

October 25, 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 Houck, with Councilors Drexel, Harriman, Seymour, and Nesbitt present along with City Attorney Landwehr, City Manager Coleman, City Clerk Davidson, Parks & Recreation Director Ampietro, Police Chief Robinson, Finance Director Hanson, WSC Liaison Edwards, several interested citizens and the press. A Council quorum was present.

Consideration of Minutes:

Regular Session Meeting Minutes of October 11, 2011.

Councilor Nesbitt moved and Councilor Harriman seconded the motion to approve the Regular Session Meeting minutes of October 11, 2011, as submitted.

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

Roll call vote, no: None.

Pre-Scheduled Citizens:

Grants and Contracts for Service.

Colorado Water Workshop – Contract for Service. Colorado Water Workshop Director Jeff Snell informed Council the annual Workshop is held on the WSC campus for two and a half days in July. It started 37 years ago and is a well-respected event. There are very informative discussions regarding water issues. The 2012 Workshop theme will be “Water Taboos”, and will include a discussion on the Colorado River Water Compact. Last year there were 106 out-of-valley attendees and 18 city and county attendees. They are asking for \$1500 that will be used for new attendee’s scholarships. They are also looking at incorporating the Workshop into the WSC Extended Studies Program and Colorado teacher education program. The 2012 Workshop will be held just after the Colorado River Water Conservation Board meeting that will take place at WSC this July.

Gunnison Kiwanis Fishing Tournament – Continuing Challenge Grant. Bruce Saunders addressed Council. He informed Council the Gunnison Kiwanis Club is comprised of approximately 12 active members. We have been holding this successful event for almost 30 years. Council has their application in their budget packets. The funds from the City are used for advertising for the event. This includes hats and jackets. The Tournament hosts 120, 2-person teams and additional people accompany each team. The Tournament only had 106 teams last year but the Park Service allows up to 120 teams. Mr. Saunders explained about the operation of the Tournament and reviewed the sales tax generated from the annual event. He further explained that all proceeds from the Tournament, the club’s largest fundraiser of the year, go to the youth of the community. No funds are used for administration or staffing fees. City Clerk Davidson, also a member of the Kiwanis Club, added the event is held during the spring shoulder season and is a sales tax generator for the City. All materials for the event are purchased from local businesses. Parks & Recreation Director Ampietro informed Council the Kiwanis has been an active monetary sponsor of many of the City GOCO grant applications in the past and has supported many of the Recreation events at the Community Center. Council thanked Mr. Saunders.

Jubilee House – Contract for Service. Interim Executive Director Mary Fisher and Board Member TL Livermore came forward and introduced themselves. Ms. Fisher explained the Organization is currently restructuring itself. The previous funds have been depleted and the monies were spent differently, but still within the Organization, than the original Board intent. The Board is focusing on closer accounting guidelines. Presently their budget is down approximately 25%. There has been the loss of some grant opportunities. Their advocacy and safe shelter programs are still intact. They will offer counseling and are looking at working more closely with WSC. The demand for services is increasing. Ms. Fisher indicated they have asked the County, Crested Butte and Mt. Crested Butte for funding as well. They do have some funding from State-administered grants and some funding through the 7th Judicial District as well. Any funds received from the City will be used where they are most needed but that need hasn’t been identified specifically at this time. They typically have 53 clients per year. Councilor Nesbitt asked about any outstanding liabilities. Ms. Fisher indicated there is an approximate \$5000 liability that is being paid off at \$149 per month. Mr. Livermore discussed the advocates in the program. They receive 40 hours of training to participate in the program. Jubilee House is also looking at adding a bi-cultural community outreach coordinator to their program. Council thanked Ms. Fisher and Mr. Livermore.

Gunnison Car Show – Continuing Challenge Grant. Mike Callihan addressed Council. Mr. Callihan explained the Car Show event is put on by the 20 members of the Gunnison Car Club. They can't put on the event without assistance from volunteers from the non-profit organizations that receive grant funds from the proceeds from the Car Show. The event took a big jump 4 to 5 years ago when they moved from the old A & W site to downtown. The in-kind services from the City, including assistance from Parks & Recreation, the Police Department and the Public Works Department, is invaluable to the success of the event. It is a 3-day, family-friendly event with quality entertainment. The involvement with the Lee Iacocca Award raised the prestige of the show. The event is also the 1st Carbon Neutral Car Show. The 2012 event will be the 25th Anniversary Car Show. They are working on getting a big-name author/car collector to attend. The \$1000 requested funds would help offset the insurance policy and to pay for an extra mailing highlighting the 25th Anniversary of the event. The show is a big sales tax generator for the City and draws people from all over Colorado and neighboring states.

