

**Ouray City Council Regular Meeting
Summarized Minutes
Monday, December 4, 2017 at 6pm
Massard Auditorium – Ouray Community Center**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Larson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Pam Larson - Present
Mayor Pro Tem Glenn Boyd - Present
Council member Dawn Glanc – Present
Council member Dee Hilton - Present
Council member Bette Maurer - Present

Also present were Interim City Administrator Katie Sickles, City Resources Director Rick Noll, Public Works Director Dennis Erickson, Fire Chief Trevor Latta, Finance and Administration Director Melissa Drake, and City Attorney David Masters

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS RECITED

SWEARING-IN OF RE-ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS GLENN BOYD AND DEE HILTON

Judge Corey Jackson issued the oath of office to Glenn Boyd and Dee Hilton.

SWEARING-IN OF RE-ELECTED MAYOR PAM LARSON

Judge Corey Jackson issued the oath of office to Pam Larson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Special Meeting – 11/16

Mayor Larson asked if there were any changes to the minutes. There were none. Mayor Larson stated that the minutes stand approved.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

- Beautification Committee Recognition
Mayor Larson presented a plaque to the Beautification Committee for their work and dedication to service and specifically for the Rotary Park improvements.
Mick Graff with the Ouray County Community Fund presented a grant for \$1,054 to the City of Ouray to be used “for upgrades to restroom facilities.”
- Council Response from Citizens Communication, November 20th – Staff is working on the request to improve snow removal on weekends.

- Bruce Gulde spoke about the street closure last week and the need for more detailed information prior to events. He also requested follow-up from City staff on important communications to businesses. Interim City Administrator Katie Sickles gave an overview of the closure and future needs of having at least a 30 day notice for such events.

CITY COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mayor Pro Tem Boyd: Employee appreciation event will be upcoming
- Council member Glanc: 11/21 & 11/28 – Ice Park Sustainability Committee meetings minutes are written “word for word” and the committee is making great progress.
- Council member Maurer:
 - Short-term Rental Committee – The committee is redlining the Silverton guidelines to use for Ouray. She also stated that they meet weekly.
 - Region 10 meeting 11/30 – New managers were introduced, Ready Grant applications will only be online, Tap Grants are a year out but planning should begin now.
 - Attended the “Five Guys and a Sign” meeting and 3 letters have been sold
 - Attended the HEAL (Healthy Eating Active Living) meeting and will attend the next one
- Council member Hilton:
 - Thanked all those who participated in the light parade and complimented the Public Works Department for their entries
- Mayor Larson:
 - Treasurer’s report: Sales Tax is up about 5% year-to-date
 - Forest Service Meeting on 11/28 will be discussed later
 - Administrator Candidate Calendar – an ad has gone out and the closing date is December 29th. Interviews should occur in January.
 - Council Assignments – CAST meeting in January – Either the Mayor or Council member Hilton will attend

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Interim City Administrator Katie Sickles requested patience with continued transition in staff. She stated that work on Waste Water Treatment permit issues is in progress and she will be meeting with officials in Denver on December 14th.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Appointment of Ted Pullig to the Volunteer Fire Department
- Approval of Special Event Permit – SMPA Christmas Party at the Elks Club – 12/16
- Approval of Liquor License Renewal – Gold Belt Bar & Grill
- Approval of Council Meeting Calendar

Council member Maurer made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Council member Glanc seconded the motion and it passed on unanimous vote.

ACTION ITEMS

- Consideration, discussion, and possible appointment of Mayor Pro Tem

Council member Hilton made a motion to re-appoint Glenn Boyd as Mayor Pro Tem. Council member Glanc seconded the motion and it passed on a vote of 4 to 0 with Mayor Pro Tem Boyd abstaining.

- Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of Resolution No. 13, 2017 adopting 2018 Budget

Mayor Larson read the Resolution.

Council member Glanc made a motion to approve Resolution No. 13. Mayor Pro Tem Boyd seconded the motion. The Council discussed the budget and future use of the Capital Improvement Fund to pay off the pool renovation if needed. The Council also discussed the need for public restrooms and future work sessions to fully explore ideas for this need.

The motion passed on unanimous vote.

- Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of Resolution No. 14, 2017 appropriating 2018 Expenditures

Mayor Larson read the Resolution.

Mayor Pro Tem Boyd made a motion to approve Resolution No. 14. Council member Maurer seconded the motion and it passed on unanimous vote.

- Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of Resolution No. 12, 2017 setting 2018 Mill Levy

Mayor Larson read the Resolution.

Mayor Pro Tem Boyd made a motion to approve Resolution No. 14. Council member Hilton seconded the motion and it passed on unanimous vote.

- Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of Emergency Ordinance No. 2 adopting 2018 fees for water, sewer, and refuse

Mayor Larson explained the ordinance and the reason this ordinance is annually passed as an emergency. They traditionally pass it after the budget but must be complete before the mid-December annual bills are distributed.

Interim Administrator Sickles recommended an additional \$5 per month per EQR compliance fee for sewer rates to be used for sewer plant compliance issues. She stated that if the compliance fee is not used, it could be rebated to customers.

Council member Glanc made a motion to approve Emergency Ordinance No. 2 as it stands. Mayor Pro Tem Boyd seconded the motion.

The Council discussed the possibility of adding a compliance fee at a later date and the motion passed on unanimous vote.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Ownership of the Ouray Perimeter Trail

Mayor Larson stated that the US Forest Service brought this issue to her. There are several owners of the Ouray Perimeter Trail and Mayor Larson asked the Council if they are interested in pursuing ownership of the full trail. The Council discussed the pros and cons of full ownership and fitting it into a strategic plan for the City.

Bob Risch, representing the Ouray Trail Group, gave an overview of the Perimeter Trail, usage figures, issues with the Forest Service, and the 2 remaining pieces of the trail to complete (Box Canon and on the west side of the City over a mining claim).

Erin Carey, Ouray District Forest Ranger, outlined issues regarding the staircase (which was installed by the Ouray Trail Group) and the trail's multiple ownership.

The Council discussed further.

Dolgio Nergui, representing the Ouray Climbers Alliance, asked the City to also consider working on an easement near the Visitor's Center that is popular with climbers.

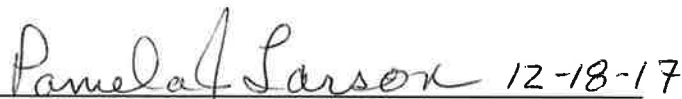
The Council directed staff to draft a letter to the US Forest Service stating the City's interest in a resolution to the staircase issue and future resolutions to the ownership questions.

Possible pool membership fee adjustment

City Resources Director Rick Noll noted the issues with pool temperatures this fall and discounts to daily customers which were offered during that time period. He suggested a 2-month voucher for members to extend their passes to compensate for the lower temperatures. The Council discussed this and requested an action item for this adjustment at the next meeting with additional information.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:38pm, Mayor Pro Tem Boyd made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council member Hilton seconded the motion and it was approved on unanimous vote.


Pamela J. Larson, Mayor 12-18-17
Date

ATTEST:


Melissa M. Drake, City Clerk