

February 4, 2009

5:30 PM

Mayor Baader called the regular meeting of the City Council to order. Present were Council Brown, DiCamillo, Woods, Deputy Clerk Fisher, Administrator McPherson, and Attorney Phillips with Ledford being absent.

Minutes of the January 12, 2009 meeting were approved as written with Woods abstaining.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Administrator McPherson stated he received a letter from the Teller County Fairgrounds requesting a donation. The American Legion has also requested a donation for Lodie's Follies. Also received statistics from 911 Emergency Services with the 2008 numbers. The following are the number of calls each emergency department handled: Cripple Creek Police Dept - 9299, Victor Police Dept. – 2667 Emergency Responders - 1130, Cripple Creek Fire Dept - 207, Victor Fire Dept – 113, Department of Gaming – 218, and 911 – 14561. McPherson stated to Council he requested of his Department Heads to look at their budgets and make cuts in every line item possible. There have been outstanding results for example: Heritage Center savings - \$28,453 this year, Fire Department - \$14,000, Public Works - \$32,715 and Waste Water Treatment - \$300,000. Mayor Baader applauded all their efforts, those funds will be useful to help the community needs. Jan Hamilton, Events Director, presented a Marketing DVD. This DVD will be distributed by request to potential visitors including group tours. Mayor Baader recognized Steve and Karen Zoellner for their work on tidying up Judith Rutherford's buildings.

FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT:

Finance Director Harris stated there are no expenditure or budget transfer requests at this time.

PLANNING & HISTORIC PRESERVATION DIRECTOR REPORT:

Development Director Manning was absent. No report available.

2008 WAGE/SALARY SURVEY IMPLEMENTATION, BILL McPHERSON & PAUL HARRIS

In executive session last meeting a salary increase was requested for the Fire Department. Councilwoman DiCamillo suggested a raise across the board for all employees. Council stated in past budget meetings if the 1st quarter fees were good, wage implementation would be viewed. Paul Harris, Finance Director, commended Heather and Carol for all their efforts with the salary survey. Finance Director Harris recommends implementing option 3B of the salary survey choices. Council recommended the salary increases for all employees except department heads. Their wage increase will be reevaluated after the 2nd quarter. After much discussion Woods motioned to implement option 3B with the exception of any department heads Second by DiCamillo and motion carried.

REQUEST – TO ALLOW PUBLIC WORKS TO HIRE TO FILL A VACANT POSITION, BILL McPHERSON & PAUL HARRIS

After much discussion, Motion by Woods to allow Public Works to hire one (1) employee to fill a vacant position Second by Brown with DiCamillo voting no.

DISCUSSION – ON THE POSSIBILITY OF ADOPTING HOME RULE CHARTER, LEE PHILLIPS

This item will be placed on the February 18th agenda as a work session.

RESOLUTION 2009-03 – AMENDING SECTION 7.08 OF THE PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURE MANUAL FOR THE CITY OF CRIPPLE CREEK, HEATHER HILDEBRAND

Mayor Baader read title only of Resolution 2009-03. There was no public comment. Motion by DiCamillo to approve Resolution 2009-03 Second by Brown and motion carried.

PRESENTATION – OF THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE SOUTHERN TELLER COUNTY EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE LIAISON, INCLUDING UPCOMING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR HOME BASED CHILD CARE PROVIDERS, BECKY PARHIM

Looking to recruit, facilitate and train interested parties to become licensed daycare providers with money received from grants.

PRESENTATION – GED PROGRAM START-UP IN CRIPPLE CREEK, KAREN CASEY-SVETICH

This program will be in the Aspen Mine Building beginning on February 24th. This program will meet Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 5pm to 8pm. Child care will be provided. There are several people already interested in attending these classes. Looking for volunteers for tutoring and/or teaching is needed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Karen Zoellner, 221 Galena wants to know the fate of the Homestead House. Administrator McPherson stated that Lou Goldman is trying to lease the building from Gilbert Sisneros, the new owner. Mr. Goldman is in the process of purchasing the furnishings also. Ms. Zoellner asked why the City was not trying to buy it. Mayor Baader informed her that property is tied in with the Wild Horse Casino property and can't be sold separately. **Milford Ashford**, 338 W. Eaton stated concerning the salary increase, he supports the freeze on the department head increase until the 2nd quarter. **Jan Hamilton**, the website visitcripplecreek.com has been updated. **Lisa Noble**, received grant for consultants for housing. Contact Teller County Housing at 687-7273. We're looking for local representative for the housing advisory board.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM

APPROVED:

ATTESTED:

Dan Baader, Mayor

Stephanie L. Fisher, Deputy Clerk