

January 14, 2020

**CITY OF GUNNISON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES**

5:30 P.M.

The City Council Regular Session meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor James Gelwicks, with Councilors Boe Freeburn, Jim Miles, Mallory Logan, and Diego Plata present, along with City Manager Russ Forrest, City Attorney Kathy Fogo, and City Clerk Erica Boucher. Western Colorado University liaison Liz Currie was in the audience along with Information Technology Director Mike Lee, Police Chief Keith Robinson, Community Development Director Anton Sinkewich, Officer Chris Isham and police K-9, "Beno." Also in the audience were Regular Session meeting guests and presenters. A handful of interested citizens were in the audience and the press was present. A Council quorum was present.

Citizen Input:

Steve Schechter shared with Council that many regional energy providers are moving towards less coal-fire power energy production in the coming years and would like to see MEAN move in that direction. He encouraged Council to examine the City's agreement with MEAN and find ways to move the City away from receiving coal-fire energy power. He expressed that purchasing clean energy would be less expensive. A brief discussion occurred regarding the City's intention to include more renewable energy resources in its portfolio in 2020 as MEAN considers replacing some of their coal power plants with renewable energy resources, such as wind.

Lily Pierson, a junior Gunnison High School student, came before Council to talk about the local high school's climate action plan and the success of the recycling program recently integrated into Gunnison High School as the result of her capstone project. As part of her capstone project, Ms. Pierson reached out to Recycle Across America, a non-profit organization that makes standardized labels to educate the public on how and what can be recycled. Gunnison High School went from recycling 0% to 100% of possible products through the introduction of the labels and an educational program. She would like to see similar changes throughout the school district and City facilities.

Consent Agenda:

Councilor Logan moved and Councilor Miles seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda, which included the minutes of the December 10, 2019 Regular Session meeting minutes and the official posting places for the City of Gunnison notices. The official posting places are the designated bulletin boards in City Hall and the City of Gunnison website.

Roll call, yes: Freeburn, Miles, Gelwicks, Logan, and Plata. So carried.

Roll call, no: None.

Action Items:

Introduction of Police Department K-9, "Beno." The 2019 police department budget included the initiation of a K-9 program. Officer Chris Isham was selected as the K-9 handler and has recently spent several weeks in Utah completing the K-9 training program, working with the dog, and integrating the canine into his home. "Beno," the new police dog, has started on patrol with Officer Isham. "Beno" is trained in uncovering narcotics (heroin and meth) and tracking. He is not trained in seeking out marijuana. The police department doesn't think having a K-9 officer will stop drugs from coming into Gunnison, but his presence will likely decrease the flow of narcotics into the community over time. Over the last few weeks, Officer Isham has been introducing "Beno" around the community and in the schools. "Beno" has exhibited a good temperament and friendly demeanor in social situations. Council thanked Officer Isham for introducing them to "Beno" and invited them back anytime.

Census Presentation. Gunnison County employees, Elizabeth Holena and Mac Gray, spoke to Council about the outreach efforts that will be occurring through Gunnison County for the 2020 Census to count as many individuals living in the region as possible. Mac Gray is the Census Outreach Specialist who works for Gunnison County and not for the Census Bureau. Mr. Gray spoke about the importance of reaching out to as many people as possible because of the legislative and financial impacts the Census count has for the next decade. The goal of the County is to reach out to typically underrepresented populations in the region. These are the migrant community and Western Colorado University students. It will be important to make all members of the community feel safe and comfortable in their participation. Ideas for counting as many people living in the area as possible are: notifications on social media, open houses, and going door to door. The County purchased a few tablets that they will set up in their lobby for Census use. The questionnaire will be available online, in the mail, and over the phone. Census Bureau representatives will be bi-lingual. It will need to be a community-wide effort to

have a complete count in Gunnison. City staff, Andie Ruggera and Erica Boucher, will be promoting census participation as needed and appropriate.

