

Mayor Larson called the regular City Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present for roll call were Mayor Larson, Mayor Pro Tem Boyd, Council member Glanc, and Council member Maurer. Council member Hilton was absent. Also present were City Administrator Patrick Rondinelli, Finance and Administrative Director Debra Overton, Police Chief Justin Perry, Plaindealer reporter Tori Sheets, and nine citizens.

## **RECOGNITION**

### Employee of the Fourth Quarter 2016 and Employee of the Year 2016

This item was moved to the April 3<sup>rd</sup> Council meeting.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Larson asked for any corrections to the minutes of the March 6<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. Hearing no comments, Mayor Larson stated the minutes stand approved as written.

## **CITIZENS COMMUNICATION**

### Councils Response from Citizens Communication, March 6<sup>th</sup>

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

Mayor Larson reported that Council received a communications from Keven Koprek requesting that Council put the decision regarding Via Ferrata on as an Action Item at the next Council meeting. Council discussed the public input that was received at the last meeting and that action is not typically taken on a Discussion Item. Council member Maurer moved and Council member Glanc seconded the motion to put Via Ferrata on the agenda as an Action Item for the next Council meeting. Nate Disser expressed his surprise, noting that the last meeting was well attended by the community; that the Council approved the Via Ferrata proposal and was given the go ahead to move forward; that he has moved forward with fundraising efforts for the Via Ferrata; and that he was not aware that this topic was on the agenda. He expressed his concerns that Council is reacting to one individuals request and pointed out that there was ample opportunity for additional public input and asked if he is expected to stop working on the project. Mayor Larson noted that at the previous meeting, there was a lot of discussion on whether Council should take action on a item that was not on the agenda as an Action Item, noting that protocols where not followed. The motion failed by a 3-1 vote with Mayor Larson being in favor putting the item on as an Action Item at the next meeting.

Dan Chehayl expressed his concerns about a ticket he received from the Police Department for riding a Onewheel on Main Street, noting that a Onewheel is an alternative means of transportation; and that it has becoming more popular. He asked for clarification on whether the Onewheel is defined as a toy vehicle or a low speed electric vehicle. Perry stated that this was not the appropriate place to discuss this matter as it has been submitted for prosecution and must go through the court process. Mayor Larson said that a decision of whether this type of transportation belongs in the City will be reviewed by staff once the trial has concluded.

## **COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### *Council Member Boyd*

### Community Development Committee (CDC) Presentation

CDC Chair Nate Disser explained that the CDC has submitted recommendations to Council regarding the results of the work session that was held in January. He said that the recommendations are to help Council better communicate with the business community. Mayor Larson suggested that Council have a work session with the CDC to get clarification on the recommendations. Council agreed to meet with the CDC at their next meeting on Thursday April 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.

Planning Commission Meeting, March 14<sup>th</sup>

Council member Boyd reported on the March 14<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission meeting, noting that the Commission discussed intermodal shipping containers. Rondinelli stated that the Commissioners will meet one more time before providing Council with a recommendation.

*Council Member Hilton*

Beautification Committee Meeting, February 7<sup>th</sup>

Mayor Larson read Council member Hilton's update that was provided in the Council packet.

*Mayor Larson*

Mayor Larson read her updates that were provided in the Council packet.

Review of Financial Reports

Mayor Larson referred to the Financial Reports in the Council packet, noting that sales tax revenues for January are 9% lower as compared to the same period in 2016.

**OTHER**

Council Member Glanc reported on the March 14<sup>th</sup> Eco Action Partners meeting, noting that Mountain Film presented their initiative for the year "What do you want the future to look like?" "Start locally and think globally when looking at conservation measures"; that the Green Lights program will run from May-June; that they discussed a 5% cap on renewables; that SMPA is looking for shovel ready renewable energy projects; and that the Compost Program will start in Telluride and Ophir.

Council member Maurer reported on the March 8<sup>th</sup> CML Webinar on fraud and embezzlement, noting that the City has safeguards in place to prevent this from happening.

Council member Maurer reported on the March 9<sup>th</sup> Gunnison Valley Transportation meeting, noting that Region 10 is working on an Intergovernmental Agreement followed by a Memo of Understanding to have representatives in the Transportation Planning Region; and that biologists from CDOT presented information on animal conflict and how underpasses and overpasses keep animals off roads.

Council member Maurer reported on the March 9<sup>th</sup> Ouray County Housing Advisory Committee meeting, noting that they reviewed the survey answers; that the guidelines do not fit with the plans of the local entities; and that they are working on the five year plan that the entities had requested at the roundtable.

