

September 24, 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, Acting City Manager and Parks and Recreation Director Ampietro, Community Development Director Westbay, Police Chief Robinson, Deputy City Clerk Kindall, WSCU Liaison Leal, an interested citizen and the press. A Council quorum was present.

**Consideration of Minutes:**

**Regular Session Meeting Minutes of September 10, 2013.**

Councilor Steinbeck moved and Councilor Ferguson seconded the motion to approve the Regular Session Meeting minutes of September 10, 2013, as submitted.

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

Roll call vote, no: None.

**Pre-Scheduled Citizens:** None.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:** None.

**Ordinances and Resolutions:**

**Ordinance No. 11, Series 2013; Re: Amending Title 15 (LDC) of the Gunnison Municipal Code Establishing Standards for the Home Cultivation and Personal Processing of Marijuana and Prohibiting Marijuana Clubs; 1st reading.** Councilor Ferguson introduced Ordinance No. 11, Series 2013, and it was read by title only by the City Attorney.

Councilor Ferguson moved and Councilor Hagan seconded the motion that Ordinance No. 11, Series 2013, an **ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO, AMENDING TITLE 15 (LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE) OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON MUNICIPAL CODE ESTABLISHING STANDARDS FOR THE HOME CULTIVATION AND PERSONAL PROCESSING OF MARIJUANA AND PROHIBITING MARIJUANA CLUBS**, be introduced, read, passed and ordered published on first reading this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2013.

Roll call vote, yes: Ferguson, Drexel, Steinbeck, and Hagan. Motion carried.

Roll call vote, no: Riggs.

**City Attorney:** Kathleen Fogo. Nothing to report.

**City Manager:** Out of Town.

**Acting City Manager:** Parks and Recreation Director Dan Ampietro highlighted the following information that is detailed in the reports that were included in the council packets: there have been some position changes with Cory VanderVeen transferring to the Facilities/Events Manager position and Ginny Seckman transferring into the Aquatics Manager position, which leaves the Recreation Assistant position open, they will be accepting applications through this Friday; Cory is getting the Ice Rink ready for opening, a representative from Pace, the compressor company, will come over and perform the start up process, the indoor rink should open by October 6<sup>th</sup>, there will be some camps for the local kids and Crested Butte will rent the ice the first week during their fall break then the adult programs will begin; the outdoor ice won't be ready until the first part of December; the Community Center and Aquatics revenues have been good this year while memberships, day use, rentals, and the swimming program have also seen an increase; the first free swim lesson sponsored by Gunnison Energy for kids is geared for outdoor swimming experiences, Gunnison Energy also donated \$1000 toward the kids triathlon, Councilor Steinbeck suggested that a letter of appreciation might be appropriate to send to them for their contributions to those programs, Mayor Drexel and Director Ampietro agreed that it would be a good idea, Mayor Drexel directed the Clerk to draft said letter; Parks have worked on the baseball field, the skate park, and have started work on the east entry sign; Cranor Ski Hill has inspections coming up; Director Ampietro met with the Young at Heart and Boomers on Monday to further discuss the design of the addition, the Boomers have raised \$25,000 toward their needed \$50,000 goal. Mayor Drexel asked Director Ampietro to talk about record number of participants in the recreation programs. Director Ampietro stated that they have a wide variety of course offerings for participants to choose from such as trapeze, skateboarding, pickle ball, square dancing, etc., and their events have also been successful. Councilor Steinbeck stated that

she had heard very nice compliments about Mr. Gora and the excellent job he has done with his classes. Director Ampietro commented that many people have benefitted a great deal from the different exercise classes offered and it is encouraging.

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

Mayor Drexel then asked Director Westbay and Chief Robinson if they had anything to report. Director Westbay had nothing to report, and Chief Robinson stated that they're busy with the new construction and to check in with Steve at the job site if any of them are interested in taking a tour.

