

JULY 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, Steinbeck and Hagan present along with City Attorney Fogo, City Clerk Davidson, Acting City Manager/Police Chief Robinson, Public Works Director Bradford, Community Development Director Westbay, and the press. Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson and City Manager Coleman were absent. A Council quorum was present.

**Consideration of Minutes:****Regular Session Meeting Minutes of June 24, 2014.**

Councilor Steinbeck moved and Councilor Riggs seconded the motion to approve the Regular Session Meeting minutes of June 24, 2014, as submitted.

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

Roll call vote, no: None.

**Pre-Scheduled Citizens:** None.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:****Excuse Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson from Meeting.**

Councilor Hagan moved and Councilor Steinbeck seconded the motion to excuse Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson from this evening's meeting.

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

Roll call vote, no: None.

**Action on City Hall HVAC Bid Award to Alpha Mechanical Solutions in an Amount Not to Exceed \$239,445.60.** This item was discussed at last week's Council Work Session meeting. Community Development Director Westbay came forward to answer any questions. Director Westbay informed Council that in response to a question from last week, the Alpha Mechanical bid does include monies to replace the plumbing required for the installation of the new equipment. The rest of the plumbing in the building was evaluated and does not need to be replaced for this project.

Councilor Steinbeck moved and Councilor Hagan seconded the motion to approve the bid for the City Hall HVAC project to Alpha Mechanical Solutions in an amount not to exceed \$239,445.60.

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

Roll call vote, no: None.

**Ordinance and Resolutions:**

**Ordinance No 6, Series 2014; Re: Vacation of Utility Easements in Block 9, Rio Grande Addition.** Councilor Hagan introduced Ordinance No. 6, Series 2014, and asked that it be read by title only by the City Attorney.

Councilor Hagan moved and Councilor Riggs seconded the motion that Ordinance No. 6, Series 2014, **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO, VACATING TWO UTILITY EASEMENTS WITHIN BLOCK 9, RIO GRANDE ADDITION, CITY OF GUNNISON, STATE OF COLORADO,** be introduced, read, passed and ordered published on first reading this 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2014.

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

Roll call vote, no: None.

**Resolution No. 3, Series 2014; Re: Transfer of Cable Television Franchise.** Councilor Riggs introduced Resolution No. 3, Series 2014, and it was read by title only by the City Attorney.

Public Works Director Bradford came forward to answer questions. Councilor Hagan asked if there is any downside due to the transfer of the Franchise Agreement. Director Bradford replied that all provisions of the existing Franchise will be honored and there are no substantive changes from the existing Franchise Agreement or Pole Attachment Agreement. Both City Attorney Fogo and consulting Attorney Bob Duchon of River Oaks Communications have reviewed the Transfer Agreement and had very minor changes that do not impact the existing Agreement.

Councilor Riggs moved and Councilor Steinbeck seconded the motion that Resolution No. 3, Series 2014, **A RESOLUTION PROVIDING APPROVAL FOR THE TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF TIME WARNER CABLE PACIFIC WEST LLC TO COMCAST CORPORATION**, be introduced, read, passed and adopted this 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2014.

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

Roll call vote, no: None.

**Resolution No. 4, Series 2014; Re: Supporting Grant Agreement with Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund.** Councilor Steinbeck introduced Resolution No. 4, Series 2014, and it was read by title only by the City Attorney.

Councilor Steinbeck moved and Councilor Riggs seconded the motion that Resolution No. 4, Series 2014, **A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO, AND THE STATE BOARD OF THE GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO TRUST FUND**, be introduced, read, passed and adopted this 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2014.

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

Roll call vote, no: None.

**City Attorney Kathleen Fogo:** no report to Council this evening.

**City Manager:** Ken Coleman. Absent from the meeting.

**Acting City Manager: Police Chief Keith Robinson.** Chief Robinson reported he met with representatives of the Gunnison Valley Animal Welfare League and they toured the animal shelter. They discussed issues with keeping vicious animals at the shelter, including GVAWL's need to get liability insurance to house vicious animals. Housing vicious animals is included in GVAWL's Agreement with the City. The City Attorney is preparing a response to GVAWL about their compliance with the requirements of the signed Agreement. The new shelter is almost at capacity now and has been well received. Councilor Hagan asked if the City shelter has been closed. Chief Robinson reported he is not comfortable closing the City shelter until the issues at the new shelter have been resolved. Chief Robinson continued his report with the following items: there was an incident at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks where a rocket exploded inside a launch tube and one Rotarian was knocked down but not injured; and the City is preparing for this week's Cattlemen's Days events. Councilor Steinbeck asked if the Rotary has insurance for the fireworks show and Chief Robinson stated he thinks they have to have a liability insurance policy for that type of event.

