

Mayor Larson called the regular City Council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present for roll call were Mayor Larson, Council member Boyd, Council member Glanc, and Council member Maurer. Council member Hilton was absent. Also present were City Administrator Patrick Rondinelli, Finance and Administration Director Debra Overton, City Resource Director Rick Noll, Police Chief Justin Perry, Community Development Coordinator John Strandberg, Plaindealer reporter Tori Sheets, and six citizens.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Larson asked for any corrections to the minutes of the January 3rd Council meeting. Hearing no comments, Mayor Larson stated the minutes stand approved as written.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Councils Response from Citizens Communication, January 3rd

Mayor Larson read the responses that were provide in the Council packet.

Dan Chehayl

Dan Chehayl Ice Park Director of Operations asked if the City has contacted a hydrologist to analyze the SCADA system data regarding water usage in the City. Rondinelli explained that a hydrologist would look more at natural flows and that City staff is responsible for analyzing the SCADA data. He explained that staff currently measures how much water is coming into the tanks and how much water is going out of the tanks and into the City, noting that the flows at the waste water treatment plant are being measured in the same way. Chehayl asked if there is a flow meter at the Weehawken spring outlet. Rondinelli said there is no meter at that location but the City does have access to meters at Mineral Farms and that data show that they are not using any more water than they have in the past.

Betty Wolfe

Betty Wolfe asked if anyone has looked into the water that is coming down Vinegar Hill. Mayor Larson said that staff is looking into that area as well as several other to see if water is leaking out of the system. Wolfe stated that last year the City said they would work with the Ice Park to make sure that water was a priority, and expressed her concerns that Council has not put this as a priority. Mayor Larson noted that the Pool Project and the Ice Park are the top priorities for 2017.

Laura Slawitschka

Laura Slawitschka asked staff to include the influent and effluent flow reports in Council packets. She asked if a meter could be put in place that would show how much water is leaving the tank and how much is actually going into the Ice Park. Rondinelli noted that the City currently measures the water that is leaving the tank, noting that once it leaves the tank it is in the Ice Park line and the City does not have a meter on that line. There was discussion about the City and the Ice Park working together to determine if there is leaking along the Ice Park line.

Slawitschka expressed her concerns about Ride the Rockies coming to Ouray this summer, noting that she does not support hosting this event.

Bruce Gulde

Bruce Gulde asked if Council would be in support of citizens forming an ad hoc committee to relight the Box Cañon sign. There was discussion about past attempts to light the sign. Council member Glanc asked if Gulde would contact the trails group to get their feedback. Mayor Larson asked if Council would like to discuss this further and Council agreed to put this item on as a Discussion Item at a later meeting.

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Boyd

Planning Commission Meeting, January 10th

Council member Boyd reported on the January 10th Planning Commission meeting, noting that the Commissioners discussed correcting transposed numbers that are within the City Code related to sprinkler systems in single family homes; and uses for shipping containers.

Council Member Glanc

Council member Glanc noted that she will be attending a Communities that Cares meeting in Ridgway on January 18th.

Mayor Larson

Community Development Committee Meeting, January 12th

Council member Boyd stated he was unable to attend the January 12th Community Development Committee (CDC) meeting and asked Mayor Larson to report. Mayor Larson reported that the CDC introduced two new members Maria Ziemba and John Wood. She reminded Council about the January 25th Council and CDC work session to discuss businesses in Ouray and the January 27th work session on Outdoor Recreation.

Council Retreat, January 10th

Mayor Larson reported on the January 10th Council retreat, noting that they focused on team building and setting goals for 2017. She stated that a Strategic Plan work session will be scheduled at a later date to go over the 2017 goals.

Review of Treasurer's Report

Mayor Larson referred to the January Treasurer's Report in the Council packet, noting that the January sales tax representing November sales is down 3% as compared to the same period in 2015.