Resolution No. 1, Series 2020: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Gunnison, Colorado, commending Elizabeth Currie for her semester of outstanding service as the Student Liaison on the Gunnison City Council, representing Western Colorado University from September 10, 2019 to December 12, 2019.*

Councilor Logan introduced Resolution No. 1, Series 2020 and asked that it be read aloud in full. Mayor Gelwicks read the resolution aloud in full. Councilor Logan moved and Councilor Freeburn seconded the motion to approve Resolution No. 1, Series 2020.

Council thanked Ms. Currie for her service on Gunnison City Council. Photos were taken. Ms. Currie informed Council that a new Western liaison and VP for External Affairs will be appointed before the next Regular Session meeting. Ms. Currie stepped down as the Western liaison to Council because she will be replacing the current the student body president, Max Oldham, who is not attending Western for the spring 2020 semester.

Roll call, yes: Miles, Gelwicks, Logan, Plata, and Freeburn. So carried.

Roll call, no: None.

Resolution No. 2, Series 2020: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Gunnison, Colorado, adopting fees.*

Councilor Logan introduced Resolution No. 2, Series 2020 and asked that it be read aloud by title only by the City Attorney. The City Attorney read Resolution No. 2, Series aloud by title only. Councilor Logan moved and Councilor Miles seconded the motion to approve Resolution No. 2, Series 2020.

At the November 19, 2019, Regular Session meeting, Council approved Resolution No. 17, Series, 2019, which incorrectly listed the 2019 fees and not the 2020 fees. The wrong resolution was inadvertently included. At the November 19, 2019 meeting, the memo provided to Council contained the correct 2020 fees, which they discussed and agreed upon. Resolution No. 2, Series 2020, contains the correct fees for 2020. No changes were made to the fees between meetings.

Roll call, yes: Gelwicks, Logan, Plata, Freeburn, and Miles. So carried.

Roll call, no: None.

Carrier Neutral Location Lease and Fiber-Option Indefensible Right of Use IRU Agreements with Region 10. Information Technology Director Mike Lee came before Council and provided them with background information. This project started a number of years ago between Region 10 and DOLA to build Middle Mile fiber to enhance resiliency and redundancy for the internet. Gunnison is the Middle Mile in this project and is using its position to get as much local internet service as possible and as cost effective as possible for the internet service providers (ISP) to distribute to homes and customers. The City intends to use the new fiber coming online this summer from Cottonwood Pass to be used to further increase our redundancy. CNL is a Carrier Neutral Location, which is an area where ISPs with large amounts of internet sell smaller amounts of the internet to others for their distribution, such as Century Link or IConnex. This lease allows for multiple smaller internet providers to sell internet at more competitive pricing to consumers. Gunnison's police department was set up as the CNL and this lease formalizes its use with Region 10. The Wastewater Treatment Plant is inside the City's network now. The IRU agreement outlines the City leasing fiber back to Region 10 for their use. The City has 24 strands of fiber going around town from Western to the police department. The City is using 6 of those strands and will be leasing 12 strands of fiber to Region 10 through this IRU agreement. Region 10 will be paying Gunnison the market cost for the use of those strands. The funding source will be used to pay for the equipment in the CNL.

Councilor Logan moved to approve the Carrier Neutral Location lease agreement for space at the police department and direct the Mayor to sign the lease agreement. Councilor Miles seconded the motion.

Roll call, yes: Logan, Plata, Freeburn, Miles, and Gelwicks. So carried.

Roll call, no: None.

Councilor Logan moved to approve the Fiber-Option Indefensible Right of Use agreement for a fiber match for the CNL equipment purchase and to direct the Mayor to sign the IRU agreement. Councilor Miles seconded the motion.

Roll call, yes: Plata, Freeburn, Miles, Gelwicks, and Logan. So carried.

Roll call, no: None.

Letter of Support for Gunnison Rising for OEDIT Grant. City Clerk Boucher informed Council that ICELab@Western Director, David Assad, reached out to staff with a request for a letter of support for the Tourism and Prosperity Partnership's (TAPP) mini-grant application. The grant request that TAPP is making to the Office of Economic Development and International Trade is for \$2000 to assist

with marketing materials to promote Gunnison Rising as an Opportunity Zone.

