

The City Council Regular Session meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M., by Mayor Harriman with Councilors Drexel, Cave, Seymour, and Nesbitt present along with City Attorney Fogo, City Manager Coleman, City Clerk Davidson, Parks & Recreation Director Ampietro, Community Development Director Westbay, Finance Director Hanson, WSCU Liaison Nickerson, several citizens and the press. A Council quorum was present.

Consideration of Minutes:

Regular Session Meeting Minutes of February 26, 2013. Councilor Nesbitt made some additions to his report in paragraph one on page five of the minutes and added the word “deficit” in the last paragraph on page four. City Clerk Davidson stated she would make the additions.

Councilor Nesbitt moved and Councilor Cave seconded the motion to approve the Regular Session Meeting minutes of February 26, 2013, as amended.

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

Roll call vote, no: None.

Special Session Meeting Minutes of March 5, 2013.

Councilor Cave moved and Councilor Drexel seconded the motion to approve the Special Session Meeting minutes of March 5, 2013, as submitted.

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

Roll call vote, no: None.

Pre-Scheduled Citizens: Western Slope Philanthropy Days – Sue Uerling and Pam Montgomery. Ms. Uerling and Ms. Montgomery came forward and addressed Council. Both women serve on the steering committee for the event. The Western Slope Philanthropy Days will be held in Ouray, Colorado, on June 17th through 19th. The event is held to bring together Front Range-based grant makers with Western Slope nonprofits grant seekers. The event is held on the Western Slope every four years. The last time it was in the area was in Mt. Crested Butte and the City of Gunnison assisted with funds for scholarships for that event. The requested \$1,000 would be used for unspecified operations of the event. Ms. Uerling informed Council there will be a session for government officials this year and the anticipated guest speaker for the event is the Governor. Ms. Montgomery informed Council there are now 110 non-profits in the valley, with 50 of those being in the City. She also informed Council that some of the major funding organizations will be touring through Gunnison prior to the event. When local non-profits obtain funds from outside of the valley it lessens the need from Gunnison residents and governmental entities. City Manager Coleman stated that, from Staff’s perspective, the request doesn’t fit within the City’s budget. It is not a Gunnison event and will not bring outside sales tax dollars into the City. Mayor Harriman stated the City has received many requests and agrees this is not a top priority for funding. Council wished Ms. Uerling and Ms. Montgomery good luck with the event.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Action on Agreement with WSCU Business Administration Department for “Farm to Table” Conference Funding in an Amount Not to Exceed \$1,000. This item was discussed at last week’s Council Work Session meeting. No changes have been made to the information. Dr. Michael Vieregge, Professor of Business Administration at WSCU, came forward. He informed Council since the meeting last week he and the students have met with several groups about the event. He talked with local food producers Parker Pastures and Peterson Ranches. He has also talked with several restaurant owners about being the end users of local products. Food producers from the Western Slope will be included in the event. An action plan will be developed after the event and several reports and survey results will be generated from the different sectors being discussed. Councilor Seymour stated it is a matter of getting the supply and demand together. Mayor Harriman stated that this is for funding up to \$1,000 for verifiable expenses for the event speakers. Dr. Vieregge invited Council to come to the event.

Councilor Drexel moved and Councilor Seymour seconded the motion to approve the Agreement with the WSCU Business Administration Department to host an educational conference to promote local economic development by encouraging communication between local food growers and local restaurants, in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 for verifiable expenses and to authorize the Mayor’s signature on the agreement.

Roll call vote, yes: Harriman, Seymour, Nesbitt, Drexel, Cave. So carried.
Roll call vote, no: None.