OTHER

Council member Boyd reminded Council and staff of the Employee Appreciation dinner on February 1st at the Bon Ton restaurant and that nominations for Employee of the Quarter and Employee of the Year are due.

Council member Maurer asked that the donation jars for the Pool Project be provide to businesses this weekend in time for the Ice Festival.

Council member Maurer stated that she attended the Winter Games at Rotary Park on January 15th, noting that it was a wonderful event and that the Parks and Recreation Committee did great job.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Rondinelli reported that Dennis Erickson was not at the meeting due to a medical procedure. Rondinelli distributed a packet of information from Garry Schalla regarding fund raising efforts, noting that he has not had a chance to review the packet because it was received a few minutes before the meeting. He asked that Council review the packet and get back with him with any questions. Rondinelli asked Council to look at their calendars and let him know if either January 31st or February 1st will work for doing the Strategic Plan work session.

CONSENT AGENDA

Rondinelli said that Brad Clark's term is expiring as the Alternate for the City/County Joint Planning Commission and asked Council to consider adding Clark to the Consent Agenda for re-appointment. Council unanimously agreed to add the item to the Agenda. Mayor Larson read the amended Consent Agenda items.

Council member Boyd moved and Council member Maurer seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda, as follows:

- Designation of Official Posting Location – Bulletin Board Outside of City Hall Administrative Office
- Annual Re-appointments of Parks and Recreation Committee
- Re-appointment of City/County Joint Planning Commission – Dee Williams
- Huckstering Permit – Mouse’s Chocolates, Ouray Ice Festival, January 19 - 22
- Re-appointment of City/County Joint Planning Commission Alternate – Brad Clark

The motion was unanimously approved.

ACTION ITEMS

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Questionnaire - Ouray County Housing Authority – 5 Year Plan

Mayor Larson noted that the Ouray County Housing Authority has asked the Council for a consensus on the following questions.

1. What are your goals for Affordable/Attainable Housing?
In 2017 Council will determining the needs of the community and defining goals.
2. What do you believe is needed to achieve your goals?
___ a) rental housing
___ b) ownership
x c) both
3. What are you willing to do to attract affordable housing development?
Explore incentive programs and other possibilities.
4. What is not acceptable, i.e. modular, mobile homes, tiny homes, etc.?
The City would consider the possibility of Code changes.
5. To meet your goals for affordable housing, would you consider:
a) an “impact fee” on building permits? Yes **x** No ___
b) a “use tax” on building supplies? Yes **x** No ___
6. Are you willing to reduce or forego building and/or tap fees to encourage affordable housing? Yes **x**
No ___
Would consider building permit fees and a deferment plan for tap fees.
7. Would you consider changing your density regulations? Yes **x** No ___
If “yes”, in what manner?
Density bonus program.
8. How long do you anticipate changes for adequate zoning, building, etc. regulations to be finalized and in place?

0-6 month's 7-12 month's 13+ month's

9. Are you willing to expedite the process so we are not waiting on monthly meetings? Yes No

10. Please prioritize what your community values (highest =1, next highest=2 and lowest=3):

Housing

Small open space/parks

Regional transportation

11. What do you believe your community values more?

a) current mix of existing housing under current zoning regulations, or

b) modify current zoning regulations to facilitate affordable housing

12. Would you be willing to accept a rental subsidy development, i.e. Section 8? Yes No

13. Would you be willing to utilize public land you own to achieve affordable housing? Yes No
No land is available.

14. Would you be willing to purchase land to achieve affordable housing? Yes No
What would be the funding source?

15. Would you prefer to see affordable housing:

a) in one area, or

b) dispersed throughout your entire community

16. Would you favor:

a) private sector solutions for affordable housing, or

b) government subsidies, or

c) both

17. Would you utilize the proposed Guidelines as criteria moving forward? Yes No

18. Other comments are welcome:

Facilitate meeting to assist with the process.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:14 p.m., Council member Boyd moved and Council member Maurer seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion was unanimously approved.