JANUARY 13, 2015 CITY OF GUNNISON COUNCIL 7:00 P.M.
REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES

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, two citizens and the press. WSCU Liaison Ballesteros was absent. A Council quorum was present.

Consideration of Minutes:

Regular Session Meeting Minutes of December 9, 2014.
Councilor Steinbeck moved and Councilor Hagan seconded the motion to approve the Regular Session Meeting minutes of December 9, 2014, as submitted.

Roll call vote, yes: Riggs, Ferguson, Drexel, Steinbeck, Hagan. So carried.
Roll call vote, no: None.

Unfinished Business: None.

Pre-Scheduled Citizens:

Colorado Water Plan Overview – Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District (UGRWCD) Director Frank Kugel. UGRWCD General Manager Frank Kugel and Gunnison Basin Roundtable member George Sibley came forward and addressed Council. Mr. Kugel passed out a summary sheet of the Gunnison Basin Water Plan and the new "*Guide to the Upper Gunnison River*" brochure. Mr. Kugel then discussed the following: the basin Sno-Tel stations are indicating the Gunnison Basin is at 100% or average snowpack and the forecast is good at this time; the local reservoirs have normal levels for this time of year and it looks to be an average good water year; the Gunnison Basin Roundtable meets monthly in Montrose and consists of 32 members; local members of the Roundtable include Rufus Wilderson, Michelle Pierce, Bill Nesbitt, George Sibley, John McClow, Ken Spann and himself; due to a significant "water gap" due to higher water demand than supply, predicted in the state by the year 2050, the Governor charged each of the 9 Water Roundtables in the state to develop individual IntraBasin Water Implementation Plans (BIP) and those plans will then be melded together into the state-wide Water Plan; the Gunnison BIP contains 9 priority goals with the top goal being the protection of existing water uses in the Gunnison Basin; all of the goals will be used to guide future internal development of water resources within the Basin into 2050; the City of Gunnison is in fairly good shape due to good aquifers, aquifer protection, senior water rights and good water delivery infrastructure; some Basin municipalities are not in good shape; and the Basin Water Roundtable members would like to hear comments on the BIP from local governmental entities and the public. Comments should be given by April 17th. Roundtable Board Member George Sibley then stated the state-wide plan is essentially driven by the water needs of the Front Range metro area. They have the largest shortfall projected by 2050. The Governor wants information on all water issues in the state since all of the basins are in the same situation. Councilor Riggs asked about the Colorado River Water Compact and Mr. Sibley stated that does play a part in the determination of available water in the Colorado River Basins. The State's water has three main threats: from the Front Range; from the Yampa River Basin to the north; and from the Colorado River Compact. The Gunnison Basin needs to be aware of all of the threats. A short discussion ensued on the proposed goals and water infrastructure projects in the Basin. Mr. Sibley asked Council if he and Mr. Kugel come back to Council sometime in March to get input on the BIP from Council and to ask the public for more input as well. Council thanked Mr. Kugel and Mr. Sibley for their reports.

New Business:

Action on Letter of Recommendation for Former GCBTA Director Pamela Loughman. The letter was discussed at last week's Work Session meeting, and Council had no changes to the draft letter.

Councilor Steinbeck moved and Councilor Ferguson seconded the motion to approve the letter of recommendation for former Gunnison/Crested Butte Tourism Association Director Pamela Loughman and for all of Council to sign said letter.

Roll call vote, yes: Ferguson, Drexel, Steinbeck, Hagan, Riggs. So carried.
Roll call vote, no: None.

Action to Set City Official Notices Posting Places. City Clerk Davidson informed Council this action is taken by Council at the first Regular Session meeting of each year. City

Clerk Davidson also informed Council that, per the recently passed City Animal Code, the official notices will now also include a list of all City-impounded animals.

Councilor Ferguson moved and Councilor Steinbeck seconded the motion to set the official City notices posting places as the City website, the bulletin board located inside the north entrance of City Hall and the bulletin board located inside the east entrance of City Hall.

Roll call vote, yes: Drexel, Steinbeck, Hagan, Riggs, Ferguson. So carried.
Roll call vote, no: None.

