

**RESOLUTION NO. 9  
SERIES 2000**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON,  
COLORADO, ESTABLISHING A YOUTH CITY COUNCIL (YCC) FOR THE CITY OF  
GUNNISON**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Gunnison, Colorado, has determined that the young people of our community have unique insight into the needs, desires, problems and issues which confront, and are experienced by young people; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council believes that our youth, as inheritors of the community, are certainly deserving of a voice and representation, in efforts adopted by the City to identify and resolve issues which concern the youth of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council feels it is important to provide an opportunity for the youth of Gunnison to acquire a greater knowledge of and appreciation for the political system through active participation in the system; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council believes by establishing a Youth City Council it will instill a feeling of positive self-worth and esteem, to teach respect for the rights and property of others, to promote community pride, and eliminate potential negative influences among our future community leaders.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED , THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO:**

- Section 1. There is hereby established a "Youth City Council" hereinafter "YCC" The purpose of the YCC is to actively advise the City Council with thoughtful recommendations on issues concerning youth and to assist City staff in considering youth perspectives in its planning efforts. The YCC shall hold periodic meetings with the Mayor and/or City Council and will attend City Council and City Board and Commission meetings when youth issues are on the agenda. YCC shall create task forces, as needed. The YCC shall not constitute a Board or Commission under section 3.17 of the City of Gunnison Home Rule Charter.
- Section 2. The Youth Council shall be composed of nine members, between the ages of 14 and 18 years, from the Gunnison High Schools, the Gunnison Alternative School and home Schooling programs, with the majority of the members from the Gunnison High School. City Council shall appoint members to serve one year terms. The existing members can continue to serve on the YCC until September of 2001, if they so desire. The YCC shall have adult non-voting advisors. The advisors may be appointed from the full-time career employees of the City staff or may be a community volunteer or Western State College Interns.
- Section 3. The YCC shall meet two times per month. All members shall serve on at least one task force and cannot miss more than six meetings in a one-year period. The YCC shall choose its own officers and shall adopt rules of procedure for the proper conduct of its business.
- Section 4. No member of the YCC shall receive compensation for service, but members of the YCC may be reimbursed necessary expenses which are approved in advance by the Adult Advisor. All members shall be subject to removal by City Council at its pleasure and at any time without cause.

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Section 5. By-Laws of the Youth City Council are attached.

**INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Gunnison, Colorado, this 22nd day of August 2000.

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Jesse Stone, Mayor

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

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Margaret Anderson, City Clerk