the Strawbale Conference for September 23 and 24. To prepare for the conference he has been doing some marketing and has written a Challenge Grant to help with the conference.
- Commissioner Ferchau thanked the Commission for excusing him from the April 13th meeting so that he could travel with his family;
- Commissioner Seymour had nothing to report;
- Commissioner Larson reported he has attended several economic development meetings lately, the groups are coming to consensus and materials will be distributed soon. He will be attending the regional economic development meeting in Ridgeway next week.

VIII. PLANNING STAFF UPDATE

Director Westbay provided an update on activity in the Community Development department:

- The Gunnison/Crested Butte Regional Airport has submitted a Conditional Use application for a concrete batch plant for a one month operation to replace the concrete in the terminal apron—the Conditional Use will be on the May 11th agenda;
- staff worked on the Wilson Tract B easement approved by Council;
- Community Cleanup is April 30th at IOOF Park;
- 250 kids were at the pool for the Easter Egg Hunt;
- staff submitted a proposal to the EPA for a Smart Growth Award for VanTuyl Ranch Management Plan; and,
- staff received an e-mail from Scott Morrill of the County's Emergency Management Office, stating that the Basin snowpack is at 140% of normal—the concern is the cold weather delaying runoff.

Commissioner Ferchau asked about the newspaper report concerning Tomichi Creek water quality. Director Westbay explained that the concern came from a study that found a low number of invertebrates. The reason hasn't been identified but could be attributed to low water levels or effluent from stormwater drains under the runway. There will be more studies.

IX. ADJOURN

Vice Chair Larson adjourned to a work session at approximately 7:28 p.m.

Greg Larson, Vice Chair

Attest:

Pam Cunningham, Secretary