

MARCH 11, 2014

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, and Steinbeck present along with City Attorney Fogo, City Manager Coleman, City Clerk Davidson, Parks and Recreation Director Ampietro, WSCU Liaison Leal and the press. Councilor Hagan was absent. A Council quorum was present.

Mayor Drexel asked Council to add item B., under New Business, "Excuse Councilor Hagan" to the agenda. Council concurred with the addition.

**Consideration of Minutes:**

**Regular Session Meeting Minutes of February 25, 2014.** Councilor Steinbeck had a spelling correction and asked for a clarification in her report regarding the Gunnison Valley Regional Housing Authority changing the name of the workforce housing project in Crested Butte.

Councilor Riggs moved and Councilor Steinbeck seconded the motion to approve the Regular Session Meeting minutes of February 25, 2014, as amended.

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

Roll call vote, no: None.

**Pre-Scheduled Citizens:** None.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:**

**Action on Chamber of Commerce Funding Request for Spring Greenback Event in the Amount of \$2,000.** This item was discussed at last week's Work Session meeting. City Manager Ken Coleman stated the event is to motivate spending in the local retail stores and restaurants during a typically slow time of year. The event is a full week and includes a fashion show, the greenback exchange and discounts at local restaurants. The City Manager explained the funds will come out of the Economic Development line item. There is currently \$2,000 available and, if approved, this will use all of the funds. Chamber Director Tammy Scott was present to answer questions about the event. Council discussion ensued on the following topics: the use of the additional funds this early in the year; the possibility that viable requests will be received later in the year but funding will be gone; the Chamber hasn't done fundraising for the event due to the lack of time this early in the year; the event was not budgeted in the 2014 Budget, however, the Chamber was told they could come back and request funds; there is a perception by some organizations that funding from the City is a given; the money, if received, will be used to cover the 20% cost that is not paid for by the purchasers; there are benefits of promoting spending in the community during this slow season; the end of April is typically a slow period for local businesses; sales tax will be generated; and there are limited funds available.

Councilor Steinbeck moved and Councilor Ferguson seconded the motion to approve the Memorandum Agreement with the Gunnison Chamber of Commerce for the Spring Greenback Exchange Program in the amount of \$2,000 and to authorize the Mayor to sign said Agreement.

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

Roll call vote, no: Riggs.

**Action to Excuse Councilor Hagan from the Meeting.**

Councilor Riggs moved and Councilor Steinbeck seconded the motion to excuse Councilor Hagan from this evening's Council Regular Session meeting due to personal business.

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

Roll call vote, no: None.

**Ordinance and Resolutions:** None.

**City Attorney Kathleen Fogo:** no report.

**City Manager:** Ken Coleman.

**USA Pro Cycling Race Event.** City Manager Coleman passed out a new map from Medalist Sports depicting the revised layout for the event. The City is hosting the Stage 3 start on August 20<sup>th</sup>. The racers will make 3, 2.2 mile circuit laps that will take them around the Western State

campus and through downtown before they head east on Highway 50 to Salida and then end the Stage at Monarch Mountain Resort. The City Manager expressed frustration with Medalist Sports for their not allowing several past local sponsors to be designated 2014 race sponsors due to potential conflicts with the official protected race sponsors categories. This includes prior local sponsors in health care, insurance, financial services and higher education. CSU is the official designated higher education sponsor and Western State will not be allowed to be listed as an official sponsor. The Local Organizing Committee (LOC) considered pulling out of the event but decided to continue partnering in the event while undertaking some creative marketing for the local sponsors and businesses. There will be lots of opportunities. The City has \$20,000 budgeted for the event and the festival area will be tightened up this year. Ancillary events are being planned as well. This is the "3 Stages - 1 Valley" concept. The "Girls Night Out Grand Prix" women's professional bike race will be held in Gunnison on Sunday, August 17th and will be a ¾ mile lap race in town. On Monday there will be a time trial race for the women starting in Almont and finishing on Elk Avenue in Crested Butte. After the Stage start on Wednesday, there will be a kid's race in Gunnison. There may be a "Race the Racers" event where bikers can race the competitive racers to the Monarch Resort finish line without going into Salida. There may also be transportation available to and from Gunnison to Monarch Mountain Resort after the race start on Wednesday morning. The LOC is working hard to partner with the downtown businesses to make the race a positive experience for everyone. We will play by the contract rules; however, the LOC will structure the event in Gunnison to our best advantage. City Manager Coleman then reported he has received and is reviewing the Host City contract. The City Attorney will also review it prior to it coming to Council for consideration. Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson stated that he is disappointed with the changes for sponsorship this year and stated we may be less interested in participating in the future.

