

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 Hilton, Council member Glanc and Council member Maurer. Also present were City Administrator Patrick Rondinelli, City Attorney Carol Viner, Finance and Administrative Director Debra Overton, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Beverly Martensen, Police Chief Justin Perry, Public Works Director Dennis Erickson, Community Development Coordinator Hank Epstein, City Resource Director Rick Noll, Plaindealer reporter Alan Todd, and thirty-five citizens.

PUBLIC HEARING

Brew Pub Liquor License – Red Mountain Brewing LLC dba Red Mountain Brewing

At 7:01 p.m. Mayor Larson open the public hearing for the brew pub liquor license for Red Mountain Brewing LLC dba Red Mountain Brewing. Applicant and owner John Warren stated he would like to open a brew pub restaurant, with American style cuisine using seasonal ingredients from local farms. He was previously the executive chef at Smuggler's Brew Pub and worked extensively with master brewer. Warren stated it will be at least late July before brewing begins due to lengthy TTB licensing process. Hearing no comments, Mayor Larson closed the public hearing at 7:05.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Larson asked for any corrections to the minutes of the April 17th Regular Council meeting. Hearing no comments, Mayor Larson stated the minutes stand approved as written. Mayor Larson asked for any corrections to the minutes of April 19th Special Council Meeting. Hearing no comments, Mayor Larson stated the minutes stand approved as written.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Colorado Association of Police Chiefs Presentation – Executive Certification for Chief Perry

John Camper, Southwest Region Colorado Association of Police Chiefs, presented Chief Perry with a law enforcement executive certification plaque and certificate for earning 900 points in 5 sections of rigorous measure including academic achievement, years of law enforcement experience, years of service as a police chief, continuing education, and service in a law enforcement organization as well as demonstrating the highest moral and ethical standards.

Six Basin Projects Inc. Presentation – Craig Hinkson

Craig Hinkson explained this non-profit organization has been formed to address issues of overuse and degradation in the jeep roads and high country around Camp Bird Road area. This group will work with US Forest Service, BLM, City and County of Ouray, Ouray Chamber and other non-profit organization to improve road conditions, sanitation, safety, signage, parking, access and preservation of tundra and historic sights. Brandy Ross explained that funding is achieved through voluntary fees from user jeeps tours. Council expressed their support.

Camp Bird Mine Site Update – Environmental Protection Agency

Paul Peronard presented the Environmental Protection Agency's preliminary evaluation of the Camp Bird Mine site. He provided a handout of the EPA's recommendations which included slope stabilization, removal of mine waste and regrade and stabilization of mine waste deposits. Also included was a cost estimate, which would preferably be paid by potential purchaser. EPA will be meeting with County, US Forest Service and State of Colorado to update.

Court House Restoration Meeting – Ben Tisdel, County Commissioner

Ben Tisdel, County Commissioner, announced kickoff meeting Thursday, May 4th, 5:00 p.m. regarding the restoration of the Ouray County Courthouse. The meeting is open to the public and all are encouraged to attend.

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Glanc

Ouray Ice Park Board Meeting, April 19th.

Council member Glanc reported she was unable to attend due to illness. Items on the agenda were to include discussion of staff issues, creating an operations manual, ice park cleanup and end of season wrap up.

Ice Park Steering Committee Meeting, April 27th.

Council member Glanc reported that the committee discussed the transition and timeline between the City and Ice Park.

Council Member Maurer

Three Rivers Transit Meeting, April 27th

Council member Maurer reported Telluride Express has new owners and will be expanding into this area and working with the Voyager program. Telluride Express will attend the next Ouray County Transit meeting.

Region 10 Executive Meeting, April 27th

Council member Maurer reported discussion of changes to bylaws and new methods of dust control. Ben Tisdel noted testing of polymer dust control product on County roads 1, 12, 24, 361.

Grants Available

Council member Maurer reported REDI Grants are available again to help bolster economy and Small Change grants are available. CDOT Grants for safe routes to school are available.

Expenditures for the Period Ending April 24th

Council member Maurer reported on her review of the expenditures for the period ending April 24th, noting that everything was in order.

Council Member Hilton

Nothing to report.

Council Member Boyd

Nothing to report. Will not be at next Council meeting.

Mayor Larson

Strategic Plan Work Session, April 19th

Mayor Larson reported strategic plan work session addressed goal setting and prioritizing which will be presented at upcoming Council.

Public Liability Work Session, April 24th

Mayor Larson reported public liability work session included discussion of possible areas of liability and also ethics in public service jobs.

General Fund Revenue Ideas Work Session, May 1st

Mayor Larson reported general revenue fund ideas at work session included discussion on changing LOT from flat fee to a percentage, putting medical and retail marijuana back on the ballot and self-collection of sales tax.

