

September 25, 2012

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 Fogo, City Manager Coleman, Parks and Recreation Director Ampietro, Deputy City Clerk Kindall, WSCU Liaison Nickerson, several interested citizens and the press. A Council quorum was present.

Consideration of Minutes:**Regular Session Meeting Minutes of September 11, 2012.**

Councilor Nesbitt moved and Councilor Harriman seconded the motion to approve the Regular Session Meeting minutes of September 11, 2012, as submitted.

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

Roll call vote, no: None.

Pre-Scheduled Citizens:

Welcome WSCU State and Local Politics/Policy Class. Mayor Houck welcomed Molly Mugglestone and her class to this Regular Session of Gunnison City Council. Ms. Mugglestone gave an overview of the class. The Mayor and City Manager gave brief explanations to the students about how Council is elected, how our meetings are normally conducted, how our City is structured, as well as some background information on the agenda items for tonight's meeting.

Unfinished Business:

Action on Taylor Canyon Mountain Parks Conveyance Documents. This item was discussed at a previous work session. Attorney Fogo stated that the documents are the same except for a couple of typos that have been corrected. Attorney David Barton and County employee Jim Kent were present to answer any further questions Council may have concerning the documents. City Manager Coleman stated that any further aspects that may need to be addressed can be done in a subsequent MOU. Councilor Seymour asked about the consideration language in the documents which was clarified by Attorney Fogo.

Councilor Nesbitt moved and Councilor Seymour seconded the motion to authorize the Mayor's signature on the Grant of Temporary Construction Easements, the Grant of Right of Way Easement for Public Highway, and the Real Property Contribution documents.

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

Roll call vote, no: None.

New Business:

Fiber Network. City Manager Coleman explained that the recent fiber connection change at the Community Center has had an extremely negative impact. The DSL lines that are in place at this time do not have adequate capacity to service the phones, computers, and internet. The wireless connection had to be removed and the office is unable to function at an adequate level. An upgrade to fiber is really the only way to address the needs of the Community Center. After exhausting any other possibility and examining the expense of those, the more cost effective option is to install our own fiber network. This will allow us the connectivity to bring the Community Center back to a functioning level and will also allow us to service our future infrastructure needs, like the upcoming Communications and Police Center, as well create a redundant pathway in the community. The cost of the materials, equipment and final connections would be approximately \$70,000. The Electric Crew will be able to run the fiber so that will save significant labor cost on the project. The City has received Severance Tax and Mineral Leasing revenues in excess of our budget projection that would cover this expense. This money is available to use for any project as it is not earmarked for anything specific. It was clarified that the Electric Crew will have the time to do this project and that right now we are just looking at purchasing the materials and getting the fiber to the Community Center by year end. The rest of the project would be done at a later time. There is a possibility that this project would benefit future grant opportunities.

Councilor Drexel moved and Councilor Nesbitt seconded the motion to approve a 2012 appropriation for \$70,000 from the Severance Tax and Mineral Leasing revenues to fund the fiber network project, and authorize City staff to purchase the material and equipment needed.

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

Roll call vote, no: None.

Further explanation was given to the students on how the Severance Tax and Mineral Leasing revenues are calculated and distributed.

Ordinances and Resolutions: None.

City Attorney: Kathleen Fogo. Nothing to report.

City Manager: Ken Coleman reported on the following: the Police Chief advised that Ohio City citizens are planning an action to open access to multiple public roads; the Access Control Plan for Gunnison Valley Partners property has been delayed again and we are now looking at mid-October for the kick-off meeting to set the schedule; there is some interest from developers to change an established access point from the north at VanTuyl Village from right in, right out only to full access; any comments that Council might have for the Non-Motorized Pedestrian Transportation Plan are welcome before it goes to the Planning and Zoning Commission; the Slurry Contractor is in town and it is being done as weather permits; following up on the Budget discussion, there will be a series of items coming up; Compensation and Grants and Contracts for Service will be next week and any feedback Council has is very welcome, please include your response in the spreadsheet before the packet goes out; there is a full list of other items that Finance Director Hanson has already provided to Council; he will be meeting with WSCU SGA to talk about the Internship Program the City has created for students at Western to help them gain some real world experience, the City has created various, specific projects that students can apply for, and this program helps the student learn while also gaining credit hours and work experience doing something that interests them.

