

The City Council Regular Session meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M., by Mayor Stu Ferguson with Councilors Harriman, Houck, and Nesbitt present along with City Attorney Landwehr, City Manager Coleman, City Clerk Davidson, Public Works Director Bradford, several interested citizens and the press. Councilor Miller and WSC Liaison Cruz were not in attendance. A Council quorum was present.

Consideration of Minutes:**Regular Session Meeting Minutes of February 22, 2011.**

Councilor Nesbitt moved and Councilor Harriman seconded the motion to approve the Regular Session Meeting minutes of February 22, 2011.

Roll call vote, yes: Harriman, Ferguson, Houck, Nesbitt. Motion carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Special Session Meeting Minutes of March 1, 2011.

Councilor Nesbitt moved and Councilor Harriman seconded the motion to approve the Special Session Meeting Minutes of March 1, 2011, as submitted.

Roll call vote, yes: Ferguson, Nesbitt, Harriman. Motion carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Roll call vote, abstain: Houck. He was not present at the meeting.

Excuse Councilor Miller from Regular Session Meeting.

Councilor Houck moved and Councilor Nesbitt seconded the motion to excuse Council Miller from the Regular Session meeting.

Roll call vote, yes: Houck, Nesbitt, Harriman, Ferguson. Motion carried.

Roll call vote, no: None

Pre-Scheduled Citizens:

Gunnison-Crested Butte Tourism Association Update – Jane Chaney. TA Executive Director Jane Chaney and Marketing Director Erica Kelleher addressed Council. Several items discussed included the following: referrals to the TA are received from the Chamber either through their website or by telephone calls; Colorado and Texas represent the highest visitor origins; the information provided to Council is from the 2010 4th quarter; the local marketing district tax is down by 8.37% however, if the tax were posted by the State in the month it was earned then the numbers for 2010 would be better; Strategic Initiatives were drawn up by the TA in May, 2010 and the group is now working on these; an educational/information sheet is being developed to inform the local citizens on the value of the TA; there are a variety of tourism association around the State with some representing single communities and some representing areas or counties; and the Gunnison-CB area was highlighted in an inside back cover ad in the “True West” Magazine and in the American Cowboy Magazine. Ms. Chaney passed out a copy of “Ride Magazine” that was published and distributed by the Grand Junction Daily Sentinel Newspaper and the Gunnison-CB Tourism Ad is on page three. The ad contains a “snipe”, which is a Quick Response (QR) bar code for people to scan with their smart phones and the scan will take them to the Quiznos Pro Challenge (QPC) website. These are becoming very popular. Ms. Chaney updated Council on the QPC and informed them that the Versus Network would be televising the QPC event.

Gunnison-CB Film Commission Filming Permit Discussion – Jane Chaney and WSC Interns. Ms. Chaney then explained the Gunnison-Crested Butte Film Commission project. Two interns have been selected from WSC. The project is about the economy. It is a way to bring in an influx of money. The Film Commission will legitimize the area to film companies, will act as the infrastructure liaison for film companies and will quantify the economic impact for the film company for the local economy. Ms. Chaney introduced WSC Interns Danielle Johnson and Austin Peters. Ms. Johnson and Mr. Peters explained their goals are the following: to attract scouts and film production companies; create a marketing plan; foster relationships between residents and business owners who would like to be involved with film companies; create an application and permit process; create a digital library of photos and video to attract film companies; and create a brand for the local film commission. Councilor Nesbitt told the interns that Region 10 had an inventory in the past of area people and businesses that would like to be involved in a film production. Councilor Harriman asked about the long-term process for the commission and Ms. Chaney explained the Commission currently has a grant and the TA has a line item for the project. They will recruit WSC interns from underclassmen to always have a mix of ages working on the project. Council thanked the interns and wished them luck in the endeavor.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Action on Downtown Ditch Improvements Project Bid. This item was discussed at last week's Council Work Session meeting.

Councilor Harriman moved and Councilor Houck seconded the motion to award the contract for the Downtown Ditch Improvements Project to Schmalz Construction of Gunnison in the amount of \$84,479.00.

Roll call vote, yes: Nesbitt, Harriman, Ferguson, Houck. Motion carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Action on Intergovernmental Agreement with Gunnison County; Re: Special Projects Review. This item was discussed at last week's Council Work Session meeting.

Councilor Houck moved and Councilor Nesbitt seconded the motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Gunnison County for the Special Development Projects Review and to authorize the Mayor's signature on the IGA.

Roll call vote, yes: Harriman, Ferguson, Houck, Nesbitt. Motion carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Action to Authorize Purchase of Used Auto-Belays. Councilor Houck asked if Parks & Recreation has heard if additional auto-belay units are available. City Manager Coleman stated that the City hasn't heard back from the company.

Councilor Houck moved and Councilor Harriman seconded the motion to authorize the purchase of four, or five if available, auto-belay climbing devices from North Star at a cost of \$1,450.00 per unit with the funds to come from the Community Center/Pool reserve funds.

Roll call vote, yes: Ferguson, Houck, Nesbitt, Harriman. Motion carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

Resolution No. 5, Series 2011; Re: May 10, 2011, Ballot Question Regarding Allowing Medical Marijuana Centers. Councilor Houck introduced Resolution No. 5, Series 2011, and it was read by title only along with the Ballot Question No. 1 by the City Attorney.

