

**Ouray City Council Regular Meeting
Summarized Minutes
Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 7pm
Massard Auditorium – Ouray Community Center**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Larson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Also present were Interim City Administrator/Police Chief Justin Perry, City Resources Director Rick Noll, Community Development Coordinator Hank Epstein, Public Works Director Dennis Erickson, Finance and Administration Director Melissa Drake, and City Attorney David Masters

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS RECITED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES for the meetings held on August 21 and 29, 2017

Mayor Larson asked the Council if they had any corrections to the minutes of August 21 or 29, 2017. The Council had no corrections. Mayor Larson stated that the minutes stand approved.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

- Council Response from Citizens Communication, August 21st – Mayor Larson stated that a citizen’s focus group will be formed, possibly in November in response to Mr. Bazin’s presentation at the last meeting.
- Mike Gibbs spoke to the Council regarding the previously proposed Via Feratta. He stated that he was disappointed in the process followed in approving the Via Feratta and the lack of vetting the course. He stated that he is a stakeholder as “Rigging for Rescue” and believes a site suitability assessment should have been made and stakeholders should have been consulted. He stated that there are numerous low-angle talus slopes above the proposed Via Feratta course which is dangerous. Mr. Gibbs noted that the area that he believes that the course will profoundly affect Rigging for Rescue as well as other businesses. He suggested a site visit by Council, a detailed plan, and an alternate location. He also requested the Council to focus on additional infrastructure for residents instead of increasing tourism. Mayor Larson directed Interim City Administrator Perry to meet with Mr. Gibbs and Nate Disser (who has proposed the

Via Feratta) to discuss the Via Feratta and visit the site. Mayor Larson and Council member Glanc stated that they have both been on site.

- Nate Disser stated that Mr. Gibbs brought up some very valid points and that he welcomes input. He noted that if this project comes to fruition that this will be the first CEN rated Via Feratta in the United States.
- Mike Freidman of Placerville, who has built several Via Ferattas in the United States, stated that other Via Ferattas in the US are either on private land or ski areas on Forest Service land. He stated that he is a general contractor and builds Via Ferattas.
- Dan Chehayl stated his surprise at the City Council's decision to pursue Plan A on the Ice Park and stated that he will not apply for the Ice Park Manager position and urges the City to hire Logan Tyler.

CITY COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mayor Pro Tem Boyd:
- Council member Glanc: CAST Meeting (Aug. 24th – 25th) She requested later discussions on Breckenridge housing alternatives.
- Council member Hilton:
 - PARC (Sept. 5) – Approved \$3,000 out of their Rotary Park budget for the playground equipment installation. She also noted donations from Joan Fedel.
 - Review of Expenditures (Aug. 24 and 31) – no issues
 - Beautification Committee (Aug. 29) – budget preparations
- Council member Maurer:
 - OCHAC Meeting (Aug. 31) – forum in October for potential renters and buyers
 - Region 10 – Neighbor to neighbor has ended its contract with Ouray County. Broadband improvements are still in progress.
 - Telluride Foundation's Economic Resilience Forum (Aug. 24) – Governor Hickenlooper and Secretary of the Department of Economic Development and International Trade, Stephanie Copeland, gave a great presentation.
- Mayor Larson:
 - Treasurer's Report (LOT Report) – occupancy is up about 1% and revenue is up about 0.5%
 - Work Session on Aug. 23 – Plan A has been red-lined and presented to the Ouray Ice Park, Inc. attorney
 - CML Region 10 meeting in Ouray on September 27th
 - Council will review candidate applications for the City Administrator position on September 14-15th and there will be a citizen "Meet and Greet" with candidates on October 5th

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Interim Administrator Perry noted that he had nothing to add to his report which was in the packet.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Liquor License Renewal Application – Beaumont Food Service LLC dba Beaumont Grill

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

ACTION ITEMS

Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of Box Canon sign stabilization and request for City Attorney review of the property and other potential legal issues

Council member Hilton made a motion to approve the sign stabilization project and City Attorney review. Mayor Pro Tem Boyd seconded the motion. The Council discussed this with City Attorney David Masters and the motion passed on unanimous roll call vote.

Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of Ouray Beautification Committee (OBC) request to use \$10,441 from OBC funds for installation of playground equipment at Rotary Park

Council member Hilton made a motion to approve the request with \$3,000 coming from the PARC Committee and Mayor Pro Tem Boyd seconded the motion.

Council member Maurer questioned some of the pricing in the quote and Mayor Pro Tem Boyd stated that quote of \$0 for City Public Works costs can't be correct. Public Works labor has a cost. Council member Hilton stated that this \$10,000 request is much less than the plan which was approved for playground equipment in Fellin Park. The Council discussed this item and existing projects with Public Works Director Erickson. Sabrina Butler stated that they estimate 3 work days with 1 piece of equipment and 1 equipment operator from Public Works. She also stated that there was a typo in the proposal on the mulch and it should be 89 cubic yards, not 10 cubic yards.

The Council further discussed this item.

Council member Hilton amended her motion to approve the expenditure, not exceed \$10,441, to include \$3,000 from the PARC Committee, and with outside volunteer work, not Public Works Labor. Mayor Pro Tem Boyd agreed to the amendment.

The motion passed on unanimous roll call vote.

Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of Ouray County and City of Ouray Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Mayor Pro Tem recused himself from this item since this MOU supports his position with County EMS.

Council member Glanc made a motion to approve the MOU. Council member Maurer seconded the motion and it passed on unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Boyd rejoined the meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Policy guidance for fixed encroachments over parkland (P1) or rights-of-way

The Council agreed that City property should not be sold and that only easements should be granted for access.

Consideration of a private bridge through the Manganese mine site

The Council discussed this item with Public Works Director Erickson and Community Development Coordinator Epstein. Ryan Hein stated concerns regarding the bridge, hot water supply, and access to the river for repairs.

The Council agreed that the applicant should create and present more detailed plans for consideration.

Long-term plan for the Ouray Ice Park and operations

Mayor Larson suggested the formation of a focus group to involve the community and determine long-term goals and a sustainable model for the Ouray Ice Park.

The Council discussed the suggestion and determined that the focus group should be formed, have meetings open to the public, and use a facilitator.

Several citizens spoke in favor of a focus group with public input. Ben Tisdell, Ouray County Commissioner, spoke about the facilitation process used at the County.

Interim Administrator Perry will contact Region 10 about a facilitator for this focus group and we will begin collecting contact information for interested parties for participation in the group. Mayor Larson will contact members of OIPI regarding the focus group.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:46pm, Mayor Pro Tem Boyd made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council member Maurer seconded the motion and it was approved on unanimous vote.



Pamela J. Larson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Melissa M. Drake, City Clerk