

MEMBERS	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Erik Niemeyer	X		
Erich Ferchau	X		
Andy Tocke	X		
Bob Beda	X		
Sharon Cave	X		
Greg Larson	X		
Councilor Matt Schwartz	X		

OTHERS PRESENT: Community Development Director Steve Westbay, Planner Andie Ruggera, Planning Technician Michelle Spain

I. CALL TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM BY CHAIR GREG LARSON

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

III. UNSCHEDULED CITIZENS. There were none.

IV. CONSIDERATION OF THE NOVEMBER 4, 2015 MEETING MINUTES.

Commissioner Tocke moved, and Commissioner Cave seconded, to approve the November 4, 2015 meeting minutes as presented.

Roll Call Yes: Beda, Ferchau, Larson, Niemeyer, Cave, Tocke

Roll Call No:

Roll Call Abstain: Schwartz, he did not attend this meeting.

Motion carried

V. COUNCIL UPDATE. Councilman Schwartz commenced his review.

- Councilman Schwartz indicated that he had missed the November 4th meeting and was attending the Northern Colorado Bike - Pedestrian Conference located in Greeley. The Triple Net Gain, of bicycle friendly communities was discussed at this meeting. The millennials are now seeking communities that have non-motorized transportation. Commissioner Ferchau asked if that was based on 12 months out of the year or 3 months. Commissioner Larson asked where the economic impact comes from. Councilman Schwartz indicated it was real estate sales. Councilman Schwartz was hoping to get more information on acquiring funds. Councilman Schwartz was told that the funds stated in the program were only available for the Greeley area. Crowd funding was discussed and how it is being utilized in the downtown areas.
- The November 3rd meeting approved the cloud seeding program.
- Marijuana collections of fees were discussed. A refund of initial fees had been requested. There are fees collected by the State that are sent to the City plus the application fees collected by the City. Ordinance No. 17 was passed and clarifies that all application fees are non-refundable.

- November 10th meeting was a public hearing on the budget. One comment on the budget. Paula Swenson stated her support of the Chamber Visitors Center. She also encouraged the City to support the Housing Authority.
- Gunnison Valley Regional Housing Authority gave an updated report.
- Region 10/ DOLA Technology Grant application was discussed. It was reviewed and discussed on bringing more broadband and internet services to our Valley.
- Contract of services and grants were presented and approved.
- Ordinance No. 16 was passed, Major Change in the PUD standards to include Museum as Permitted Use within Gunnison Rising PUD Standards.
- Econometrics analysis of sales tax revenue was presented on November 17th by a WSCU intern. This report showed that increasing enrollment does not necessarily increase net sales tax from the students themselves. Various spending habits of students were discussed. Secondary revenue drivers such as more faculty members were stated as possible revenue.
- Council will sign a memorandum of understating about the DOLA grant. Councilman Schwartz was concerned that the Gunnison Community was not getting another fiber line. This will allow better service at a lower price. Commissioner Niemeyer requested that the lines be investigated for failure. Councilman Schwartz indicated that the easements for the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) lines were an issue. Commissioner Larson discussed having an emergency and what the consequence could be. Commissioner Niemeyer indicated that they should investigate these items. This line does have limitations. Director Westbay indicated that it is not necessarily the line itself, but the government agency that the easement was granted to. Discussion ensued. Councilman Schwartz will contact Mike Lee on this. Commissioner Niemeyer indicated that legislation has been passed to clear internet services for critical emergency service.
- Council passed Ordinance No. 18, 19, 20, 21. Ordinance No. 21 is the Amending Municipal Code Section 3.10.050 Vendor Liable for Tax; to Change Sales Tax Vendor Fee. By doing this the Visitors Center will have separate money for this budget. They will have an oversight group for the Visitor Center operations. Discussion concerning the rules of the oversight committee was reviewed. New fees, membership levels were discussed for the Chamber. Commissioner Larson indicated that this was a good change. This will be good for the Chamber itself. Replacement for the outgoing Chamber Director was discussed. The Chamber needs to look at their bylaws and do a strategic look at their operation for what they want the new director to accomplish.
- An overview of the nuisance code re-write was presented by Chief Robinson. Chief Robinson is working with the City attorney for a final re-write copy in July 2016.
- Discussion on the election Mayor pro temp. Mayor Hagen indicated that he wanted the Mayor pro temp to be the person who received the most votes from the election. This would take a major change of the charter and an additional election would be needed. The current process was discussed. The current procedure will remain in effect.
- Commissioner Niemeyer asked if the discussion on Ken Coleman took place last night. Councilman Schwartz indicated that there had not been a meeting in which council in any shape had gotten together and met about this. To his knowledge no more than two have ever sat down to talk about this, but never in a meeting. Mr. Coleman's review is December 8th. Councilman Drexel had requested a meeting but withdrew it upon Ken's request.

- Commissioner Ferchau asked what the set mill levy is and how does it compare to last year. Councilman Schwartz indicated that it is the same as last year, approximately 5.45%. The County's mill levy was discussed.

VI. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS.

- Commission Ferchau indicated the last Friday was a Preview Day at WSCU. 270 high school students participated. Prior years were around 80. The response from all was very positive. One of the students indicated that they wish they were able to explore the town. The efforts to recruit are paying off. The current recruiting efforts seem to be working. Director Westbay indicated that as a current father looking at colleges WSCU is a great value. The cost is reasonable, and low student loan debt is very enticing to the students.

VII. PLANNING STAFF UPDATE. Director Westbay started his review.

- Lazy K sight visit/open house was last week with approximately 30 citizens that participated.
- Safe Streets we will have a web conference with CDOT Region 3 staff on Friday of this week.
- OVPP has many sessions going on. Director Westbay attended a meeting today to start writing the action contents.
- Marijuana Retail shop applications are still being submitted. We just completed 4 applications for review.
- Christmas Party is December 11th.
- Dennis Spritzer is out on medical leave. He is recovering at home.
- Commissioner Tocke asked if there are people complaining that this community is over run with "Pot Shops". Director Westbay indicated that we have not as of yet. Commissioner Tocke asked if the community is aware of why no limitations were put on the number of shops. Commissioner Cave has had citizens ask her and she responded that this is free enterprise. There are no limits on other businesses. Solid business models will survive. Councilman Schwartz indicated that sales were happening in Crested Butte and we were managing all the other expenses that are involved in this business. Commissioner Ferchau asked if we were seeing what the sales tax revenue from Crested Butte has been. Director Westbay indicated that we have been given the numbers.

**VIII. ADJORN TO WORK SESSION – COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE – FUTURE
PLANNING SCENARIO AND VISIONING 7:42 PM**

Attest:

Greg Larson, Chair

Michelle Spain, Secretary