**WSC Liaison:** Amber Leal reported on the following: Homecoming is this week and there is a lot going on, Friday at 3 p.m. is soccer vs. Ft. Lewis, the Parade is at 6 p.m., at 7 p.m. is volleyball vs. Western New Mexico, and the lighting of the W will be at 8:30 p.m., on Saturday there will be rugby at 11 a.m., the football game is at 1 p.m., another volleyball game at 6 p.m., and the Westerners Club is putting on a homecoming dance at 8:30 p.m.; there is an individual looking into the possibility of starting up Greek life again; CU Law had former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor speak last week for Constitution day and provided live streaming to the schools around Colorado and asked for those schools to submit questions and the only questions asked of Justice O'Connor were ones from Western which was very exciting for all the students involved; Western is starting up a group entitled The Model United Nations which will participate in a conference in New York at some point where students from around the world gather for one week and participate in mock UN sessions.

**Non-Scheduled Citizens:** None.

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

**Councilor Steinbeck:** attended the GB&T October Fest open house and went to the new Tractor Supply store, both events were very well attended. She was impressed at the amount of local people working at the new store. The 2013 CML District 10 meeting was well attended with representation from 12 municipalities. The CML director was very interested in our WSCU Council Liaison, Youth City Council, and City Fest event. Councilor Steinbeck asked if the Clerk could contact him and provide him detailed information on those three things.

**Councilor Hagan:** also attended the GB&T October Fest and agreed that it was packed. He went to the new Tractor Supply store. It seemed that there were fewer people at the store than he thought would be there, but it was a little later in the evening. The CML meeting in Delta was interesting. The program was about their bike paths and truck bypass, which was a 26 million dollar project, and the complexities of the project. It required the city to interact with several entities including CDOT, the railroad, and local people. This bypass project was important for Delta due to the concern about safety issues when emergency vehicles had to wait for the train to pass. They hope to alleviate this problem. The project should be completed by January.

**Councilor Riggs:** added that Sam, the CML director, was also interested in our WSCU internship program. She attended Youth City Council this past Sunday. There was a lengthy discussion on marijuana and it was eye opening to hear the student's candid and honest perspective about this issue. It sounds like marijuana is "everywhere" at the high school and very easily accessible to the students there which she found very concerning, so she encouraged the students to contact Matthew Kuelhorn with GCSAP to see what that organization may be able to do for them concerning this issue. They also discussed different topics which included: decreased high school class size and if that might affect the City budget; graduation rates and how they've changed since the valley school closure; the recreation center and how they feel it's more of a place for younger students and not their age group; traffic safety at night; enforcing lights on bikes; the pot holes in the City Market parking lot; how the City Market gas station had an impact on other gas stations; and how commercial businesses choose to come into town. Overall, it was an interesting and enjoyable time and they are a good group of kids. She welcomed them to ask questions or contact any members of Council in the future. This Friday she will be a judge at the WSCU Homecoming Parade.

Mayor Drexel asked if the cities at the CML meeting talked about how they were doing. Councilor Steinbeck said that all the city representatives gave a report and it was interesting to

hear about the different challenges and successes that the communities have experienced in the past year. A short discussion ensued.

**Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson:** apologized for missing Youth City Council last Sunday he had inadvertently put the appointment on the wrong Sunday on his calendar. He also went to the Tractor Supply store and the GB&T October Fest. The tractor store seemed busy while he was there. This coming Saturday is the final viewing night for the Gunnison Valley Observatory for this season. In reference to the bypass discussion, he noted that he remembers when Olathe had a vibrant downtown until Highway 50 was moved, now most of those businesses are either gone or have moved locations. It's important to remember instances like this one when a community is considering putting in a bypass as it can have both positive and negative impacts.

Mayor Drexel wondered if Delta had any negative comments or objections from downtown businesses concerning their bypass. Councilor Hagan stated that he specifically asked if there was any "push back" from the businesses and there wasn't. More discussion continued on the impacts highway bypasses can have on communities.

**Mayor Drexel:** was able to meet with a local business owner and Vince Fandel with Region 10 to discuss a loan opportunity for the local business owner. He also enjoyed his visit with a second grade class where he talked about what city council does, how they are elected, etc. He has an executive board meeting for Region 10 this coming Thursday.

**Adjournment:** Mayor Drexel called for any further discussion, and hearing none, adjourned the meeting at 7:42 P.M.

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Deputy City Clerk