Council member Maurer reported on the March 13<sup>th</sup> Tri-County and Ouray County Water Users meeting, noting that she was there only as an observer; that they had a discussion regarding the requirements that the water users have to prove to keep their water rights; that each year it becomes more difficult to prove; and that they are considering setting up a Conservation District to be part of the Colorado River District.

Council member Boyd noted that EMS and the Police Department will be hosting a fundraising dinner and silent auction in the Community Center on April 14<sup>th</sup> to help raise money for medical expenses for the Crandall family.

**ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

Rondinelli noted that Noll and Erickson are out due to medical issues. He said that the Lt. Governor will be stopping in Ouray tomorrow to view the pool project with Ken Charles from the Department of Local

Affairs, noting that staff will be there to answer questions. He said that only two Council members can attend because of posting requirements. Mayor Larson and either Council member Maurer or Council member Boyd will attend. Rondinelli stated the Council member Glanc will not be available for the April 10<sup>th</sup> Strategic Plan work session and that the session will need to be reschedule. He asked Council to provide him with available dates.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Larson read the Consent Agenda items. Council member Boyd moved and Council member Maurer seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda, as follows:

- Liquor License Renewal – Main Street House Inn LLC dba Bissen

The motion was unanimously approved.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### Amend Intergovernmental Agreement - Ouray County Housing Advisory Committee (OCHAC)

Council member Maurer explained that there was an omission in the original Intergovernmental Agreement that did not include how to appoint the at large members and that the amendment addresses this omission. Council member Maurer moved and Council member Boyd seconded the motion to approve Amend Intergovernmental Agreement - Ouray County Housing Advisory Committee. The motion was unanimously approved.

#### Liquor License Transfer – TAJ Companies, LLC – Silver Eagle Saloon

Rondinelli explained that there is an existing liquor license at this location and that if the transfer application is approved, a temporary liquor license will be issued that will allow the applicants to operate under the existing liquor license while they wait for their license from the State. Council member Boyd moved and Council member Glanc seconded the motion to approve a temporary liquor license and the Liquor License Transfer – TAJ Companies, LLC – Silver Eagle Saloon pending no adverse CBI findings. The motion was unanimously approved.

#### Resolution No. 4, Adopting Emergency Operations Plan (EOP)

Rondinelli noted that due to timing, the final EOP was not included in the packet but was sent to Council via email earlier in the day. He said that there were only a few minor changes to the Draft version that is in the packet. Council member Boyd moved and Council member Glanc seconded the motion to approve Resolution No. 4, Adopting Emergency Operations Plan. The motion was unanimously approved. Drew Peterson Office of Emergency Management West Region Field Manager expressed his appreciation that the City has completed this Plan.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### Change in Council Meeting Time

Council agreed to keep the meeting time at 7:00 p.m. for the time being.

#### Discussion about HB17-1242 – Transportation Funding Ballot Measure

Mayor Larson explained that House Bill 17-1242 is a measure in which sales tax will be increased by .62% to fund transportation, noting this will result in approximately \$7.09 million and that the sales tax rate would increase to 9.2%. Rondinelli explained that the Bill was introduced a couple of weeks ago and that it has bipartisan supported including the leadership of both Houses. He said that CML wants feedback from members on what they think about the Bill, what position they will be taking and any recommendations for the CML Board. He stated that the bill has a lot of incentives for local governments, noting that there would be a potential for a reduction in car registration fees and that the City could receive double the amount that they are currently

receiving in Highway User Funds, which would be approximately \$80,000. Rondinelli explained that many municipalities are concerned about this being a sales tax increase because sales tax is the primary funding source for municipalities and will the increase make sales tax too high. He stated that CML was asked to take a position on the Bill, noting that they were told that if they did not support the bill they would no longer have a seat at the table and that it could affect future funding for municipalities. CML voted to support the Bill. Rondinelli said that many municipalities are supporting the Bill because of the need for improvements to roads, he suggested that Council discuss the Bill and decide what position they would like to take. Council expressed their concerns that rural areas will not benefit; that they do not like that CML was told they would not get a seat at the table if they did not support the Bill; that the State would be increasing sales tax which will make it more difficult for the City to increase taxes in the future; and that the voters on the Eastern slope will be the ones who decide if this Bill will pass. There was discussion about the Multimodal funds and how that money could be used and should the City wait to see if the Bill makes it to the ballot before taking a position. Council agreed that they would like staff to provide CML with feedback regarding their concerns that the impact on sales tax as it is a primary resource for the City; that the money will be going toward the Eastern slope and I70 corridor; and that in the end the bill will be determined by the Eastern slope.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:21 p.m., Council member Boyd moved and Council member Glanc seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion was unanimously approved.