

January 23, 2018

**CITY OF GUNNISON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES**

5:30 P.M.

The City Council Regular Session meeting was called to order at 5:31 P.M., by Mayor James Gelwicks with Councilors Mallory Logan, Jim Miles, Robert Drexel, and Leia Morrison present along with City Manager Russ Forrest, City Attorney Kathy Fogo, Finance Director Ben Cowan, Police Chief Keith Robinson, City Clerk Erica Boucher, and Deputy City Clerk Tara Kindall. Western Liaison Lozen Miller was absent; however Western student Max Oldham, who gave a presentation for Council, took her place for the evening. Several interested citizens, and the press were also present. A Council quorum was present.

Citizen Input:

Mayor Gelwicks called for any citizen input on any items not already being considered on the agenda. Gunnison citizen Steve Schechter who resides at 912 North Boulevard came forward to address Council. After reading Council's Strategic Plan, he felt that they should add a solar energy aspect to it. He gave various examples of how beneficial solar energy can be for the Gunnison community and how important it is to our future. Mr. Schechter also suggested that Council should direct money from the budget to spend on "before and after" energy assessments and data analysis of homes that receive upgrades through Energy Outreach Colorado. No other citizens came forward.

Mayor Gelwicks called for a motion to recess the Regular Session meeting and open a Work Session. Councilor Morrison moved and Councilor Miles seconded to do so.

Roll call vote, yes: Logan, Miles, Gelwicks, Drexel, and Morrison. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

The Work Session was recessed and the Regular Session was reconvened at 5:47 p.m.

Consent Agenda:

The consent agenda allows City Council to approve, by a single motion, second and vote, matters that have already been discussed by the entire Council or matters that are considered routine or non-controversial. A consent agenda allows for the meeting to proceed in a more efficient and timely manner. The agenda items will not be separately discussed unless a councilor, city staff, or a citizen requests an item be removed and discussed separately. Items removed from the consent agenda will then be considered after consideration of the consent agenda. Items on the consent agenda are:

- o **Action on approval of January 9, 2018 regular session meeting minutes, and;**
- o **Action on approval for out-of-state training and travel for Public Work employees Mike Rogers and Will Dowis, and;**
- o **Action of approval to excuse Councilor Drexel from the January 9, 2018 Regular Session meeting;**

Councilor Drexel asked that the January 9, 2018 Regular Session minutes be removed from the consent agenda as he was not at the meeting. Councilor Morrison moved Councilor Miles seconded to approve the remaining consent agenda items as submitted.

Roll call vote, yes: Miles, Gelwicks, Drexel, Morrison and Logan. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Council Action Items:

Approve January 9, 2018 Regular Session meeting minutes. Councilor Morrison moved and Councilor Logan seconded to approve the January 9th minutes as submitted.

Roll call vote, yes: Miles, Gelwicks, Morrison, and Logan. Motion carried.

Roll call vote, abstain: Drexel.

Approve bid for Fire Ladder Truck. City Fire Marshall, Dennis Spritzer, came forward and addressed Council. He emphasized the need for the City to replace Ladder 11 as it is past its useful life and purchase a T-Rex Articulating Platform on a Rosenbauer Commander Chassis as a necessary piece of safety equipment for the City. The Fire Department reviewed multiple proposals and determined that the Rosenbauer Minnesota proposal should be approved by Council as it was the only one to meet the Fire Department's required specifications. This request to purchase a new ladder firetruck was supported by the presence of the City's Fire Department leaders and multiple staff firefighters. Finance Director Cowan explained how the City budgeted for this piece of

equipment and how utilizing a payment process for the equipment would enable to the City to receive cost savings.

Councilor Drexel moved and Councilor Morrison seconded a motion for the City to approve and authorize the contract with Rosenbauer to purchase the T-Rex Articulating Platform on a Rosenbauer Commander Chassis. A brief discussion ensued.

Roll call vote, yes: Gelwicks, Drexel, Morrison, Logan, and Miles. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Approve the execution of a sponsor agreement to partner the City with Energy Outreach Colorado Efficiently (EOC) LCC for a City contribution of \$20,000. Public Works Director Gardner came forward and addressed Council. He reviewed the information in their packets about this program. According to the pending agreement, the City will pay \$20,000 in rebates to EOC. To execute the services for Gunnison residents, EOC will be managing and overseeing the enrollment process and the installation of resources in homes. EOC will also be providing the City with financial and data reports on their progress. It is estimated that 15-20 residential structures will be beneficially impacted through this sponsor partnership. To market the program, the City will be placing flyers in up-coming electrical bills and posting it on the City website. Advertising will be conducted in English and Spanish. Both home owners and renters are eligible for services, however, it was noted the program will require enrollment by the landlord and not the renter. The City Manager highlighted how this partnership would touch on Council's two strategic priorities of affordable living and sustainability in the City.