Acting City Manager: Parks and Recreation Director Dan Ampietro reported on the following: there have been a lot of programs, activities and projects in the past six months; the Community Center revenue is looking strong; the Community Center energy efficient lighting program is complete and in a couple of years we should be able to recoup the cost with the savings; the pool UV light disinfection is done and we now know how to do the replacement and maintenance in house; state mandated slide inspections are underway; some landscaping was completed this year with more planned for next year; there have been some repair/maintenance items this year including the solar, it has been giving them some trouble and the savings that they've had will have to go to replacing a pump; the lit parking lot at the ice rink is one of the improvements made this year; they also finished the Teller baseball fields; the skate park project is underway and should be complete in about a month or so; the ice rink will open on Saturday, October 6th this year; the rest of the information is in their packets. Council thanked Director Ampietro for all the great work he and his crew do all year.

Deputy City Clerk: Tara Kindall. Nothing to report.

WSC Liaison: Adam Nickerson reported on the following: they had their first full SGA meeting last week; their first action meeting is tomorrow night and all the students in the local politics and policy class are welcome to come and observe their student government in operation; several games are coming up this weekend.

Non-Scheduled Citizens: Council asked the students if they had any questions for them or City Staff that they would like to ask. One student asked a follow up question to Parks and Recreation Director Ampietro concerning the hockey camp. Another student asked Parks and Recreation Director Ampietro why the dugouts at the Teller Street baseball fields were replaced so quickly, but the other work took a bit longer. Director Ampietro explained that the dugout work was contracted out, but the other work was done in-house as time allowed.

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

Councilor Nesbitt: was in Denver at the Drought Conference and briefed Council on the events there. The Upper Colorado River Basin Water Conference will be in Grand Junction on November 8th and 9th. The Colorado Water Conservation Board had some information that he is passing along. The UGRWCD met was last night. The drought index was reviewed and some areas in the state are being declared disaster areas. He also attended a Chamber Board meeting this morning, and the golf tournament they held was successful.

Councilor Seymour: reported that the Library Board met last week and the executive director search continues. The Tourism Association subcommittee looking at the by-laws will be reconvening this week or next week to finish those up. He also thanked the students for being here tonight and encouraged them to become involved in their respective communities.

Mayor Jonathan Houck: didn't attend any meetings this past week. He will be checking back in on the Gunnison Getaway program progress. The RTA doesn't have any news on the low cost carrier. A constituent spoke to him tonight about a stop light at Teller & Tomichi, and another individual approached him concerning the speed on North Colorado and so he was wondering if City Staff could think about putting together a Public Outreach meeting about the different issues that seem to be coming up on such a regular basis lately like the crosswalks, bike routes, etc. and come back to Council with some suggestions.

Mayor Pro Tem Harriman: attended the WSCU President's Advisory Council this morning. Marty Hatcher is replacing John Roberts as chair of that Council. Today is National Voter Registration day. October 9th is the deadline to register to vote. Registration can take place in person or online so there are many ways to register. Thursday night a Chamber of Commerce debate is taking place at the Fred Field Multi-Purpose Building starting at 6:30 PM. There will be debates on WSCU Campus on the 9th, 10th, and 27th.

Councilor Drexel: met with Ken, Wendy, Jason Swenson, Patty Snidow and Teri Baird, both with the USDA, about the Mesh Web. Funding for the scenic highways and byways program has been dropped. Region 10 will write a letter to encourage further funding of that program as it does help tourism.

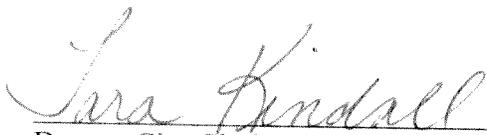
City Manager Coleman reminded everyone that the household hazardous waste collection - BOPA (batteries, oil, paint, and antifreeze) is this Saturday at the City Shops.

Councilor Nesbitt also forgot one point from the Upper Gunnison meeting concerning a riparian study that could be done by the Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife instead of the City which would save us some money. He will bring more information to Council as he learns about it.

Adjournment: Mayor Houck called for any further discussion, and hearing none, adjourned the meeting at 8:44 P.M.



Mayor



Deputy City Clerk