**City Clerk:** Gail Davidson. Nothing to report.

Mayor Drexel asked Public Works Director Bradford if he had anything to report. Director Bradford reported that the City is preparing to host the annual CAMU meeting in Gunnison on July 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 80 people will be in attendance and the meeting will start with a reception at the Aspinall-Wilson Conference Center on Wednesday afternoon. Council is welcome to attend the opening reception.

Community Development Director Westbay invited Council to attend the Comprehensive Plan "Growth and Development" Meeting with the Planning Commission on Wednesday, July 23, at 7pm in the Council Chambers.

Mayor Drexel asked Council and Staff if the 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Work Session meeting was still scheduled. City Clerk Davidson replied that there are no agenda items scheduled for that meeting. Council consensus was to cancel the Work Session meeting on Tuesday, July 29<sup>th</sup>. The cancellation of a work session does not require formal Council action.

**Non-Scheduled Citizens:** None.

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

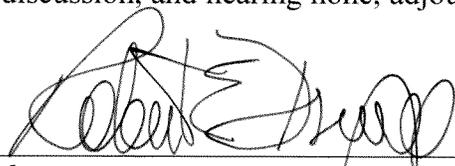
**Councilor Hagan:** reported he had a quiet week. He attended the Gunnison Community Foundation's fundraiser concert at the I-Bar. The Bellamy Brothers performed and it was a huge success with about 450 people in attendance. He also climbed to Gunnison Lake this past weekend.

**Councilor Steinbeck:** reported she attended the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Brass Band Concert at Western. It was very good and John Kincaid was honored at the event. She also attended the grand opening of the GVAWL shelter. The shelter is a good first start and it involves a tremendous community volunteer effort. She went to the Farmers' Market and is pleased to see Western students growing and selling good produce at the market. The Gunnison Valley Regional Housing Authority will be hosting a groundbreaking for the new workforce housing project in Crested Butte and that project will be renamed through a community contest. Lastly, the tax credits that were obtained for the workforce housing project have been purchased for more than face value. That is exciting news.

**Councilor Riggs:** reported she attended the fireworks and had a great time. There was almost an hour of fireworks. The lack of food vendors seemed to be a problem at the event. The weekend before the 4<sup>th</sup>, some visitors from the New York Times were in town. They were looking for controversy about the marijuana ballot proposal but didn't find much opposition to the issue. An article should come out mid- to late-July. Councilor Riggs continued that in her discussions with downtown business owners, they are concerned with maintaining the character of the community and the effects on tourism if retail marijuana establishments are allowed. Some business owners reported that tourists have told them that if retail marijuana businesses are allowed, they will not come back to Gunnison. Councilor Riggs suggested some public meetings on the issue to get input. Lastly, the Gunny Grass Event will be July 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at the I-Bar Ranch, she will be attending the Community Builders Task Force meeting on Wednesday morning, and will attend the RTA meeting with Richard on Friday in Crested Butte.

**Mayor Drexel:** reported he attended the Region 10 meeting two weeks ago. The guest speaker was Paul Majors of the Telluride Foundation who spoke about how their group is helping entrepreneurs get businesses started with the assistance of foundation grants, guidance and advice. The Mayor stated he will speak with the local Community Foundation about a possible similar program here in Gunnison. Also at the Region 10 meeting, the Region 3 CDOT priorities were discussed. Those priorities are Highway 50 and Highway 92. It was reported US Highway 550 over Red Mountain Pass is open again and this should help tourism in the region. Last Thursday, he attended the Mayors'/Managers' meeting in Pitkin but unfortunately that meeting was not well attended. The Mayor then reported at that meeting the following topics were discussed: the County reported the courthouse completion date is May 12, 2015, and they are dealing with sage grouse listing issues; Western has had big attendance numbers in their summer sports camps; the search for a new Western Athletic Director is underway; Western is following potential impacts from changes in state higher education financing; the University has received a seven-figure grant from an alumnus; the Gunnison Valley Community Foundation reported on their upcoming events; and then the attendees heard a program from the US Forest Service on area road closures.

**Adjournment:** Mayor Drexel called for any further discussion, and hearing none, adjourned the meeting at 7:36 P.M.

  
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City Clerk