Expenditures for the Period Ending April 30th

Mayor Larson reported on her review of the expenditures for the period ending May 1st, noting that everything was in order

Review of Treasurer's Reports - Lodging Occupation Tax Reports

Mayor Larson reviewed the LOT reports for March rental activity noting a 4.3% decrease in rooms rented and .25% decrease in dollars from the same period last year.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Rondinelli welcomed Hank Epstein to the City as the new Community Development Coordinator. He also announced this will be Debra Overton's last Council meeting and thanked her for outstanding work as both Clerk and Treasurer. Rondinelli also reported that Spring Cleanup will begin May 12th with green waste dumpsters located at Cascade Catchment Basin until filled. There will be no electronic recycling available this year through Waste Management.

CONSENT AGENDA

There were no consent agenda items.

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution No. 7, Amend City of Ouray Personnel Regulations

As currently written, current personnel regulations allow only City employees to participate in hiring process. For Director level position (not the City Administrator position) only staff members and no more than two Council members may participate on a hiring committee. Resolution will amend personnel regulations to allow participation in hiring process by outside qualified citizens or Council members at the discretion of the City Administrator. Council member Glanc moved and Council member Maurer seconded the motion to approve Resolution No. 7, amending City of Ouray Personnel Regulations. The motion was unanimously approved.

Brew Pub Liquor License – Red Mountain Brewing LLC dba Red Mountain Brewing

Council member Boyd moved and Council member Maurer seconded the motion to approve the Brew Pub Liquor License for Red Mountain Brewing. The motion was unanimously approved.

Memo of Understanding – Ouray School Fuel Service Agreement with City of Ouray

Rondinelli explained the fuel service agreement will allow Ouray School District to purchase fuel through the City of Ouray at City fuel rates, which will bring the School District significant fuel savings. Council member Boyd moved and Council member Hilton seconded the motion to approve the MOU with the Ouray School District for a fuel service agreement. The motion passed unanimously.

Amend Recreational Easement in Ouray Ice Park – Ouray County

To amend the City's recreation easement with Ouray County to allow a via Ferrata. The amendment was written by the City Attorney. The Board of County Commissioners unanimously approved the amendment at their April 11th meeting. Council member Hilton moved and Council member Boyd seconded the motion to approve the amendment to the recreational easement agreement with Ouray County.

Purchase of Trees in Rotary Park \$1,500 - Beautification Committee

Beautification Committee requested \$1,500 for the purchase of trees to replace diseased and dead trees that have been removed from Rotary Park. All funds for this request will come from the Beautification Fund. Council member Maurer moved and Council member Glanc seconded the motion to approve the request from the Beautification Committee for \$1,500 to purchase trees for Rotary Park. The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Dog Park Rules and Regulations

David Hein, representing River's Edge Motel at 110 7th Avenue, expressed concern about barking noise in the dog park primarily between 8:30-9:30 a.m., usually by the same few dogs. He referenced several letters indicating concern particularly by those providing lodging. While originally in favor of changing the hours of the dog park to limit the noise, he stated he now wants to table the change of hours he previously presented and would like to begin dialogue among appropriate parties on how to solve the problem.

Several residents confirmed David Hein's observations regarding a few regularly barking dogs between 8:00 – 9:30 a.m. and also expressed appreciation for his suggestion to work out solutions before changing dog park hours or regulations.

Chief Perry thanked David Hein for bringing information forward and expressed support of all working together to solve the problem. Chief Perry indicated there have been only nine reports of dog barking since January, 2016. Perry urged citizens to call every time and guaranteed police department response. Perry stated this issue fits into community policing program and encouraged all citizens to attend the community policing meetings. The main topic of next community policing meeting, May 24th at 5:00 p.m., will be dog barking issue.

Resident Ethan Funk suggested the broader issue would be to address the City noise ordinance as the current noise ordinance is not enforceable. He stated the City noise ordinance should be rewritten to be more specific to unacceptable noise levels.

Council member Hilton spoke in favor of considering rewriting noise ordinance to be more specific and enforceable.

Mayor Larson suggested the noise ordinance will be addressed again on a future agenda. She also stated that dog barking will be the main topic at community policing meeting on May 24th and urged all to attend.

New Ouray Entrance Sign – Beautification Committee

The Beautification Committee presented several renderings for a proposed new Welcome to Ouray sign on the north end of the City. The current sign is in very poor condition and needs replacement. There was discussion on the fact designs presented were a radical change from current sign in style and design. It was discussed and widely agreed that signage should be approached on a larger scale including developing a comprehensive wayfinding plan for entire City signage that would be consistent. It was pointed out that DHM has experience developing wayfinding plans including Silverton and Ridgway.

Council discussion centered around developing a comprehensive wayfinding plan and pursuing grant funding. Mayor Larson stated action items at next Council meeting will include RFP for a wayfinding proposal and getting a bid for sign repair.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:50 p.m., Council member Boyd moved and Council member Maurer seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion was unanimously approved.