

MEMBERS	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Carolyn Riggs, Chair	X		
Erik Niemeyer			X
Erich Ferchau	X		
Andy Tocke	X		
Bob Beda	X		
Greg Larson	X		
Councilor Ellen Harriman	X		

OTHERS PRESENT: Community Development Director Steve Westbay and Planning Technician Pam Cunningham.

I. CALL TO ORDER AT 7:11 PM BY CHAIR CAROLYN RIGGS

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

III. UNSCHEDULED CITIZENS. There were none

IV. CONSIDERATION OF THE OCTOBER 10, 2012 MEETING MINUTES. Commissioner Tocke moved and Councilor Harriman seconded to approve the October 10, 2012 meeting minutes as amended.

Roll Call Yes: Ferchau, Riggs, Beda, Harriman, Tocke

Roll Call No:

Roll Call Abstain: Larson

Motion carried

V. EXCUSE COMMISSIONER NIEMEYER

Commissioner Larson moved to excuse Commissioner Niemeyer from the October 24 meeting. Councilor Harriman seconded the motion.

Roll Call Yes: Ferchau, Tocke, Riggs, Beda, Harriman, Larson

Roll Call No:

Roll Call Abstain:

Motion carried

VI. COUNCIL UPDATE. Councilor Harriman updated the Commission on recent Council business. The Council:

- heard a review of the USA Pro Challenge and Councilor Harriman has statistics, if anyone is interested in seeing them;
- discussed some budget items and staff is finalizing the budget for the public hearing;
- chose not to fund the Georgia Avenue Master Plan in the budget this year;
- chose not to fund an \$80,000 request from the university for updating signage at the entrances to town; the City has \$10,000 that will be held in reserve for possible future consideration;
- appointed Youth City Council members;
- approved a letter thanking the federal agency responsible for the Eagle Net Project;
- learned that the City will be required to be part of an arbitrage audit for the bonds for the rink and pool, this is an unexpected expense, but a requirement of having a bond;
- learned there will be a meeting with a company about getting fiber back to the Community Center; and,

- approved a letter to the newspaper expressing regret and sorrow about Rick Miller and his family.

VII. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS.

- Commissioner Ferchau observed that there seem to be more flashing signs around town; Director Westbay responded that most of them are within the size limit of the new sign code and that staff has done outreach on the sandwich board signs;
- Commissioner Tocke reported that he rode his bike on the Thornton Way trail and it was enjoyable; and,
- Commissioner Larson thanked the Commission for excusing him at the last meeting.

VIII. PLANNING STAFF UPDATE. Director Westbay updated the Commission on recent activity in the Community Development Department:

- The City has embarked on the Highway 50 Access Control Plan, which was spawned by Gunnison Rising. It is a project that will take about a year to complete and includes CDOT, a traffic consultant, and Fox Higgins. At the kick-off meeting goals were set and a list of documents that must be compiled was identified; topics of discussion are the Highway Access Code and separation of intersections. The project will include a significant outreach program.
- The VanTuyl Ranch Eligibility Hearing will be held on Nov 27th to determine if the VanTuyl Ranch is eligible for annexation—if approved the initial zoning hearings will be held in December;
- at the next regular P&Z meeting on Nov 14th, the Commission will have a public hearing for a major subdivision in VanTuyl Village for the Blue Mesa Mall;
- employee evaluations are coming up; and,
- staff is working on a Building Code ordinance to propose exemption from building permits for accessory sheds less than 200 square feet.

IX. ADJOURN TO WORK SESSION. Chair Riggs adjourned the meeting to a work session at 7:30p.m.

Carolyn Riggs, Chair

Attest:

Pam Cunningham, Secretary