

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 Clerk Davidson, Acting City Manager/Police Chief Robinson, Public Works Director Bradford, Finance Director Collins, and the press. A Council quorum was present. City Manager Coleman was absent from the meeting.

**Resolution No. 5, Series 2014; Commending Ronnie Ficklin.** Councilor Steinbeck introduced Resolution No. 5, Series 2014, and it was read in full by the Mayor Pro Tem. Ronnie Ficklin came forward for the reading.

Councilor Steinbeck moved and Councilors Riggs and Hagan both seconded the motion that Resolution No. 5, Series 2014, **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO, COMMENDING RONALD C. "RONNIE" FICKLIN FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITY OF GUNNISON**, be introduced, read, passed and adopted this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2014. M

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

Roll call vote, no: None.

All of City Council and City Staff thanked Ronnie for his years of service to the City.

Sue Uerling, Executive Director of Six-Points, thanked City Council and Staff for their support and employment of Ronnie over the years. As a client of the Six-Points organization, Ronnie's employment is a best-case example of cooperation between local entities and clients of Six-Points and shows how they can contribute to the community.

**Consideration of Minutes:**

**Regular Session Meeting Minutes of July 8, 2014.** City Attorney Fogo had one typographical correction on the first page. City Clerk Davidson stated she would make the correction.

Councilor Hagan moved and Councilor Steinbeck seconded the motion to approve the Regular Session Meeting minutes of July 8, 2014, as amended.

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

Roll call vote, no: None.

Roll call vote, abstain: Ferguson. He did not attend the meeting.

**Pre-Scheduled Citizens:** None.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:**

**Action to Approve 2013 City Audit.** Finance Director Wendy Collins came forward and addressed Council. The audit was presented to Council on June 24th by the Auditor Randy Watkins. Director Collins stated that no comments or concerns were raised about the document. The final document will be posted on the City website and copies will be available to the public.

Councilor Steinbeck moved and Councilor Riggs seconded the motion to approve the 2013 City Audit as presented.

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

Roll call vote, no: None.

**2014 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Financial Update.** Finance Director Wendy Collins gave Council the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2014, Financial Update. She stated that all revenues are tracking on schedule. The City has had a few more grant dollars come in and there were some grant funds roll-overs from the previous year. No expenses are seriously out of line. Director Collins will have a spreadsheet outlining the additional appropriations to the budget thus far at next week's Work Session meeting. She has made Council aware of these budget changes. Public Works Director Bradford has finalized the costs of the Streets Improvements Project and the full amount that was authorized to be spent out of revenues will not be needed. That change will be reflected in next week's information. Parks & Recreation Director Ampietro is still working on the costs for the heat exchanger that failed at the pool. It was originally thought that the repair would cost \$16,000 but

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Dan has worked with the company and they are allowing a 60% warranty cost reduction. The repair cost should be around \$6,000 plus the cost of installation labor. Councilor Hagan asked about the sales tax revenues on page 2. Director Collins explained the sales tax figures lag behind approximately two months and the county sales tax is an extra month back since it is issued back to the City by the State. The rest of the revenues are tracking at approximately 50%.

Director Collins then informed Council about a request from the Fire Department to appropriate funds to repair the cable and brakes on the Ladder Truck. It is not usable at this point and poses a safety risk. The \$12,000 savings is available from a savings from not purchasing a Police patrol car. Staff is requesting re-appropriating the funds from Capital to the Fire Department repair line item.

Mayor Drexel stated this is a safety issue for both the Fire Department and the citizens.

Councilor Hagan asked Finance Director Collins if this is an emergency situation. Director Collins stated yes, it is an emergency since the truck is inoperable without the repairs. Mayor Drexel stated the situation is a life, safety issue. Councilor Steinbeck stated it is prudent to do the repairs as soon as possible

Councilor Riggs moved and Councilor Ferguson seconded the motion to approve the appropriation of \$11,820 from the Capital Fund savings for the purchase of a Police Department vehicle to the Fire Department for the repair of the ladder truck brakes and ladder.

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

Roll call vote, no: None.

**Action on Letter of Support for Mt. Crested Butte CDOT TAP Grant Application.**

The Letter of Support was discussed at last week's Council Work Session meeting.

Councilor Hagan moved and Councilor Steinbeck seconded the motion to approve the Letter of Support for the Mt. Crested Butte CDOT TAP Grant application for the extension of the Gothic Road Recreation Trail and to authorize the Mayor to sign said letter.

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

Roll call vote, no: None.

**Action on Letter of Support for Gunnison County CDOT Tap Grant Application.**

The Letter of Support was discussed at last week's Council Work Session meeting.

Councilor Ferguson moved and Councilor Riggs seconded the motion to approve the Letter of Support for Gunnison County's CDOT TAP Grant application for the Gold Basin Road recreation trail and to authorize the Mayor to sign said letter.

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

Roll call vote, no: None.

**Action on City Participation in 11/04/14 Coordinated Election with Gunnison County.**

City Clerk Davidson informed Council the notice included in their packets is required by Section 1-7-116(5) of the Colorado State Statutes. A municipality wanting to participate in a coordinated election is required to notify the County, in this year's case, no later than July 25, 2014. As noted in the memo, an Intergovernmental Agreement between the County and the City will be forthcoming for action prior to August 26, 2014, and the final ballot language must be provided to the County no later than September 5, 2014.

Councilor Riggs moved and Councilor Steinbeck seconded the motion to approve the City's participation in the November 4, 2014, Coordinated Election and to authorize the Mayor's signature on the Notice of Participation Letter as submitted.

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

Roll call vote, no: None.

