

**AUGUST 27, 2013**

**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 Drexel, with Councilors Riggs, Ferguson, Steinbeck and Hagan present along with City Attorney Fogo, City Manager Coleman, City Clerk Davidson, Community Development Director Westbay, Finance Director Hanson, several citizens and the press. A Council quorum was present.

Mayor Drexel welcomed two Boy Scouts in attendance at the meeting and asked them to introduce themselves. John Kattning and Matthew Pierce introduced themselves and informed Council they are from Troop 476 and they are working on their "Citizenship in the Community" Merit Badge. Mayor Drexel told them to be sure and ask any questions they had during the meeting.

**Consideration of Minutes:**

**Regular Session Meeting Minutes of August 13, 2013.**

Councilor Riggs moved and Councilor Steinbeck seconded the motion to approve the Regular Session Meeting Minutes of August 13, 2013, as submitted.

Roll call vote, yes: Riggs, Ferguson, Drexel, Steinbeck, Hagan. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

**Pre-Scheduled Citizens:** None.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:**

**Action on Approval of Contract for Service in the Amount of \$8,334.00 with Gunnison/Crested Butte Tourism Association and Authorize Mayor's Signature on Said Contract.** This item was discussed at last week's Council Work Session meeting. Tourism Association (TA) Executive Director Pamela Loughman and TA Board Member Frank Kugel come forward and addressed Council. Ms. Loughman stated she wanted to clarify some questions she and Council have heard regarding the grant funding requirements and whether matching funds had to come from outside sources or if the Tourism Association could go back to the Board of County Commissioners for funds. She stated that the Colorado Tourism Office (CTO) told her they could approach the County for funding. The County could be the fourth partner in the grant application. If the County goes in on the partnership, that will reduce the cost for the municipal partners. Having multiple partnerships to match the CTO grant enhances the grant application. Ms. Loughman stated that this is the second grant application she has made to the CTO, the first being in partnership with the Southwest Colorado Regional Tourism Association. In the past, all applicants had to bring in additional partners. The TA needs a total of \$96,000 for the project. The grant application is for a \$25,000 matching grant therefore they need \$25,000 to match the CTO and that is why they have asked for partnerships funding. Ms. Loughman reminded Council this marketing opportunity will be included in 450,000 printed Official State Vacation Guides. In working with the publisher, there will be a full page Gunnison/Crested Butte advertisement directly behind the mini-guide insert.

Councilor Steinbeck asked if this is an on-going project and if funding will be requested in the future. Ms. Loughman replied it is a one-time request at this time. The opportunity is here now. They may or may not come forward in the future. It is unknown at this time.

Councilor Riggs asked about TA funding in the future. Ms. Loughman reminded Council that the TA has first right of refusal if the CTO wants to continue the mini-guide insert project in the future. The TA will look at the return on investment to determine what will happen in the future concerning repeating the project. Councilor Steinbeck asked how that return will be evaluated. Ms. Loughman stated they will establish a separate URL on the TA website that will enable them to track if the inquiries are coming from the State Tourism Guide advertising. An increase in tourism should be reflected in additional visitors and subsequent spending in the communities. Mr. Kugel informed Council the TA Board is very optimistic about this project.

City Manager Coleman informed Council that, if the County enters into the funding partnership, the City's Memorandum of Agreement can be modified to state the funding will be in an amount up to \$8,334.00.

Councilor Ferguson moved and Councilor Riggs seconded the motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement in an amount up to \$8,334.00 with Gunnison/Crested Butte Tourism Association, to amend the Agreement to include the revised language and to authorize the Mayor's Signature on said Agreement.

Roll call vote, yes: Ferguson, Drexel, Steinbeck, Hagan, Riggs. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

**Action on Approval of Contract for Service in the Amount of \$5,000 with the Gunnison High School Rodeo Club and Authorize Mayor's Signature on Said Contract.**

This item was removed from the meeting agenda. Finance Director Hanson informed Council that she received a phone call today from Kevin Coblenz that there was a misunderstanding between the State High School Rodeo Association and the local GHS Rodeo Team concerning payment of the required \$10,000.00 and there will be no rodeo held in Gunnison this fall. The team may come back to Council in the future. The entire local Rodeo Team thanks Council for their willingness to support the event.

**Ordinances and Resolutions:**

**Ordinance No. 10, Series 2013; Re: Major Change to Gunnison Rising PUD; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading.** Councilor Ferguson introduced Ordinance No. 10, Series 2013, and it was read by title only by the City Attorney.