Blue Mesa Shopping Center Major Subdivision. Community Development Director Westbay introduced John Hauser, the owner and developer of the property under discussion. Director Westbay summarized the Findings in the Staff report that was included in their packets. There is a total of 4.8 acres that will be divided into 4 lots. The property is currently designated Commercial zoning and it is a part of Van Tuyl Village. The proposed commercial usage is therefore a “use by right”. The application is complete and a copy was placed in the Council packets. Staff and Mr. Hauser have worked with the City Engineer and the Public Works Department on the existing and proposed utilities. The irrigation ditch has been shifted and will be partially buried within an easement. Bowman Street is a deed parcel to the City and is not a current right of way. There have been traffic issues and the highway access permit for the property has been approved by CDOT. This will allow for a full movement intersection at VanTuyl Circle and Highway 135. The City will remove the existing “pork chop” traffic barrier and will do the new lane striping and potential street patching. This will cost the City approximately \$15,000.00 and will be included in the 2013 Street Improvements Projects. Director Westbay stated the Subdivision Improvements Agreement will be finalized with the transfer of title on the property and before recording of the Final Plat with the Gunnison County Clerk and Recorder. Councilor Nesbitt asked about the Subdivision Improvements Agreement and the timeline. Director Westbay explained the City is under no contractual agreement for us to do the street improvements to the intersection within a specific timeline. The Subdivision Improvements Agreement is the City’s standard Agreement and it is not recorded. It is contractual in nature. Staff feels it is best to do the street improvements in this year’s project cycle and if Council agrees, the work will be included this year. The nine required review standards have been addressed and were deemed met by Staff and the Planning Commission. Screening will be placed between the commercial businesses and the residential area to the west. A short discussion on screening ensued. Mr. Hauser stated he believes they’ve been thoughtful about the development and have added upgraded planning for the development. It will be a nice addition to Gunnison.

Mr. Clair Veech then addressed Council. He is a resident of VanTuyl Village and lives to the west of the proposed development. He is concerned about truck traffic. There are three access ways to the development. The routes use Sydney Street. There is hardly any traffic right now. Director Westbay provided maps to Council and the audience showing how traffic might circulate through the area to the development. Mayor Harriman asked about the number of expected trucks to the commercial stores. Mr. Houser stated probably one to two trucks per week. The drivers will probably utilize Highway 135 to VanTuyl Circle then Sydney Street into the stores. They will exit back to the highway via VanTuyl Circle. Council thanked Mr. Veech for his input on the project.

Councilor Nesbitt moved and Councilor Seymour seconded the motion to approve the Blue Mesa Shopping Center Major Subdivision based on the memo from Community Development Director Westbay, dated March 12, 2013, with the Findings of Fact numbered 1 through 16, specifically numbers 13 and 14, whereby the Subdivision Improvements Agreement will be finalized with the transfer of title on the property and before recording of the Final Plat with the County Clerk and Recorder and the City Council finds that the City is responsible for completing the CDOT improvements at VanTuyl Circle and Hwy 135 out of the 2013 budget for Street Improvements.

Roll call vote, yes: Seymour, Nesbitt, Drexel, Cave, Harriman. So carried.
Roll call vote, no: None.

Action to Set Public Hearing on Adoption of FEMA Flood Prevention Regulations. Community Development Director Westbay informed Council he will be coming before Council on April 2nd to discuss the regulations in more detail prior to the Public Hearing. A short discussion on the floodplain panels ensued. These are computer generated, county-wide maps. Director Westbay stated they must be adopted in order to get flood insurance in the Valley.

Councilor Cave moved and Councilor Nesbitt seconded the motion to set a Public Hearing on the adoption of the FEMA Flood Prevention Regulations for Tuesday, April 9, 2013, at 7:15 P.M. in the City Council Chambers of City Hall.

Roll call vote, yes: Nesbitt, Drexel, Cave, Harriman, Seymour. So carried.
Roll call vote, no: None.

Action to Designate Clerk's Office for City Marijuana Application Processing. City Attorney Fogo informed Council it is her interpretation of Amendment 64 that the City is required to designate an entity within the City that is responsible for processing applications submitted for a license to operate a marijuana establishment, even if the City has prohibited such establishments. The City Clerk will be the designated entity within the City. Any applications submitted to the Clerk would of course be denied, since the City has prohibited such establishments.