Councilor Logan moved and Councilor Miles seconded a motion for the City Manager to execute a sponsor agreement to partner the City of Gunnison with Energy Outreach Colorado Efficiently LLC for \$20,000. More discussion ensued.

Roll call vote, yes: Drexel, Morrison, Logan, Miles, and Gelwicks. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Follow up discussion on Gunnison Country Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center Operation Service Contract. Matt Kuehlhorn, business owner and current board president of the Gunnison Chamber of Commerce and Chris Dickey, local business owner and past Chamber president came forward and asked to move the MOU between the City of Gunnison and the Chamber to a work session. The City Manager confirms that working with the Chamber is a strategic partnership and supports continued discussion with representatives from Council and the Chamber. Councilor Logan volunteered to participate in these discussions. The City will set up meetings with interested participants.

Follow up discussion on Boomers and Beyond Service Contract request for a Senior Center Coordinator. Mayor Gelwicks asked that this Action Item of Council to be divided into two motions as they are two separate requests. At the Council's direction, City staff conducted a comparison study with other municipalities. After reviewing salaries surveys from 2017, it was determined that the City could afford a part-time position (10 hours/week) for a total of \$9,700. Additionally, City staff determined that this position would best be housed within the Parks and Recreation Department because the clients this position will be serving currently gather and work out of the Community Recreation Center. Additional costs of the programs for the seniors would have to be self-funded. Parks and Recreation Director Ampietro noted that this may be a difficult position to fill at 10 hours/week. After a suggestion was made to fill this position with a current part-time employee Finance Director Cowan stated that having a current part-time employee take on this position could be troublesome due to the chance of employee exceeding 30 hours in a week. Councilor Drexel asked if contracting out the position would be a viable option. Finance Director Cowan said that since the City will be providing this employee with a work space and be directly overseeing his/her responsibilities this position wouldn't qualify as contract labor. Mayor Gelwicks also noted the importance of making this position financially sustainable. City staff confirmed that it would be in the future.

Councilor Morrison moved and Councilor Drexel seconded a motion to authorize the Parks and Recreation Department to increase its FTE by .25 to hire a Recreation Aide to assist with senior programming.

Roll call vote, yes: Logan, Miles, Gelwicks, Drexel, and Morrison. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Council Logan moved and Councilor Miles seconded the motion to authorize the transfer of \$8,800 from the Grants Cost Center to the Parks and Recreation Department to pay for this position. Mayor Gelwicks noted that the initial intent of the Grants budget was to support service grants or economic development and not to fund personnel costs. Because of this, he stated he will be voting

no on this part of the request. He also suggested the money could be moved to support the Vibrancy projects, other service requests or be held in reserve. A brief discussion ensued.

Roll call vote, yes: Logan, Miles, Drexel, and Morrison. Motion carried.

Roll call vote, no: Gelwicks.

Authorize the City Manager to sign a *Cost of Services Agreement* with Hinsdale County to provide temporary building inspection assistance.

Community Development Director Westbay addressed Council. In early January, the City of Gunnison was contacted by Hinsdale County with a request to provide temporary building inspection services in light of Hinsdale County's sudden passing of their building inspector. The City of Gunnison has provided other towns and counties with such services as needed. City staff also requested that with the assurance of City protection against liability and a guarantee of no loss of services to City customers, the City could enter into such agreements in the future without having to bring them before Council. In the future, Council would like to be informed of the City entering into such agreements, but agreed that not all requests need to come before them.

Councilor Morrison moved and Councilor Logan seconded a motion to authorize the City Manager to sign the *Cost of Services Agreement* with Hinsdale County to provide temporary building inspection assistance.

Roll call vote, yes: Miles, Gelwicks, Drexel, Morrison, and Logan. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Discussion and possible consideration to change the February 13, 2018 City Council meeting time. The Chamber is sponsoring a new event for the Gunnison community named Gunni Gras. The event will occur on Fat Tuesday, like Mardi Gras. Councilor Logan voiced her support of Councilmembers attending this event and participating in the parade at 5:30 P.M. Councilmembers suggested holding next City Council meeting at 4:00 P.M., rather than after the event in order to attend. It was noted that the agenda for February 13th meeting is small and could be completed in one hour.

Councilor Morrison moved and Councilor Logan seconded a motion to move City Council's February 13th meeting from 5:30 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. in order to attend Gunni Gras.

Roll call vote, yes: Gelwicks, Drexel, Morrison, Logan, and Miles. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Adjourn Regular Session Meeting and move into Discussion/Work Session.

With no further business for the Regular Session Mayor Gelwicks adjourned the Regular Session Meeting and Council went into the discussion/work session at 6:47 P.M.



 Mayor

Attest:



 City Clerk