

APRIL 8, 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, Steinbeck and Hagan present along with City Attorney Fogo, City Manager Coleman, City Clerk Davidson, Police Chief Robinson, a couple of citizens and the press. WSCU Liaison Leal was absent. A Council quorum was present.

Consideration of Minutes:**Regular Session Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2014.**

Councilor Steinbeck asked for two amendments to the minutes. She asked that Councilor Riggs' name be removed from the first paragraph and Councilor Riggs' arrival at 7:20 P.M. be included in that paragraph. City Clerk Davidson stated she would make the changes.

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

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

Roll call vote, no: None.

Pre-Scheduled Citizens:

Gunnison Arts Center's "Sundays at Six" Multi-Day Special Event Permit – Arts Center Executive Director Carlie Kenton. City Manager Coleman informed Council that it is policy when an event occurs for more than 4 consecutive days or occurs 4 or more multiple days during the year the Event Permit is brought to Council for review and approval.

Carlie Kenton, Executive Director of the Gunnison Arts Center came forward and introduced Alysa VandenHeuvel, who is the Performing Arts Program Manager at the Arts Center and is in charge of the *Sundays at Six* events. Ms. Kenton informed Council the *Sundays at Six* events are going to be expanded this year to include more fun activities, kids' art areas, food vendors, dance, and live performances. A special event will be included in the July 6th session where the local "Artists of the West Elks" group will be hosting the "Gunnison Paint Out". Plein-air artists will start painting outdoor scenes in the Gunnison Valley on Saturday and then during the *Sundays at Six* event on Sunday evening will be selling their "wet art" paintings. Ms. VandenHeuvel informed Council the first *Sundays at Six* event will take place on June 8th and the last one will be on August 31.

Councilor Riggs asked if they will be selling beer and wine at the weekly events. Ms. Kenton stated that they may sell at a few events but there is a lot involved in doing so. She has talked with City Clerk Davidson about the required process.

Councilor Steinbeck stated the weekly event is a good tourist draw and Mayor Drexel stated it is always a well-attended event. Council thanked Ms. Kenton and Ms. VandenHeuvel.

Councilor Ferguson moved and Councilor Steinbeck seconded the motion to approve the multi-day events permit for the Gunnison Arts Center's *Sundays at Six* events.

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

Roll call vote, no: None.

Jason Roland and Todd Houle - Retail Marijuana Sales Discussion. Mr. Roland and Mr. Houle introduced themselves and passed out a business plan for their proposed retail marijuana business, Greenday Investments. City Manager Coleman informed Council that Staff does not have any information of recommendations for Council since they didn't receive the information in advance of the meeting. They reviewed their proposal to Council. They feel a local medical marijuana clinic is needed in Gunnison. People in need are currently driving to Crested Butte to obtain their medicine. They would like to open a community friendly facility in Gunnison. The facility would be run by Jason Roland. Mr. Houle stated they are asking Council to allow this type of business in Gunnison. It is an economic development opportunity and the City is a losing sales tax revenue opportunity to Crested Butte.

Discussion ensued. Mayor Drexel asked if the store would only be medical marijuana and Mr. Roland stated yes. Mayor Drexel stated there is a moratorium in place for medical marijuana facilities in Gunnison. Councilor Ferguson stated a vote of the citizens placed the moratorium and the City would need to have a vote of the people to change that. Mr. Roland stated he understands the need to go to the vote and that is why they are bringing up the issue again. It

would be a tax benefit to the City. Mayor Drexel stated that any increase in taxes has to go to a vote of the citizens. Councilor Hagan asked if they have examined the ballot process? Mr. Roland stated they somewhat understand the process. They would like to go into recreation sales in the future as well and would come back to Council in the future regarding that business. Councilor Ferguson suggested they making an appointment with the City Clerk to discuss the ballot process. Council thanked Mr. Roland and Mr. Houle for coming to Council and stated they look forward to hearing more information in the future.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: None.

Ordinance and Resolutions: None.

City Attorney Kathleen Fogo: no report this evening.

City Manager: Ken Coleman reported on the following: the Public Works are filling potholes; crackfilling is almost done for this year; the street improvements bids will be brought to Council in the next few weeks and the "Keep Jobs in Colorado Act" will be discussed at that time; the lowest bid for slurry sealing is from an out-of-state contractor; the bids for the Wastewater Treatment Plant nutrient study have been received and they had a wide range of costs; the City needs to keep current on discharge permit requirements; the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) has a new regional representative, Joe Carter and will be working in tandem with Alysse Akerman, our Regional Director; Reeves Brown, the DOLA Director, is now asking grant recipients to hang a banner at projects funded by DOLA and the City will be more than happy to do so for the upcoming City Hall upgrades project; and the City has received most of the DOLA grant for the Police Department facility and will total around \$620,000 of the \$650,000 award after the current reporting is submitted;

Acting City Manager: Public Works Director Tex Bradford was not present.

City Clerk: Gail Davidson had no report.

WSCU Liaison: Amber Leal was not present.

Non-Scheduled Citizens: None.

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

Councilor Steinbeck: reported she attended the Gunnison Valley Regional Housing Authority meeting in Crested Butte last week. They discussed holding a naming contest for the new work force housing in Crested Butte. Wednesday night Councilor Steinbeck attended the Business and Professional Women's "Celebration of Women" at the Palisades Restaurant. Finance Director Wendy Collins was spotlighted and given an award of recognition. Councilor Riggs was recognized by the BPW last year. Councilor Steinbeck asked that a letter of welcome to new WSCU President Salsbury be written and signed by all of Council. City Manager Coleman stated he will craft the letter. Councilor Steinbeck then announced that Pam French was installed as the first female Ruler in the 75 years of the Elks Club.

Councilor Hagan: reported he attended the Gunnison Trails meeting last night. They had dinner at Donita's and they discussed the funds that have been received to extend the trail north to Ohio Creek on the west side of the highway and starts north of the river. He will be attending the RTA meeting this Friday.

Councilor Riggs: reported she will also be attending the RTA meeting on Friday and asked Councilor Hagan if the Trails Commission discussed the Valley-wide trails system. Councilor Hagan stated that the concept is very complicated. City Manager Coleman stated they are examining a single track trail between communities. The public works sub-group of the Community Builders Task Force had a discussion on urban trail connections and the Trails Commission is aware of that conversation.

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Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson: reported the Gunnison Valley Observatory is gearing up for the season and the kick-off event will be the First Light Celebration of the Ted Violett Memorial Observatory on June 7th.

Mayor Drexel: reported he attended the Mayors'/Managers' meeting last Thursday. At that meeting the following was discussed: School Superintendant Doug Tredway gave a presentation on unfunded state-mandates and budget cuts that have taken place; the plastic bag initiative was discussed but decisions are being delayed until more information is collected; Pitkin canceled their election due to lack of candidates; the ski area had improved skier days and the snowpack is up; Crested Butte and Mt. Crested Butte are hiring some positions; the Library talked about the MANGO language system; WSCU talked about the field house dedication; and Don Emeyre of CB South District is now attending the meetings.

Adjournment: Mayor Drexel called for any further discussion, and hearing none, adjourned the meeting at 7:40 P.M.



Mayor



City Clerk