

**Ouray City Council Regular Meeting
Summarized Minutes
Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at 6:00pm
Massard Auditorium – Ouray Community Center**

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

Mayor Pam Larson - Present

Mayor Pro Tem Glenn Boyd – Present

Councilor Dawn Glanc – Present via phone

Councilor Dee Hilton – Present

Councilor Bette Maurer – Present

Also present were City Administrator Justin Perry, City Resources Director Rick Noll, Acting Police Chief Gary Ray, Public Works Director Joe Coleman, Community Development Coordinator Chris Hawkins, and Finance and Administration Director Melissa Drake

3. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS RECITED

4. CEREMONIAL/INFORMATIONAL

a. Possible Changes to COP

City Administrator Justin Perry introduced Troy Bernberg, Managing Director of Northland Securities. Mr. Bernberg gave a brief history of his background and the background of the City's Certificate of Participation. He outlined an opportunity to refinance the COP (currently at 4%) to a rate of about half. He also stated that this opportunity could shorten the term by 3 years and we will explore additional shortening of the term.

Mr. Bernberg answered questions from the Council and citizens. Council directed staff to put out an RFP for the financial services that Mr. Bernberg could provide (to follow the City's procurement policy).

b. Communities That Care

Danelle Hughes Norman, Program Manager for Voyager Youth Program, representing Ouray County Communities That Care, spoke about teen brains and the dangers of substance abuse. She spoke about creating healthy habits in youth to carry into adulthood.

c. Via Ferrata

Nate Disser, representing Friends of the Via Ferrata, gave an overview of the history and current status of the Ouray Via Ferrata project. He also noted that they have raised over \$190,000 so far for the project. Mayor Larson asked that restrooms at the location be considered. Mr. Disser stated that the Friends of the Via Ferrata would like to be a part of that solution. Councilor Glanc asked them to consider parking.

d. Waste Management Update

Ellie Reynolds, from Waste Management, spoke to Council about the issues with bear-resistant containers and service on July 10th. She stated that the issues have been resolved and new containers are out in the City. She spoke about the free electronic recycling event to be held on September 14th. Ms. Reynolds and Daniel Allen answered questions from Council and citizens.

5. CITIZENS' COMMUNICATION

Ross and Arleen Crawford, owners of Swiss Village, asked that individual meters be installed at each site and bills be sent to tenants. Administrator Perry will communicate with Mr. and Mrs. Crawford on the topic.

Bruce Gulde asked about the new 4-way stop signs. Administrator Perry stated that this change came from requests from the community 1 ½ years ago.

John Wood stated that he was very involved with the Mt. Sneffels Marathon and Half Marathon and thanked the Public Works crew for their hard long work on the broken water main last weekend. They made sure it did not affect the race.

Greg Nelson stated that the motorcycle parking area was not painted when repainting was done.

6. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS/INFORMATION

- a. Boyd** – CEDC tried to meet but there was not a quorum present. The open seat is being advertised but no applications have been received yet. John Wood stated that as a long-time member, he could state that in the summer months, it is very difficult for members to attend. Boyd also attended the Ice Park Fund Raising Campaign meeting last week.
- b. Glanc** – attended the Aug. 7 IPAT meeting where they looked at capacity at the Ice Park and allocations for guide services Administrator Perry thanked John Wood for providing the meeting location.
- c. Maurer** – attended housing committees and MOUs are upcoming
- d. Hilton** – none
- e. Larson** – CAST is meeting Aug. 22 & 23; Tom Tyler has resigned from the Planning Commission and the PARC so seats are open on both committees; CML Policy Committee has an opening if a council member is interested; the school playground project should be complete this week.

7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

a. City Administrator

City Administrator Justin Perry stated that 9th Avenue will be closed for bridge construction over the flume starting August 26 for about 2 weeks. He sent City Council the 2020 Budget Calendar. The RFP for Marketing and Visitor Center Services is being finalized now and he hopes to get it out next week. The Police Chief application deadline has passed and review is in progress. Testing will be September 25th to include a meet-and-greet that evening.

b. Finance and Administration Director

i. July Financial Reports (Approve)

Council discussed the Tourism Fund and depletion of fund.

Greg Nelson stated that a new contract should have thresholds for payments and triggers for non-payment. He suggested that a City Council representative attend OTO meetings.