Councilor Logan moved and Councilor Miles seconded the motion to support the Tourism and Prosperity Partnership's mini-grant application and directed the Mayor to sign the letter of support.

Roll call, yes: Freeburn, Miles, Gelwicks, Logan, and Plata. So carried.

Roll call, no: None.

Gunnison 2030: Comprehensive Plan Discussion. Community Director Anton Sinkewich came before Council and stated that Gunnison 2030 is nearing completion. The year-long process has consisted of expansive community engagement and the emergence of seven big ideas that are the pillars of the plan. They are Land Use & Growth, Transportation & Transit, Community Facilities & Infrastructure, Environment & Sustainability, Image & Identity, Housing, and the Economy. He noted that the community supports infill land use for development over sprawl and that conversations are continuing to occur with the Gunnison Board of County Commissioners on this topic. He reviewed the up-coming final public input meetings with Council and noted the new Implementation Matrix of the plan, which is the backbone of Gunnison 2030. Ideas and actions for sustainability for Gunnison are through Gunnison 2030. Council thanked consultants, Houseal Lavigne Associates and staff for their dedication to this project and completing it in a year.

Update of Lazy K Site Plan. City Manager Russ Forrest presented an update on the Lazy K site plan to Council. The 15-acre parcel of land was purchased in 2015 for storm water management, housing development, and an area to build a park for West Gunnison residents. In 2018, a park and housing plan was created, which identified three usable areas. One area is to access the natural features; a second area, out of the 100-year flood plan, is for recreation and housing; and a third area is for additional housing. The housing at Lazy K will primarily be for-sale units. The developer, High Mountain Concepts, wants to reuse the existing structures and footprint on the land whenever possible for development sensibility and to have a greater economic return. The City is responsible for the roads and utilities for this project. The developer will move forward with Phase I housing, using the existing cabins and the updated site plan, with Council's support. The original site plan included a connection street through the site. Mr. Forrest informed Council that a topographical survey of the land formally concluded that Phase I land is out of the flood plan by a couple of feet. However, grade issues were identified in connecting the road over to the south and that the closeness of a crossroad to housing units raised safety concerns. The developer suggested a T-street or a hammerhead design instead. The hammerhead street design lacks connectivity to the south but would allow for two additional housing units. Lazy K would be built-out in phases, with staff coming to Council at every phase for approval. Staff recommends a hammerhead street rather than a through street for Phase I housing development. Additional discussion occurred about connectivity for the area as a whole, including bike and pedestrian access to Tomichi, connection to the Senior Center, and access for ADA residents. The comprehensive plan also identifies the need for connectivity from West Gunnison to Tomichi.

Council supported the staff's recommendation to move forward with Phase I housing and the creation of the hammerhead street.

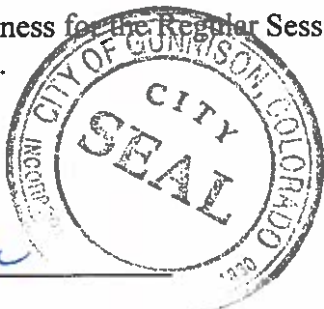
City Clerk Semi-Annual Report. City Clerk Boucher presented her semi-annual report of the department.

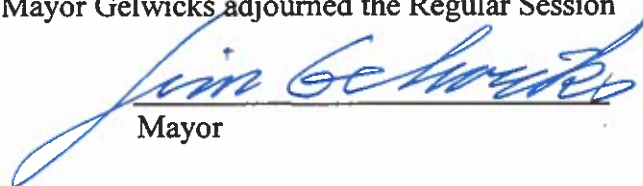
Reports. Council and Staff gave brief reports.

With no further business for the Regular Session Mayor Gelwicks adjourned the Regular Session Meeting at 7:51 p.m.

Attest:


City Clerk




Mayor