

June 14, 2011

CITY OF GUNNISON COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES

7:00 P.M.

The City Council Regular Session meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M., by Mayor Pro Tem Harriman with Councilors Drexel, Nesbitt and Seymour present along with City Attorney Landwehr, City Manager Coleman, Community Development Director Westbay, Deputy City Clerk Kindall, several interested citizens, and the press. Mayor Houck arrived shortly after the start time, as he was officiating at a Flag Day Ceremony. A Council quorum was present.

**Consideration of Minutes:**

**Regular Session Meeting Minutes of May 24, 2011.**

Councilor Nesbitt moved and Councilor Drexel seconded the motion to approve the Regular Session Meeting minutes of May 24, 2011, as submitted.

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

Roll call vote, no: None.

**Pre-Scheduled Citizens:** Updates from Marilyn Laverty, Small Business Development Center Director and Vince Fandal, Region 10 Business Loan Fund Director. Both SBDC and Region 10 are available in our community to help business owners attain goals. Region 10 offers alternative or complimentary funding sources that serve the six county region and work in concert with banks not in competition with them. Their loan sources are state funded, repayment is expected, and collateral is similar but they have more latitude than normal banks. The SBDC has their local office located at WSC. Their funding is provided by a grant attained by WSC through the SBA. WSC matches the grant funding and the support of the College is integral in their operations. They offer many services including consulting, help with marketing and budgeting, projecting sales, as well as confidential services for small business owners and entrepreneurs. Council thanked them both for the services that they provide in the community and the update to Council.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:**

**Action on License Agreement Application from Gunnison Shipping, 125 W. Virginia Ave., for a Projecting Sign Over City Sidewalk.** This item was reviewed and discussed at the previous Work Session. Community Development Director Westbay reported that there have been no changes to the application since then. He recommends the application be approved pending the two conditions of adequate insurance and the design and construction of the signs shall conform to the City of Gunnison Land Development Code be met, which the applicant has agreed to do.

Councilor Nesbitt moved and Councilor Harriman seconded to approve the License Agreement Application from Gunnison Shipping regarding the projecting signs and note that this License Agreement shall not be effective until the two conditions of: 1. Proof of adequate insurance coverage, as required by paragraph four of this agreement is provided to the Community Development Director; and 2. Design and construction of the signs shall conform to the City of Gunnison Land Development Code, Chapter 15.100, sign standards, be met as recommended by the Community Development Director in his June 7, 2011, memo.

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

Roll call vote, no: None.

**Action on Challenge Grant Application for the Colorado Straw Bale Association Workshop in the Amount of \$500.** This item was discussed at the previous Work Session. Dusty Szymanski anticipates this event to be as successful as it was last year. There were a couple of conflicts last year that affected attendance but the date of the event is falling at just the right time so good participation is anticipated. Also, they've reallocated their budget so that they will be able to hold this event without the entire \$1000 that was originally requested. This will be the second in a three year event.

Councilor Nesbitt moved and Councilor Harriman seconded the motion to award a \$500 Challenge Grant for the Colorado Straw Bale Association Workshop.

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

Roll call vote, no: None.

**Action on Letter of Support for “Boomers and Beyond” El Pomar Grant Application.** A draft of this letter was reviewed at the last Work Session and all changes that Council requested have been made.

Councilor Harriman moved and Councilor Seymour seconded the motion for all of Council to sign the letter of support for the “Boomers and Beyond” El Pomar Grant Application and forward it to the El Pomar Foundation on behalf of the “Boomers and Beyond”.

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

Roll call vote, no: None.

**Action on Letter to Judge Patrick, RE: UGRWCD Representation.** A draft of this letter was reviewed at the last Work Session. Councilor Nesbitt would like to add a statement at the end of the letter that is more specific and direct about not taking a seat from the Gunnison district. A brief discussion ensued and it was agreed that Councilor Nesbitt and City Manager Coleman would work on adding another sentence directly stating to not take away a seat from Gunnison at the end of the letter. There will also be two corrections and one addition in the second paragraph: first, the capital J in “Judicially-appointed” will be changed to lower case; second, the “42%” is incorrect it should be 3%; third, the words “was mistakenly stated as” will be added before 5808.

Councilor Harriman moved and Councilor Drexel seconded the motion to approve the letter to Judge Patrick, RE: UGRWCD Representation; for all of Council to sign that will include the discussed changes and an additional sentence at the end that specifies a clear call to action.