Councilor Hilton made a motion to approve the financial reports. Councilor Maurer seconded the motion and it was approved on unanimous roll call vote.

ii. July Disbursements (Accept)

Councilor Maurer made a motion to accept the disbursements. Councilor Hilton seconded the motion and it was approved on unanimous roll call vote.

iii. July Sales Tax Report (Discussion)

Finance and Administration Director Melissa Drake stated that sales tax reports are being refined since the state is now requiring remote sellers to remit sales tax.

iv. July LOT Report (Discussion)

Councilor Maurer asked for YTD figures to be added to reports on pages 52 and 53.

v. July Waste Management Reports

Council discussed.

c. Community Development Coordinator

Community Development Coordinator, Chris Hawkins, gave a brief update on the Community Plan project and asked for citizens to attend the meetings. The State Historic Society has approved a grant for Columbus House.

Mayor Pro Tem Boyd commended the lifeguards at the Ouray Hot Springs Pool, especially after comparing them to lifeguards in other locations.

8. CONSENT AGENDA – B&B Liquor Permit – Black Bear Manor

Mayor Pro Tem Boyd made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilor Maurer seconded the motion and it passed on unanimous roll-call vote.

9. ACTION ITEMS

a. Huckstering Permit - BPOE Lodge #492 – Highgraders Holidays, August 24th & 25th

Mayor Pro Tem Boyd made a motion to approve the permit. Councilor Hilton seconded the motion and it passed on unanimous roll-call vote.

b. 2018 Financial Audit

Pete Blair with Blair and Associates presented the 2018 audit to Council. He gave an overview stating that the City was in a better financial position at the end of 2018 than in 2017.

Councilor Hilton and Mr. Blair commended Melissa Drake for her work as Finance Director during these times of transition.

Mayor Pro Tem Boyd made a motion to approve the audit. Councilor Maurer seconded the motion and it passed on a vote of 4 to 0. Councilor Glanc abstained since she had not seen the audit.

c. Ordinance Amendment - Allowing Fiber on Poles – First Reading

Council discussed many aspects of this amendment with staff, citizens, and Chase from Clearnetwork.

Mayor Pro Tem Boyd made a motion to direct staff to revise the amendment with the City Attorney to require internet providers to bury their lines if the pole owners bury their lines in the future. Councilor Hilton seconded the motion and it was approved on unanimous roll-call vote.

10. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Water Meter Equipment and Installation Contract(s)

Dave Doherty, project lead, presented information and samples of equipment proposed by respondents to the RFP. Council discussed with staff and citizens. Administrator Perry will begin negotiations with the vendors.

b. Preliminary Discussion of 2020 Capital Project/Equipment Budget

Administrator Perry asked Council for their wish lists for capital project/equipment for 2020. Council mentioned electric car charging stations, integrated audio visual system for the Community Center, restrooms at Cascade Falls, and possible COP payments.

c. Future Agenda Items

Councilor Maurer requested a discussion of the OTO Jeep raffle. Mayor Larson noted that the Jeep raffle is not financially supported by the City.

Mayor Larson read a letter of resignation from Councilor Dee Hilton effective August 31, 2019. Mayor Larson read the section of the charter prescribing that an open seat should be appointed by the remaining Council for the remainder of Ms. Hilton's the term, 2 years.

Mayor Pro Tem Boyd suggested looking at the candidates currently running for Council. Council discussed options for filling the position.

Council directed staff to contact people who have taken out nomination petitions and notify all citizens through social media that the position is open. Letters of intent will be due by 8/29. Council will hold a Special meeting at noon on September 3 to conduct interviews of interested persons.

11. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:04pm, Mayor Pro Tem Boyd made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Hilton seconded the motion and it was approved on unanimous vote.

Pamela J. Larson 9-3-19
Pamela J. Larson, Mayor Date

ATTEST:

Melissa M. Drake
Melissa M. Drake, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Melissa M. Drake, do hereby certify that I am the City Clerk of the City of Ouray, Ouray County, State of Colorado, and that the above minutes are a true and correct summary of the meeting of the Ouray City Council held on August 20, 2019. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 28th day of August 2019.

Melissa M. Drake
Melissa M. Drake, City Clerk