Councilor Ferguson moved and Councilor Steinbeck seconded the motion that Ordinance No. 10, Series 2013, **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO, APPROVING A MAJOR CHANGE TO AN EXISTING PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT, TO ADOPT THE GUNNISON RISING MASTER DRAINAGE STUDY AS APPENDIX F AND MAKE TYPOGRAPHICAL CORRECTIONS TO APPENDIX A, WITHIN THE GUNNISON RISING PUD DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS**, be introduced, read, passed and adopted on second and final reading this 27th day of August, 2013.

Roll call vote, yes: Drexel, Steinbeck, Hagan, Riggs, Ferguson, So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson once again commended City Staff and the Applicant for working cooperatively on the drainage study process to proactively address the concerns of both the City and the Applicant.

**Staff/Council Reports:**

**City Attorney:** Kathleen Fogo asked Council if any of them had questions regarding the open meetings and electronic communication discussions that she distributed. There were no questions. Attorney Fogo asked Council if they would like for her to present short informational reports on different legal topics during her Council reports. A topic example would be a short presentation on how to deal with conflict of interest issues. Council consensus was favorable to these presentations.

**City Manager:** Ken Coleman reported on the following: the roof trusses are up at the new PD building and framing, roof sheeting and ice/water shield application will take place next week; doors and windows will be installed after Labor Day and the rough-in electric and plumbing will take place the second week of September; Staff is busy developing the 2014 budget; WSCU hired a consultant and developed a management plan for W-Mountain and the City will be involved regarding the City's communications infrastructure located on the mountain; Cory Vanderveen has been hired as the new Facility/Event Manager and his former position of Aquatics Facility Manager is now open; Kevin Propernick has been hired as the new Parks Maintenance Worker; the Boomers and Beyond held a fairly successful fundraiser last week and they now have just less than 50% of their needed \$50,000 for the project; paving continues around town; and the 24 Hours in the Sage event took place last weekend and there was a reported vehicle/bike accident.

**Acting City Manager:** Community Development Director Steve Westbay Semi-Annual Departmental Report. Director Westbay discussed the following items that were included in his

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written report: the Planning Department has processed 12 development applications in the past six months including the Blue Mesa Shopping Center Major Subdivision, 5 Conditional Use applications, two exempt subdivisions, and a PUD Major change for the Gunnison Rising Drainage Master Plan; the Department is also completed the City of Gunnison Non-Motorized Transportation Plan and coordinated comments on the Sage Grouse proposed listing; The Highway Access Control Plan development started in November 2012 and is nearly complete; the Department will be developing the final Highway Access Control Plan Report and the Intergovernmental Agreement will be signed by the Colorado Department of Transportation, Gunnison County and the City; and work continued with the Planning Commission on the Draft LDC Document with community outreach beginning soon. The Building Department has been busy the last few months including the new Tractor Supply store, the Family dollar store and five new residential dwelling units. Staff has been contacted by representatives from O'Reilly Auto Parts who may build in the Blue Mesa Shopping Center in the future. Due to the extremely dry conditions this spring, the Fire Marshal was very busy. Local fire crews assisted with both the East Fork Fire on the Cimarron and then the West Fork Fire Complex in the upper Rio Grande River drainage. There were also at least five lightning caused wildfires in the County this spring that were contained by the District firefighters. The July monsoon rains have mitigated the fire hazards. Dennis is now continuing with restaurant and bar fire safety inspections, training, and is gearing up for the schools' activities for Fire Prevention Week.

Regarding the Sage Grouse comments letter that was originally on the agenda, he received information last Saturday from Patty Gellat, US Fish and Wilder Service Western Colorado Manager in Grand Junction that the USFWS intends to extend the deadline for receipt of comments so they comments on the recently released Economic Impacts Analysis report can be included. There will be two public hearings, one in Monticello, Utah and one in Gunnison. The tentative comments deadline is around October 13<sup>th</sup>. Final word on the listing of the Sage Grouse should happen in March or April, 2014. Director Westbay stated those comments on the Economic Impacts should have a nexus to Federal Programs.

City Manager Coleman commended Director Westbay and the entire Community Development Department Staff. They are busy all of the time and Steve just touched the tip of the iceberg this evening in his report.

**City Clerk:** Gail Davidson reported she is starting work on this year's Youth City Council program with the high school students.

**WSCU Liaison:** Amber Leal. Council welcomed Ms. Leal. She then reported on the following: she is excited about the start of classes; she toured the new field house that is under construction and tours can be arranged for the public; Western is developing a plan for community members use of the new facilities; the new Environment Management Graduate Program will start in 2014; enrollment looks to be up by approximately 3 to 5% but the final numbers won't be available until after the official student census day; and WSCU Homecoming is September 27<sup>th</sup> through 29<sup>th</sup>. This year's parade has been moved from Saturday morning to Friday evening in an attempt to get more community participation. She will meet with the City Manager and City Clerk about the permitting process for the events.