Action to Appoint City Representative to Gunnison/Crested Butte Tourism Association Board Members Selection Committee. City Manager Coleman stated the City had received a letter from the County Commissioners requesting a City representative be appointed to the Tourism Association Board selection committee. A copy of that letter was included in their packet information.

Councilor Hagan stated he would still like to pursue having a City representative, as well as the other municipalities, as an ex-officio member of the new tourism marketing board. Discussion ensued. Councilor Riggs stated the Tourism Association By-laws require their meetings be open to the public. Staff was directed to approach the other municipalities about this proposal and to draft a letter to the Board of County Commissions/Local Marketing District regarding this request. The letter could be from the City or from all of the local municipalities.

Councilor Hagan moved and Councilor Steinbeck seconded the motion to appoint Councilor Riggs as the City representative to the Selection Committee for the Gunnison/Crested Butte Tourism Association Marketing Board.

Roll call vote, yes: Steinbeck, Hagan, Riggs, Ferguson, Drexel. So Carried.
Roll call vote, no: None.

Ordinance and Resolutions:

Resolution No. 1, Series 2015, Re: Setting City Fees. Councilor Ferguson introduced Resolution No. 1, Series 2015, and it was read by title only by Councilor Ferguson and stated the City Fees Resolution is posted on the City website.

Councilor Ferguson moved and Councilor Riggs seconded the motion to approve Resolution No. 1, Series 2015, **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO, ADOPTING FEES, as noted in the document,** be introduced, read, passed and adopted this 13th day of January, 2015.

Roll call vote, yes: Hagan, Riggs, Ferguson, Drexel, Steinbeck. So carried.
Roll call vote, no: None.

City Attorney Kathleen Fogo: No report this evening.

City Manager: Ken Coleman: informed Council of the following items: the downtown Christmas tree is coming down and the rest of the light pole holiday decorations will be removed soon; the downtown blue lights will be left up until a later date probably in February; the bids are out for the new dozer, sweeper and fire truck; the Comprehensive Plan Community Analysis is being reviewed and the Planning Commission will talk about it tomorrow night; and progress is being made on the City Hall remodel project.

Acting City Manager: Police Chief Keith Robinson: informed Council that the current Parking Enforcement Officer, Kari Oulton, has been selected as the new Law Enforcement Advocate and her old position will be advertised. Councilor Ferguson asked about the new posted 15 minute parking zone on the east side of City Hall. City Manager Coleman stated that is posted as 15 minute parking to maintain parking spaces for Finance Department customers who come in to pay their bills. Councilor Ferguson asked if the 15 minutes parking could be posted for 8am to 5pm. Chief Robinson will look into it.

City Clerk: Gail Davidson: nothing further to report.

WSCU Liaison: Stefano Ballesteros: was absent

Non-Scheduled Citizens: None.

City Council Discussion, Meeting Reports, Items for Work Session:
Councilor Riggs: reported she has been discussing with some residents the new EPA rules on wood stoves that help mitigate emissions. City Manager Coleman asked Councilor Riggs to have those people call him and he would direct their questions to the Community Development Department for further information about existing codes regarding woodstoves. Councilor Riggs stated she has also been discussing the Gunnison Rising Urban Renewal Authority (URA) proposal with several residents. Mayor Drexel reported he met with Dick Bratton and they discussed the steps that are required regarding forming a URA. City Attorney Fogo cautioned Council that a proposal for an URA doesn't even exist until the initial requirements are met by an applicant. Those haven't been submitted to the City. Councilor Riggs also stated she has had some questions about the City's process for licensing marijuana facilities. City Manager Coleman stated Staff continues to discuss the zoning/land use regulations and will be forthcoming with policy questions to Council regarding the regulations tentatively on February 17th.

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson: reported he had nothing to report from last week.

Councilor Steinbeck: reported she will be attending the Gunnison Valley Regional Housing Authority meeting in Crested Butte tomorrow. The City was beautiful this year for the holidays.

