

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, Council member Hilton, and Council member Maurer. Also present were City Administrator Patrick Rondinelli, Finance and Administration Director Debra Overton, Public Works Director Dennis Erickson, City Resource Director Rick Noll, Police Chief Justin Perry, Community Development Coordinator John Strandberg, Plaindealer reporter Tori Sheets, and twenty three citizens.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Larson asked for any corrections to the minutes of the December 19th Council meeting. Hearing no comments, Mayor Larson stated the minutes stand approved as written.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Michael Bazin

Ouray resident Michael Bazin handed out three documents to Council regarding the following concerns and suggestions: 1. The City offices being closed during lunch hour. Bazin noted that it is disruptive to the citizen's; no other businesses in the City close during lunch; the lunch hour is the most convenient time for citizens to go to City Hall; and he suggested that City employees take stagger lunch breaks to allow the office to stay open. 2. Sprinkler systems. Bazin explained the history and types of sprinkler systems, noting that sprinkler systems do not save lives and that lives are lost mainly because of smoke inhalation. He said that smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors are the most effective at saving lives. Bazin noted that if sprinkler systems are required, the costs associated with installation will impact the cost of building affordable housing. 3. City water. Bazin stated that water is important for future growth; that historically there has never been a problem with a shortage of water; that Mineral Farms may be a reason for the shortage; that the new water tank was built to eliminate any potential water shortages; and that there has been a lack of development within the City; an increase in the number of business that have closed; and a decrease in school enrollment. He asked that the City find out what is causing the decrease in the water supply.

Dan Chehayl

Dan Chehayl Ouray Ice Park Director of Operations stated his desire to address the concerns of the climbers, residents and businesses regarding the water issues in the Ice Park. He noted that his staff, the Ice Park Board of Directors and City staff have a very good working relationship and are working together to come up with a solution to the issues they are facing. Chehayl said that a significant warming trend over the last few years has made it more difficult to farm and maintain the ice in the Park as well as a diminishing water supply. He explained where the water has historically come from; the differences in the amount of water available over the past few years; how the reduction in water is effecting the Park; that Park staff and City staff are working together to determine the reasons behind the decrease in available water; and that he will continue to provide updates.

Bruce Gulde

Ouray Business owner Bruce Gulde thanked Public Works for the keeping the snow cleared on the 200 block of 7th Avenue. He said that he agrees with Mr. Bazin about finding a solution to the water issues, noting that his business stays open over the winter and thinks the focus should be on supplying water to the Ice Park.

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Larson

Expenditures for the Period Ending January 3rd

Mayor Larson reported on her review of the expenditures for the period ending January 3rd, noting that everything was in order.

Review of the Treasurers Report

Mayor Larson Mayor referred to the Treasures Report and the Lodging Occupation Tax Report in the Council packet, noting that the number of rooms rented was down 2% but the dollars received was up 11% as compared to the same period in 2015.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Rondinelli stated he had nothing to add to the Administrators Report that is in the Council packet.

OTHER

Council member Boyd asked Council to email him dates they are available for the employee appreciation dinner.

Mayor Larson reminded Council of the January 10th Council retreat in the San Juan room.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Larson noted that Council member Glanc asked that the Special Events Permit Application for Ouray Ice Park, Inc. – Chicks with Picks be moved to an Action Item because she has a financial interest in Chicks with Picks. The Item was moved to Action Items. Mayor Larson read the remaining Consent Agenda items. Council member Boyd moved and Council member Maurer seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda, as follows:

- Liquor License Renewal Application – BPOE Lodge No. 492
- Bed & Breakfast Permit Application – KIDO Enterprises – Ouray Inn
- Special Events Permit Application – Ouray Ice Park, Inc. – Ouray Ice Festival, January 19th – 22nd
- Special Events Permit Application – Ridgway-Ouray Community Council – Spaghetti Dinner, February 4th

Council member Hilton encouraged new Committee members to attend the Council meeting in which they are being appointed to allow Council to meet them.

Nate Disser Community Development Committee (CDC) Chair thanked the new members for their willingness to serve on the Committee and the City for promoting the upcoming work sessions that the CDC is hosting in January.

The motion was unanimously approved.

ACTION ITEMS

Special Events Permit Application – Ouray Ice Park, Inc. – Chicks with Picks, January 7th

Council member Glanc recused herself, stating a conflict of interest because she is part owner of Chicks with Picks. Council member Hilton moved and Council member Boyd seconded the motion to approve Special Events Permit Application – Ouray Ice Park, Inc. – Chicks with Picks, January 7th. The motion was unanimously approved.

Council member Glanc rejoined the meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

There were no discussion items.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:30 p.m., Council member Glanc moved and Council member Boyd seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion was unanimously approved.