**Non-Scheduled Citizens:** None.

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

**Councilor Riggs:** reported the following: she was almost hit by a car that failed to stop at a stop sign last week at the intersection of Wisconsin and Denver. This caused her to start watching traffic issues. People aren't stopping for pedestrians in crosswalks, and vehicles are not stopping at stop signs. There is a need to slow traffic down. To that end, she would like to bring up the CDOT traffic calming ideas and discuss them at the next Work Session meeting. A short Council discussion ensued. We need to have a philosophical discussion about where to start, create a vision of what we want to see and then determine how to proceed. The topic will be placed on next week's Council agenda for discussion.

**Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson:** reported he almost got hit by a bicycle riding on the sidewalk as he exited his business' front door. Bicycle safety is an issue and there are many close calls. We

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need to have education for both the bicyclists and vehicle drivers about their correct roles in using the streets. There was a Chamber Board meeting this morning but he was unable to attend due to work commitments.

**Councilor Steinbeck:** reported she will attend the Gunnison Valley Regional Housing Authority meeting next week. The Authority has met with the Crested Butte Town Council regarding the housing guidelines. She also attended the Seniors' fundraising event last week. The Palisade Park group has pledged they will match up to \$15,000 raised in other donations for the project. Most of the residents of the Park are not full-time residents of Gunnison.

**Councilor Hagan:** reported he had a quiet week. He stopped by the Community Rebuild Project and it is really hopping. There are a number of interns learning about the sustainable building project by participating hands-on in the project.

**Mayor Drexel:** reported he also stopped by the Community Rebuild Project site on S. Iowa Street. He was impressed to find that even the clay they are using for the project comes from the Gunnison Valley. Mayor Drexel then reported he attended the Region 10 Meeting. The first part was the Business Loan Fund meeting and they reported that no loans are in arrears. Several loans are in the Gunnison Valley. At the full Region 10 meeting, Vince Rogalski of Gunnison serves on the Region 10 Transportation Committee and he discussed a training session that was developed and conducted to aid contractors bidding on CDOT construction projects. Mayor Drexel would like the City Manager to contact Mr. Rogalski about the development of a similar training program to educate local contractors on how to bid on large construction projects. Region 10 is hosting a telephone number for small business owners to call with questions regarding operating their small businesses. Lastly, Mayor Drexel informed Council that John Norton and a group of Investment Bankers are looking at creating a service for large community institutions, such as the Hospital, on how to develop, evaluate and implement strategic plans. The group may come before Council to discuss this service.

Mayor Drexel then asked the attending Boy Scouts if they had any questions. They did not.

Chris Rourke, reporter with the Gunnison Country Times Newspaper, asked to address Council. She wasn't sure where in the meeting she should talk with Council about the Tourism Association funding request. Ms. Rourke informed Council that Ms. Loughman didn't tell Council the truth in her initial written request to Council and in her discussions with Council regarding the outside funding requirement for the grant application. In checking with the Colorado Tourism Office, Ms. Rourke found it is not a grant application requirement to go outside of the TA's internal revenue stream, in this case the Local Marketing District (LMD) funds, and get partners in the grant application. Ms. Rourke asked Council if they had been made aware of that fact, if it would have changed their vote on granting City funds. No Councilor stated it would have changed their vote on granting the funding.

Councilor Riggs stated it wouldn't have swayed her vote. She understands that creating outside partnerships is prudent in any grant application and makes the grant looked on more favorably by the granting entity.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson stated that extra partnerships are always bonus points for grants. He feels Ms. Loughman explained the need for partnerships. He then thanked Ms. Rourke for asking the questions about the funding requirements.

Councilor Hagan stated he would have had more questions; however, we will have additional input on the City's information included in the guide due to our partnership. That input is valuable for the City. Councilor Hagan also thanked Ms. Rourke for asking the questions.

Councilor Steinbeck stated that one of Council's goals is to increase economic development. More tourists would stimulate the economy. She probably would not vote for the request if it was an every-year request.

Mayor Drexel was not sure if Council has a way to follow-up on all parts of a request especially if it is not generated through Staff. The disclosure would not have changed his vote and agrees that partnerships are needed in most grant applications.

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City Manager Coleman felt that Ms. Loughman did touch on the funding from the LMD briefly but did primarily emphasize funding partnerships. Knowing how grants reviews work, funding partnerships are generally crucial in considering the strength of the application request.

Mayor Drexel called for any further discussion and hearing none, adjourned the meeting at 8:05 P.M.

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City Clerk