**City Hall Improvements Update.** City Manager Coleman informed Council the City Hall HVAC system has been down for the past week due to a ruptured expansion tank bladder. It was just repaired today. We have had on-going problems with many components of the system over the years. The elevator was down for a month this winter. We are working with a Montrose-based engineer to calculate the best design for a simpler and more efficient HVAC system for the building that will address the comfort level at a happy medium for employees. He has been speaking with the DOLA representative regarding a possible exemption from the Grant-stipulated LEED requirements for the City Hall HVAC system since the building is a designated historic structure. The LEED requirements for the Police Building were quite onerous. We will strive for energy efficiency in everything we do in the building. City Staff has been making some improvements in the spaces vacated by the Police Department. There were some issues with the carpet in the records storage area and these are being corrected.

**Acting City Manager:** Parks & Recreation Director Dan Ampietro reported the following: the last day for Cranor Ski Hill was Sunday and it was one of the best days with fresh snow from last week; there are two more hockey tournaments this season at the rink finishing with the annual Brent Carlson Tournament the weekend of March 22<sup>nd</sup>; the Boomers and Beyond senior group has almost met their funding goal and he has been discussing the proposed facility amenities with the seniors; he submitted a grant application to the Boettcher Foundation in February for the senior addition to the Community Center and will be submitting an application to the Gates Foundation by April 1<sup>st</sup>; and the winter recreation programs have ended and the spring programs will begin after spring break. City Manager Coleman stated the Parks and Recreation staff are busy folks. Councilor Steinbeck asked if there will be some kind of kitchen facility in the new senior addition and Director Ampietro stated no, not a full kitchen, but a coffee station-type of area with a sink and microwave.

**City Clerk:** Gail Davidson informed Council she had forwarded an email to each of them from Western State Colorado University inviting them to the new Field House Open House on Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. If they did not receive the invitation please let her know. She then reminded Council there will be no Council Work Session meeting next Tuesday, March 18, 2014.

**WSCU Liaison:** Amber Leal reported on the following: she will be giving tours at the Field House Open House on Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup>; there are lots of new hires taking place on campus; both Indoor Track athletes and Western wrestlers are going to Nationals; she attended a Leadership Conference in Denver and the Western students were sought out by students from other campuses to find out what Western is accomplishing; and she was invited to a tea in honor of Women's History Month.

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**Non-Scheduled Citizens:** None.

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

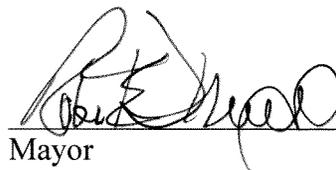
**Councilor Riggs:** reported the Community Builders Leadership Institute attendees are now called the Community Builders Task Force (CBTF) and new members are being invited to participate including City Manager Ken Coleman, Mt. Crested Butte Manager Joe Fitzpatrick and Dom Eyemere, the CB South Property Owners Association Director; County Commissioner Jonathan Houck is serving as the Chair of the Task Force and they have developed five top action items; the CBTF is planning a "State of the Valley" event in the spring where all Valley elected officials will be invited to attend; and the CBTF will be making a presentation to Council on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson:** reported he will attend the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting tomorrow night. They are discussing the process for the update of the City's Comprehensive Master Plan. He visited with a Western faculty member last week who indicated there is a feeling of optimism and enthusiasm with the selection of the new president. Lastly, the Ag Farm Incubator Project final document is available. City Manager Coleman will get the document to Council.

**Councilor Steinbeck:** reported she attended the Gunnison Valley Regional Housing Authority monthly meeting. The GVRHA is looking at obtaining tax credits for the workforce housing project in Crested Butte. Councilor Steinbeck also reported she attended the WSCU concerts and they were very good.

**Mayor Drexel:** reported he attended the Mayors'/Managers' meeting at CBMR last Thursday. Topics discussed at that meeting included: the Library has available a new on-line language program called "MANGO"; as an investment in the future, GHS Senior Civics Class students have started fundraising for a scholarship program for new kindergarten students; the Town of Pitkin is looking at purchasing electronic message board signs; and there will be no election in Pitkin this spring due to lack of candidates. Mayor Drexel commented the turnout by alumni and locals at the Regional Wrestling Tournament was great. He received a thank you letter from Six-Points for the City's funding.

**Adjournment:** Mayor Drexel called for any further discussion, and hearing none, adjourned the meeting at 8:15 P.M.



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Mayor



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City Clerk