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

Roll call vote, no: None.

**Update on USA Pro Cycling Challenge Events.** Events Coordinator John Messner and City Manager Coleman gave an overview of the USAPCC. This is a seven stage race and will positively impact our community both now and in the future. It is anticipated to be one of top spectator sporting events in US history in the first year, so it’s a big deal for Gunnison. The “Queens Stage” of the race will begin in Gunnison and is the epic or most challenging portion of the race. This very important stage of the race will be talked about internationally. There will also be international and national media coverage of the entire event which is free advertising for Gunnison and the surrounding area. A jumbotron will be set up downtown to create a festival atmosphere and to have a place to view the coverage of the race. There are some sponsorship opportunities that are still available at many different levels, but several sponsors have already signed up. Some volunteers, both locally and from out of town, have already signed up but volunteers are still needed. While there are many logistics for this event a tremendous amount of planning and preparation is already underway so that it will run as smoothly as is absolutely possible. If Council has any other questions please contact John. The Council thanked John for his update and great job he has done for this event and the many other events that he coordinates.

**Review USA Pro Cycling Challenge Agreement.** City Attorney Landwehr and City Manager Coleman reviewed the agreement enclosed in the packets. The City is committing a great deal to this event, but has yet to see a solid agreement from the USAPCC side. They’ve been unresponsive so far. This agreement addresses all of the issues that USAPCC had except that the City is not able to commit local vendors to enter into an indemnification agreement with the entire race. The other issues which include: the indemnification piece which would be the City holding the USAPCC harmless, but as the City has governmental immunity, we will not be taking that on and the insurance piece has been resolved; and Traveler’s has added this event to our rider. The goal is to have Council review the agreement and take action on it at the next Regular Session. After approval and signatures we will send it to USAPCC and wait for their response.

**Ordinance and Resolutions:** None.

**City Attorney:** Rod Landwehr. Nothing to report.

**City Manager:** Ken Coleman. City Manager Coleman reported on the following: we have received a GOCO grant in the amount of \$154,600 for the Teller baseball fields renovation; they are going through the final review of Van Tuyl Village improvements, there is still \$40,000 in reserve for their capital investment requirements, they are about to release the bond requirement and accept the entire project; sidewalk renovation continues; the contract with United Paving for the street improvements has been signed; slurry seal starts next week; Time Warner Cable conditional use agreement will be coming up for P&Z to review, they are moving to a vacancy in the building where Sears is located; Las Palmas will also have a conditional use for outside seating along Wisconsin on the sidewalk; swim programs are starting; Gunnison Valley Hockey League is proposing moving from RMYHL (Rocky Mountain Youth Hockey League) to a more front-range orientated competition league which may have an impact on the rink schedule and we have expressed our concerns to GVHL; and the Diamonds in the Rockies ball tournament was very successful with 23 teams spending the weekend here.

**Acting City Manager:** City Clerk Gail Davidson – absent.

**City Clerk:** Deputy City Clerk Tara Kindall. Nothing to report.

**Non-Scheduled Citizens:** None.

**City Council General Discussion, Meeting Reports, Items for Work Sessions:**

**Councilor Nesbitt:** reported that he wasn't able to attend RTA, but called Council's attention to the Pueblo Chieftan newspaper editorial that he requested be placed in the pass around packet for them to read and be aware of.

**Councilor Seymour:** reported that Planning and Zoning Commission met last Wednesday and are working on the Sign Code in the Land Development Code.

**Mayor Houck:** reported Governor Hickenlooper was here on Wednesday at the firehouse to sign two bills and he introduced the Governor at that event. He also met with John Whitney with Senator Bennett's office who was in town. Girls State is being held at WSC and he went there to welcome them to Gunnison. He attended a Flag Day presentation today. Last Friday was the RTA meeting and they are trying to finalize the Houston contract. As next Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, is his wedding anniversary he will not be at Council.

**Councilor Harriman:** reported that she had requested hard copies of the Planning & Zoning meeting minutes to be placed in all the Councilors' packets so they would be able to keep apprised of the work they were doing. All of the Councilors agreed that this is a good idea and would like to have these in their packets.

**Councilor Drexel:** reported that he didn't have any meetings, but he did receive an e-mail from Region 10 about funding cuts to universities that are happening.

**Adjournment:** Mayor Houck called for any further comment and hearing none, the Regular Session meeting was adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

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Deputy City Clerk