Councilor Hagan: stated he and Councilor Riggs attended the RTA meeting last Friday. That group discussed the following: the Tourism Association transition; a proposed $99.00 companion airfare promotion; the air program is worried about reaching the 70% winter load factor; summer flight numbers are up and the Houston flights will fly later into September; the late-night bus has been successful with an average of 24 riders per bus; there have been a couple of instances of people being left at the bus stop due to overcrowding but the wait time for those people is usually not too long; the RTA consultant has been working on a proposed modest tax increase and will help in determining if that will go to the vote in November 2015 or 2016; a three month education plan for the ballot proposal is in the works; and the RTA would like feedback from the public via another survey about the viability of a tax increase and about equalizing the mill levy across the valley. Councilor Hagan would like both Council and citizen input on the proposal. There is a movement for businesses to form a Gunnison/Crested Butte Airline Alliance. This has been very successful in the Snowmass/Pitkin County area. Councilor Hagan then reported he also attended the Gunnison Trails meeting. Mike Pelletier and Russ Forrest of Gunnison County made a proposal for a region-wide trails map to be developed that would depict all of the trails in the area. This would be a collaboration of the Forest Service, Park Service, BLM, municipalities, and the county to all utilize the same format in the mapping.

Mayor Drexel: reported he attended the Mayors'/Managers' meeting last week that was hosted by the Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District. The following was discussed at that meeting: the Town of Pitkin has some rental unit issues; the Gunnison Foundation will be sponsoring a workshop for non-profit organizations; the new County Courthouse is projected to be complete in May with the move-in done in June; the County Library is now open on Sunday afternoons; RE1J reported they have the most students enrolled, 1,925 students, since the district consolidated; WSCU reported fundraising and enrollment are both looking good and work will start on Quigley Hall this season; and Mt. Crested Butte saw four, 6,000+ skier days this holiday season.

Gunnison Times Reporter Chris Rourke asked the Mayor if any mention was made at the Mayors'/Managers' meeting about ballot accuracies and the article in last week's paper regarding that issue. She stated there were no inaccuracies in the article. Mayor Drexel stated that no discussion took place about the news article.

Executive Session: Pursuant to C.R.S. §24-6-402)4)(f)(1). Discuss personnel matters except if the employee who is the subject of the session has requested an open meeting, or if the personnel matter involves more than one employee, all of the employees have requested an open meeting.

Councilor Ferguson moved and Councilor Steinbeck seconded the motion to go into Executive Session the purpose of which is pursuant to C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(f)(1); to discuss personnel matters except if the employee who is the subject of the session has requested an open meeting, or if the personnel matter involves more than one employee, all of the employees have requested an open meeting. The Executive Session is not open to the public and action may not be taken.

Roll call vote, yes: Riggs, Ferguson, Drexel, Steinbeck, Hagan. So carried.
Roll call vote, no: None.

The public and press left the room and Council went into Executive Session at 8:26 P.M.

Council returned to Regular Session at 8:47 P.M.

Mayor Drexel then stated the time is now 8:47 P.M., and the Executive Session has been concluded. The participants in the Executive Session were: Mayor Robert Drexel, Mayor Pro Tem Stu Ferguson, Councilor Carolyn Riggs, Councilor Anne Steinbeck, Councilor Richard Hagan, City Attorney Kathy Fogo, City Manager Ken Coleman, City Clerk Gail Davidson and Police Chief Keith Robinson.

For the record, if any person who participated in the executive session believes that any substantial discussion of any matters not included in the motion to go into executive session occurred during the executive session, or that any improper action occurred during the executive session in violation of the Open Meetings Law, I would ask that you state your concerns for the record. No one had any comments.

Possible Action on Personnel Matter. City Manager Coleman asked Council to give their consent for him to proceed with negotiations to hire the new City Finance Director.

Councilor Riggs moved and Councilor Ferguson seconded the motion to give consent to the City Manager to start negotiations to hire the new Finance Director per City Charter Section 4.14 – regarding Nepotism.

Roll call vote, yes: Ferguson, Drexel, Steinbeck, Hagan, Riggs. So carried.
Roll call vote, no: None.

Councilor Riggs moved and Councilor Hagan seconded the motion to give consent for the City Manager to authorize the hiring of a City lifeguard per City Charter Section 4.14 – regarding Nepotism.

Roll call vote, yes: Drexel, Steinbeck, Hagan, Riggs, Ferguson. So carried.
Roll call vote, no: None.

Adjournment: Mayor Drexel called for any further discussion, and hearing none, adjourned the meeting at 8:49 P.M.

Mayor

City Clerk