Councilor Houck moved and Councilor Nesbitt seconded the motion that Resolution No. 5, Series 2011, **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO, REFERRING A BALLOT QUESTION TO THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON WHETHER THE OPERATION AND LICENSING OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA CENTERS, OPTIONAL PREMISES CULTIVATION OPERATIONS, AND MEDICAL MARIJUANA-INFUSED PRODUCTS MANUFACTURERS SHOULD BE ALLOWED IN THE CITY OF GUNNISON**, be introduced, read, passed and adopted this 8th day of March, 2011.

Roll call vote, yes: Houck, Nesbitt, Harriman, Ferguson. Motion carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Resolution No. 6, Series 2011; Re: May 10, 2011, Ballot Question Regarding Imposing Additional Sales Tax on Medical Marijuana. Councilor Houck introduced Resolution No. 6, Series 2011, and it was read by title only along with Ballot Question No. 2, by the City Attorney.

Councilor Houck moved and Councilor Harriman seconded the motion that Resolution No. 6, Series 2011, **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO, REFERRING A BALLOT QUESTION TO THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON TO AUTHORIZE THE IMPOSITION OF AN ADDITIONAL FIVE PERCENT SALES TAX ON THE SALE OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA AND MEDICAL MARIJUANA-INFUSED PRODUCTS SOLD WITHIN THE CITY OF GUNNISON** be introduced, read, passed and adopted this 8th day of March, 2011.

Roll call vote, yes: Nesbitt, Harriman, Ferguson, Houck. Motion carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

City Attorney: Rod Landwehr. Nothing to report.

City Manager: Ken Coleman. City Manager Coleman reported on the following: the latest sales tax report is in and there is a positive 2.8% in January; NGS has started processing the RHPI health insurance claims, providers are being contacted, re-pricing is underway and some resolution should be done in the next few weeks; the County Attorney is reviewing a release for the Hospital to sign regarding any future claims will not be paid once the initial payment is made by the City; employees will sign an agreement that they will pay any deductibles and co-pays that are their responsibility; the RHPI lawsuit continues and both the Department of Justice and the Department of Labor are now involved in Federal Court; the City has received the declination of claim from Travelers Insurance on the rink incident and the City will be reviewing in detail all of the exclusions on the current coverage; there are still some problems with the zambonis at the rink, especially the new propane unit, but we haven't paid for that at this time; interviewing continues for the HR Tech and the Aquatics Manager positions; the City Hall computer room had a major cleanout and overhaul this past weekend; work continues on the LDC and Council will receive an executive summary outlining the changes that have been made to do prior to the work session with the Planning Commission on April 29th; and the new utility drive-up drop box has been installed in the alley behind City Hall. The City Manager then reported on the Mayors'/Managers' meeting that he and the Mayor attended last week at CBMR. Discussed at the meeting was: the County Commissioners will be having a retreat on Monday and Tuesday; there may be some state-wide redistricting in the works that may affect the County; sales tax is up in CB in January; a Leadville 100 pre-qualifying race may be held in CB; Sales tax is flat in Mt. CB; CBMR has seen over 300" of snow this winter; REIJ reported they will spend the remaining bond funds on capital projects; WSC reported that John Sowell has resigned and will be interim replaced by Jessica Young, tuition will be increased next year, and their budget revenues will be cut by \$2.5 million; the Library District continues work on the proposed new facilities; Pitkin has a population of 64 according to the last census; the UGRWCD reported the snowpack is good and reservoir levels are coming up; and CBMR reported that skiers days are up, air travel seats are down, the number of ski passes sold are down and they are suggesting that RTA pursue leveling out the RTA tax amount valley-wide.

Acting City Manager: Public Works Director Tex Bradford. Nothing to report.

City Clerk: Gail Davidson. The City Clerk reported that Council Candidate Petition packets are prepared and will be available to be picked up on Friday morning at 8am. She will be working on the TABOR requirements of Ballot Question No. 2 that was passed this evening.

WSC Liaison: Jesse Cruz. Was not in attendance.

Non-Scheduled Citizens: None.

City Council Discussion, Meeting Reports, Items for Work Session:

Councilor Harriman: informed Council the Planning Commission will meet on Thursday this week and is continuing work on the LDC.

Mayor Ferguson: informed Council he and the City Manager met with Charlie Richman and other representatives of the Forest Service today. It was a discussion of general topics. They discussed the following: trail connectivity and the Gunnison-Crested Butte Trail proposal; the idea of a combined government center; geothermal leases; the City's diversity of opinions on projects such as the Snodgrass expansion and the molybdenum mine project; the Hidden Gems Wilderness proposal; possible public/private partnerships; and the importance of maintaining Forest Service campgrounds in our area. Mayor Ferguson stated that he invited Mr. Richmond to come to Council for a yearly update.

Mayor Pro Tem Houck: reported the RTA will be meeting this Friday at 8am in the County Commissioners Room. They will be discussing air contracts including keeping the Dallas and Houston markets. The existing ground service levels are at the bare minimum to keep the funding grants in place. There may a discussion on an RTA ballot question in the future.

Councilor Nesbitt: reported he has a copy of the SWASI report available if anyone would like to see it. He attended the Water Roundtable meeting in Montrose last night. The water usage numbers on Blue Mesa need to be refined. He will put the report in the routing file.

City Manager Coleman asked Council about attendance at next week's Council Work Session meeting. After discussion, Council consensus was to cancel the meeting since it will be spring break in the community.

Adjournment: Mayor Ferguson called for any further discussion, and hearing none, adjourned the meeting at 8:41 P.M.

Mayor

City Clerk