RESOLUTION NO. 7
SERIES 2010

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO, APPROVING THE ADOPTION OF THE VANTUYL RANCH MANAGEMENT PLAN (DATED: AUGUST 2010) AS A SUB-AREA MASTER PLAN AND A COMPANION DOCUMENT TO THE CITY OF GUNNISON MASTER PLAN (APRIL 25, 2007).

WHEREAS, the City Council constitutes the governing body of the City and is empowered to adopt laws, ordinances, and resolutions consistent with the authority as of the *City Charter* and *Colorado Revised Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, §29-20-104 of the *Colorado Revised Statues* authorizes local government to plan for and regulate the use of land so as to provide planned and orderly use of land and protection for the environment in a manner consistent with constitutional law; and

WHEREAS, in Spring 2009 the City received a $50,000 grant from the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Board to develop the *VanTuyl Ranch Management Plan* and the grant was made possible because of collaborative partnerships between Western State College, the Colorado Division of Wildlife, the Natural Resource Conservation Service, the CSU Extension, Bio Environs, Whetstone and Associates and the City of Gunnison to develop the plan; and

WHEREAS, the plan's development was conducted using an inclusive community oriented process open to anyone interested in the long-term management of the Ranch; and

WHEREAS, the first "Given" directing the plan's development is to preserve the Ranch as a well-head recharge area with specific emphasis placed on protecting water quality and quantity in perpetuity; and

WHEREAS, the overall goal is to develop a plan to manage competing priorities and best utilize the property, while also protecting the aquifer, the recharge area and wildlife habitat, and preserving the land for passive recreational use and sustainable agricultural production; and

WHEREAS, the plan reviews existing conditions, contains a preferred land use map, and addresses the management of: habitat protection, agricultural operations, recreation, water resources, public facilities, and administration; and

WHEREAS, the *VanTuyl Ranch Management Plan* will provide the City with a means to use the Ranch to the greatest benefit of the citizens while protecting the valuable resources on the property and preserving the ranching heritage that has been so important to the community; and

WHEREAS, adoption of this document as a Sub-Area Plan to the *City of Gunnison Master Plan* (April 25, 2007) advances efforts to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the community.

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

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Gunnison, Colorado hereby commends the citizens and Focus Group Committee, for their diligence, perseverance and vision on crafting the *VanTuyl Ranch Management Plan*; and

Section 2. The City Council of the City of Gunnison, Colorado hereby adopts, by reference, the *VanTuyl Ranch Management Plan* (dated: August, 2010) as a sub-area plan of the *City of Gunnison Master Plan*.

INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of August, 2010.

Mayor

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

City Clerk