Western State College Counselor Visit Days – Contract for Service. Tim Albers addressed Council. Mr. Albers stated the program gives high school counselors a chance to experience not only Western State College but also the community. The counselors find out what WSC and Gunnison have to offer. Some counselors have returned as tourists after their visit. All of the participants get Gunnison Greenbacks to be spent in Gunnison at local businesses. They have had 450 different high schools participate in the program. There is a 2 to 3 year effect after a counselor visits Gunnison. The program started in 2001 and the College appreciates the City's involvement for many years. They are looking at increasing in-state students as well as out of state. Western depends on higher tuition from out of state students and targets 18 to 24 year olds. Texas is the number one feeder state. Some State schools can pull from the non-traditional type students that WSC can't. Councilor Nesbitt asked if the program is working. Mr. Albers stated yes, they feel that it is. Tuition is down approximately 100 students overall at this point but that includes transfers and upperclassmen as well. He doesn't have all of the freshmen enrollment figures at this time. A short discussion on scholarships, student fees, the economy and tuition charges ensued. Council thanked Mr. Albers for the information.

Gunnison River Festival – John Messner. City Events Manager John Messner and Alan Moores, from Gunnison County, addressed Council. Mr. Messner explained to Council that the event was first sponsored by WSC and then went to the non-profit Gunnison River Fest group with a paid director. There has been an overhaul this year. The event will now be run by a 5 person volunteer board of directors. City Manager Coleman explained to Council the event is not included in the Grants and Contracts for Service since the City is now helping spearhead the event. There will be no paid coordinator so there is more money to run the event. It has been transferred to the Events line items and there is \$1990 for the event. Mr. Moores explained they would like to have more variety in the event, possibly a fly fishing component. It would not just be kayaking and rafting. There are other uses of the river. There could be a tie-in with the Gunnison Fishing Derby as well. The Board is looking at hosting a series of events throughout the year along with the main June event. Council thanked Mr. Moores and Messner.

Events – Marketing Campaign – Ken Coleman. City Manager Coleman explained that after much discussion with a variety of people, consensus was that the City doesn't do a very good job "tooting our own horn". The Tourism Association (TA) does a great job advertising the entire Valley. We need to get more focus and, once we decide what it is exactly that we want to promote, we can get that information to the TA as well. We need to create a marketing tool that highlights what we want to promote. This goes beyond tourism. It can be an economic development tool as well to attract businesses, lone eagle workers, WSC recruiting, etc. We need to tell our own story and create our own identity. There is \$10,700 out of General Fund monies to develop a marketing campaign.

Unfinished Business:

2012 Budget Items (not individually scheduled). City Manager Coleman discussed with Council the increase in City Sales Tax License fee that was suggested by the Economic Development Group at the Work Session meeting last Tuesday. Funding for their efforts would have increased fees to the business community. If Council wishes to raise the fees currently charged for a City Sales Tax License, this would have to go through the ordinance process. Since the Finance Department starts the annual license renewal process in November, changing the annual fee would cause a delay for next year's renewals. The City Manager suggested examining other mechanisms for funding the economic development efforts. The ED Group is

asking for \$25,000 in 2012. What are some other revenue sources? There is \$20,000 in the 2012 Budget for Economic Development. Discussion ensued. Council concurred not to rush into a funding mechanism at this time. The topic will be included on an upcoming work session agenda.

Draft Letter, Re: US Air Force Low Altitude Training Area Proposal. Mayor Pro Tem Harriman informed Council she drafted the letter in their packets. Council concurred that the letter covers the issues that had previously discussed. The City Manager will get the correct address and salutation for the letter.

Councilor Nesbitt moved and Councilor Harriman seconded the motion to approve the letter to the US Air Force regarding the proposed Low Altitude Training Area project and to authorize the Mayor to sign said letter.

Roll call vote, yes: Harriman, Houck, Seymour, Nesbitt, Drexel. So Carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

New Business:

Set Public Hearing on 2012 Budget for 7:00 P.M., November 8, 2011.

Councilor Nesbitt moved and Councilor Harriman seconded the motion to set the Public Hearing on the 2012 Budget for 7:00 P.M., Tuesday, November 8, 2011, in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 201 W. Virginia Avenue in Gunnison.

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

Roll call vote, no: None.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

Ordinance No. 10, Series 2011; Re: Amending Model Traffic Code to Address Overtime Parking; 2nd Reading. Councilor Nesbitt introduced Ordinance No. 10, Series 2011, and it was read by title only by the City Attorney.

Councilor Nesbitt moved and Councilor Seymour seconded the motion that Ordinance No. 10, Series 2011, **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO, AMENDING SECTION 1205 OF THE MODEL TRAFFIC CODE FOR COLORADO TO ADDRESS OVERTIME PARKING**, be introduced, read, passed, and adopted on second and final reading this 25th day of October, 2011, and copies be made available to the public.