Councilor Drexel moved and Councilor Cave seconded the motion to designate the City Clerk as the entity within the City of Gunnison to receive and process applications submitted for a license to operate a marijuana establishment as defined by Amendment 64.

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

Roll call vote, no: None.

Ordinance and Resolutions: None.

City Attorney Kathleen Fogo: nothing to report.

City Manager: Ken Coleman reported on the following: he has had discussions on the mesh web project and has reviewed an amended agreement with the private provider's attorney; there have been on-going discussions with WSCU staff regarding the renewable energy portfolio for the University, Public Works Director Bradford will be giving an update to Council next week, and the City may cancel our contract with MEAN for our own green attributes at a big cost savings; the January sales tax figures were up substantially; he and Wendy met with the City's health insurance provider representative and premiums will be increasing July 1st; a Health Trustees meeting will be held in the next few weeks to discuss the increase; DARE graduation will take place this Friday; the WSCU internships are taking shape and the interns will come before Council next month; Chuck, Laurie and he will be attending the DOLA Grant meeting in Grand Junction for the Police/Dispatch building grant application next week; and he attended the Mayors'/Managers' meeting at CBMR last week. Ethan Mueller made a presentation on CBMR's strategic planning, sales tax is up in Mt. Crested Butte, Pitkin had a meeting with USFS representatives about trails access, and the Library District is conducting facility user surveys. The County is working on sage grouse issues and strategic planning as well. The Hospital had a positive report and is having a transition in their Board. A short discussion on the increased sales tax then ensued.

Acting City Manager: Parks & Recreation Director Dan Ampietro reported on the following: the Community Center has been very busy with lots of pool users; these are the last two weekends for the ice rink; the annual Brent Carlson Tournament is filled, and this will end the rink season; the aquatics team is working on setting up a triathlon event for September 14th; and he has been talking with the City of Durango regarding snowmaking at their City-owned ski hill. It is very similar to Cranor. He will continue to pursue this.

City Clerk: Gail Davidson reported the candidate petitions will be available this Friday at 8am and the election process is well underway.

WSCU Liaison: Adam Nickerson reported on the following: WSCU is in the re-branding process and is looking at developing more logo options. Consensus is the proposed logo "stinks". Spring break is next week and he will not be at the meeting.

Non-Scheduled Citizens:

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

Councilor Drexel: nothing to report.

Councilor Cave: reported she attended the Gunnison Valley Regional Housing Authority meeting on March 6th. The GVRHA Program Manager opening is being extended until March 12th. Their new website is up and the mold remediation at the Mountain View Apartments is almost complete at a cost of \$12,000. They have a draft deed restrictions agreement under review.

Mayor Pro Tem Seymour: reported he attended the Tourism Association meeting this morning and they had a marketing update. He also attended the RTA meeting last Friday with Councilor Nesbitt. They are starting the educational program and a draft brochure about the RTA is in the works. They are developing an outreach plan to explain what the RTA does, how it's funded and other educational topics.

Councilor Nesbitt: informed Council he too attended the RTA meeting last week with Councilor Seymour. The educational outreach will help build the information base. Developing consistency in airline service was also discussed at that meeting. CBMR's decision about RTA participation should be made by April 5th. The United Airlines overnight plane was also discussed at the meeting. Councilor Nesbitt then passed out an informational handout on the Black Hills Stage Line bus service. They provide good service for local customers and have several connections options. Regarding water issues, we're only at 73% of average in the Basin.

Mayor Harriman: stated she also attended the Mayors'/Managers' meeting at CBMR that has already been discussed and has nothing further to add.

Adjournment: Mayor Harriman called for any further discussion, and hearing none, adjourned the meeting at 8:51 P.M.

Mayor

City Clerk