

The City Council Regular Session meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M., by Mayor Hagan, with Councilors Ferguson, Drexel, Morrison and Schwartz present along with City Attorney Fogo, City Clerk Davidson, Acting City Manager Westbay, Finance Director Cowan, WSCU Liaison Alejandre, and the press. Interim City Manager Achen was absent. A Council quorum was present.

Consideration of Minutes of January 26, 2016, Regular Session Meeting.

Councilor Drexel moved and Councilor Ferguson seconded the motion to approve the January 26, 2016, Regular Session meeting minutes as submitted.

Roll call vote, yes: Ferguson, Drexel, Hagan, Morrison, Schwartz. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Pre-Scheduled Citizens: Gunnison Library District Update: Director Nancy Trimm. Ms. Trimm addressed Council and discussed the following topics: Ms. Trimm thanked Council for their funding of the CAFÉ Program this year and for allowing her to come and speak with them about the Library; they had a great year and both visit and items circulated were up; circulated items were up 5% over 2014 and these included children's easy books, DVDs and both juvenile and adult fiction; there are over 13,000 library cardholders in the County and this is impressive considering the population of the County is approximately 16,000; they issued Museum Passes to encourage children to visit the CB Historical Museum, the Gunnison Pioneer Museum and the Children's Trailhead Program; over 229 children's programs included the summer reading program, a lego club, after school homework club and a STEM program; adult programming almost doubled in attendance; 9 public computers are being utilized and these saw a 5% increase over 2014; their Wi-Fi use is steady and use of e-books and e-audio books is growing; the Library technology program is now a one-on-one program and they had 88 technology appointments last year; the Library is now open on Sundays and for 2 more days each year; and Mary Burt is the new Director of the CAFÉ Program. They are starting a historic records digitizing project, are hosting a once a month "Tween" program, are beginning long-range planning, are rolling out a new logo and are working on a new Library App. The GED Program continues to struggle due to the local on-line GOAL Academy participation. Council briefly discussed a partnership between the City, County and the Library District. Council thanked Ms. Trimm for her report.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: None.

Resolutions and Ordinances: None.

City Attorney Kathleen Fogo: No report.

Interim City Manager Mark Achen: Absent.

Acting City Manager Community Development Director Steve Westbay: reported on the following: a new utility billing application has been developed to streamline that process; the new City website RFP has been advertised; there will be a Middle School Night at the Community Center on Friday night and the annual Oh-B-Joyful ski event will take place at Cranor Hill on Monday. Director Westbay then reported the Army Corp. of Engineers representatives have been monitoring the Gunnison River ice jam problem and their recommendation is to leave it alone.

City Clerk Gail Davidson: reported the Youth City Council met and discussed planning options at the Lazy-K Property. They would like to see a teen center opened in the old restaurant building.

Western State Colorado University Student Liaison Alex Alejandre. Alex informed Council the following: there are a lot of bake sales being held for various clubs this week; there will be a Latino Film Screening on Wednesday; a speed dating event will take place on Thursday; an Open Mic Night will take place at the Timber's; and the SGA is considering two funding bills. Alex then reported he will be participating in a student outreach and some of the questions that will be asked include what students would like to see in the downtown area, why the students don't go downtown and what events they would like to see downtown to prompt their participation.

Non-Scheduled Citizens: None.

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

Councilor Drexel: reported the following: he attended no meetings but did talk with some Chamber of Commerce members about a Councilor participation on the Advisory Board.

Councilor Morrison: reported she attended the new website RFP development meeting and the OVPP Housing Sub-Committee meeting. The housing was a long and informative meeting and she was asked if the Gunnison Council was concerned about affordable housing. Council consensus was to discuss this at a future work session meeting after the Sub-Committee meetings are concluded.

Councilor Schwartz: reported the following: he attended the Trails Commission meeting where they discussed possible by-laws changes and the trails included in the State's "16 in 2016" Program; he attended the website meeting; and he too attended the all-day OVPP meeting. He will be attending the CML Legislative Policy meeting in Denver on Friday.

Councilor Ferguson: informed Council he attended the OVPP Housing meeting and received a lot of useful education on housing issues. He and Matt attended the Better Cities meeting and some of the consultant's initial ideas may not be the best fit for Gunnison. Those conversations will continue.

Mayor Hagan: reported he attended the Mayors/Managers meeting last Thursday. The topic of discussion was the OVPP. Also at that meeting, the short-term rentals issue taking place in the Town of Pitkin was discussed.

Regular Session Recess:

Councilor Ferguson moved and Councilor Schwartz seconded the motion to recess the Regular Session meeting until after the Council Work Session meeting discussion.

Roll call vote, yes: Drexel, Hagan, Morrison, Schwartz, Ferguson.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Following a Work Session meeting, Council returned to Regular Session at 8:12 P.M.

The proposals received for the new City Manager Recruitment Services were discussed during the Work Session meeting. The following firms were selected. Slavin, Austin Peters, Mercer Group, Strategic Government Resources and the Prothman Company.

Councilor Ferguson moved and Councilor Morrison seconded the motion for each Councilor to contact the references for their assigned City Manager recruitment firm and to amend the February 16th Special Session Agenda to include a discussion and possible action on the Selection of the City Manager Recruiting Firm.

Roll call vote, yes: Hagan, Morrison, Schwartz, Ferguson, Drexel. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Adjournment: Mayor Hagan called for any further discussion from Council, Staff or the public, and hearing none, adjourned the Regular Session meeting at 8:17 P.M.

Mayor

City Clerk