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

Roll call vote, no: None

Resolutions No. 15, No. 16, No. 17, and No. 18, Series 2011; Re: Commending Rustin Hamann; Hannah Eflin; Marilyn Reilly; and Cory VanderVeen. Councilor Nesbitt introduced Resolutions No. 15, No. 16, No. 17, and No 18, all Series 2011, and they were read by title only by the Mayor.

Councilor Nesbitt moved and Councilor Drexel seconded the motion that Resolution No. 15, Series 2011, **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO, COMMENDING RUSTIN HAMANN FOR HIS LIFESAVING ACTIONS**; Resolution No. 16, Series 2011, **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO, COMMENDING HANNAH EFLIN FOR HER LIFESAVING ACTIONS**; Resolution No. 17, Series 2011, **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO, COMMENDING MARILYN REILLY FOR HER LIFESAVING ACTIONS**; and Resolution No. 18, Series 2011, **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO, COMMENDING CORY VANDERVEEN FOR HIS SKILL AND DILIGENCE IN TRAINING THE LIFEGUARDS AT THE GUNNISON COMMUNITY CENTER AQUATICS FACILITY**, all be introduced, read, passed and adopted this 25th day of October, 2011.

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

Roll call vote, no: None.

Mayor Houck stated that the Resolutions will be presented and read in full to each person at next week's Work Session meeting.

City Attorney: Rod Landwehr. Nothing to report.

City Manager: Ken Coleman reported on the following: the Police Department has received an underage alcohol enforcement grant; the City took enforcement action today against a local business for unpaid sales tax and the business has agreed to pay tomorrow morning; Staff attended a meeting with the Colorado Department of Parks & Wildlife regarding the proposed Discovery Center and plans are in the works with a subdivision request to be forthcoming to the Planning Commission; work is commencing on the VanTuyl Ranch trails with two contractors working from both directions on the west side trail extensions; progress has been made on the Clarke Property where the Water Department is working on boring the waterline in under the old cook shack; and there are on-going discussions regarding the City performing vehicle maintenance for the Gunnison Fire District.

Acting City Manager: Parks & Recreation Director Ampietro – Departmental Report. Informed Council his semi-annual report is in their packets and he highlighted several topics. His Department has made several very positive personnel changes in the past six months. Work on the Teller Street ballfield continues, with the infield mix being prepared, framing on the dugouts is approximately 75% complete, the fencing is almost done, irrigation system in 100% complete and the project is on budget and on time. We should be playing ball on the field in the Spring, 2012. The indoor ice rink is open and the first tournament will be held this weekend. Grand Junction teams have the majority of the bookings at this time. Councilor Harriman asked about the Halloween Event. Director Ampietro stated the Friday Fright Night is this Friday starting at 5:30pm and it will include a pumpkin patch in the pool. The decorations are looking good. City Manager Coleman asked about next year's event and Director Ampietro stated they are looking at coordinating next year's event to coincide with the school's costume day as an alternate. This should relieve some of the pressure on the downtown merchants.

City Clerk: Gail Davidson. Nothing to report.

WSC Liaison: Nicholas Edwards. Reported the WSC Librarian search continues; the last home football game is this Saturday at 1pm against Colorado Mesa University; the men's and women's Cross-Country teams are first in the nation; and WSC has a new book press. The writing program will be producing a new anthology with a humorous bent and submissions can be made through February.

Non-Scheduled Citizens: None.

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

Councilor Drexel: reported he forgot about the CML meeting in Delta, he was traveling. He has been asked by Commissioner Paula Swenson to sit on the Economic Development Group's Broadband Sub-committee. The Region 10 Executive Board will be meeting later this week.

Mayor Pro Tem Harriman: reported she didn't attend any City meetings last week. Election Day is next Tuesday and she encouraged everyone that hasn't voted to get their ballots in. She did attend the County Public Works facility ribbon cutting last week with Councilor Nesbitt.

Mayor Houck: reported the RTA will be meeting on November 4th in Gunnison.

Councilor Seymour: reported he solely attended the CML District 10 meeting in Delta last week. They discussed possible upcoming state legislation and it was a good meeting.

Councilor Nesbitt: reported he attended the Chamber Board meeting this morning. They are talking about holding an ice fishing tournament this winter, once a month for three months. The Night of Lights event will be Friday, December 2nd, and WSC students are encouraged to participate. The Chamber is supporting sales tax-generating events. They love the hockey tournaments. Lastly, a local hotel discovered some bedbugs and the room was fumigated and the bed removed.

Adjournment: Mayor Houck called for any further discussion, and hearing none, adjourned the meeting at 9:24 P.M.

Mayor

City Clerk