**Ordinance and Resolutions:**

**Ordinance No 5, Series 2014; Re: Vacating a Portion of South 10<sup>th</sup> Street in the City of Gunnison, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading.** Councilor Steinbeck introduced Ordinance No 5, Series 2014, and asked that it be read by title only by the City Attorney.

Councilor Steinbeck moved and Councilor Ferguson seconded the motion that Ordinance No. 5, Series 2014, **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON,**

**COLORADO, VACATING A PORTION OF 10<sup>TH</sup> STREET, CITY OF GUNNISON, STATE OF COLORADO**, be introduced, read, passed, and adopted upon final publication on this second and final reading, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2014.

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

Roll call vote, no: None.

**Ordinance No 6, Series 2014; Re: Vacation of Utility Easements in Block 9, Rio Grande Addition, 2nd Reading.** Councilor Ferguson introduced Ordinance No. 6, Series 2014, and asked that it be read by title only by the City Attorney.

Councilor Ferguson moved and Councilor Steinbeck 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 adopted on second reading this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2014.

Roll call vote, yes: Steinbeck, Hagan, Riggs, Ferguson, Drexel. 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 – Semi-Annual PD Report.** Chief Robinson first gave Council a staff meeting report. The west entry sign project is progressing with the rockwork being placed. A Boettcher Fund Grant was approved for the Community Center Addition Project and Director Ampietro is now looking at applying for a DOLA Grant. The on-line bill pay program through SIPA is being tested. The City trails are being mowed once again due to the rain-induced weeds, and the CAMU Conference last week was a success.

Finance Director Collins informed Council the Parks Department had budgeted \$12,000 to replace their mower and found out that John Deere was only offering \$3,300 trade-in on the old mower. REIJ would like to purchase that mower for \$4,500. Director Ampietro approached the University but they are not interested in purchasing the old mower. Director Collins asked Council if they were comfortable with offering the mower to the School District. Council consensus was to sell the old mower to the School District, and it is a good thing to do.

Police Chief Robinson gave his semi-annual departmental report. He reported the following items: property crime is lower than usual however personal crimes, such as assault, are up slightly; all agencies in the Valley have agreed to the Victim Advocate Program as of May 1<sup>st</sup>; the Victim Advocacy Program did not get state funding this year; the two City Records Clerks have stepped into the information portion of that job; a referral system with Project Hope is in place and 5 referrals have been made since May; 2 referrals have been made to the Victims Advocate in Montrose in that same time period; he is applying for a VALE Grant to fund the part-time Victim Advocate position and he has been told the City has a good chance to receive that grant next year; the Police Building grant paperwork is being finalized and final projects at that building are being started; the City App is not fully releasable to the public but will be rolled-out to the public at City Fest next week; and lastly, the Law Explorers Group was in Gunnison last week. The participants conducted a cleanup at 10 local residences and hosted an event with the local Special Olympians. It was a good event.

**City Clerk:** Gail Davidson. Reminded Council there will be no Council next week. City Fest is scheduled for Thursday, July 31<sup>st</sup> starting at 11:30 am at the Jorgensen outdoor covered ice rink.

**Non-Scheduled Citizens:** None.

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

**Councilor Riggs:** reported she volunteered at Gunny Grass this past weekend. They held a block party on South Main Street on Friday night and moved the festival to the I-Bar on Saturday. There were many out-of-towners in attendance and the event continues to grow. She attended 2 of the 3 Comprehensive Plan public meetings and will attend the one tomorrow morning. She will not be

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attending the Planning Commission/Council meeting on the Comprehensive Plan tomorrow evening since she will be out of town.

Councilor Riggs then informed Council she met with several individuals this past week about the Local Marketing District (LMD) issues and what the expected outcomes are from the facilitation process. She also asked County Community Development Director Russ Forest that City Staff and Council be surveyed or interviewed about the LMD issues. Perhaps Council's ideas on the issues could be discussed at an upcoming work session meeting. On this topic, Mayor Drexel stated he met with Jane Chaney to get a historical perspective on the Tourism Association and LMD. He has questions about the IGA with the Tourism Association and the severability or termination of the agreement. Discussion ensued. Councilor Ferguson stated the County Commissioners want the LMD Board to contract for the best use of the marketing funds. This might entail multiple contracts or a single contract. He too feels City input is important.

**Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson:** reported he attended the Chamber Board meeting this morning. The chamber is looking at the services it provides for its members and the value of those services. The Arts Center is back to being the Arts Center with the move of ORSCH from upstairs. The Master Plan process is off to a great start and they have received good discussion and ideas. On Monday morning, the City, County and Western State collaborated on the high-speed fiber connection. The pieces are now all together. The Gunnison Observatory has been blessed with wonderful weather and they have some great lectures coming up. He will not be in attendance at the August 5<sup>th</sup> work session meeting.

**Councilor Steinbeck:** reported she attended the Gunny Grass Block Party and it was a good time. She has also received good input about this year's paving projects. She informed Council and Staff she will be out of town for a bit.

**Councilor Hagan:** reported he attended the USA Pro Cycling Local Organizing Committee meeting and the Medalist Sports representatives were here. The Start of the Stage 3 will take place at Main and Tomichi and that will be followed by 3 laps around town before the racers leave for Monarch Pass. Local racers can participate by racing to the top of Monarch Pass, after the professional racers leave, and try to beat them to Monarch Resort Ski Area. This year's race will allow more spectator views in town.

**Mayor Drexel:** reported he welcomed the CAMU Conference participants and Tex did a great job planning the event. Tex also won an award. The Mayor will attend the Region 10 meeting on Thursday, and he is now serving as the Chair of the Board of Directors of that organization.

**Adjournment:** Mayor Drexel called for any further discussion, and hearing none, adjourned the meeting at 8:53 P.M.




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Mayor




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City Clerk