

March 4, 2009

5:30 PM

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

Minutes of the February 18, 2009 meeting were approved as written.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Administrator McPherson stated in reviewing the accounts payables that the City has been using around twelve different office suppliers. This has changed and we are all now using one supplier. We have also changed the company we use for our alarm system, with a savings of about 50%. The IT Department has been eliminated. This service is now being out sourced at a savings of about \$100,000 per year. On March 17 the EPICS will be having their meeting here in the chambers if you are able to attend please do so. We are working on an Emergency Plan and should have a draft to Council at the next meeting. The eye clinic is still interested in coming to Cripple Creek. They like all businesses have seen a slow down in business. They would like to meet with the Council in a work session in April or May. Events Director Hamilton stated she would like to thank Laura Muir for all of her hard work with the events. The City's commercial from last year summer fest has won three Addy awards a Gold in animation, a silver for the commercial and a silver for the Billboard Campaign.

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 stated he and Kathy Stockton had attended the CPI conference in Denver. There are some casinos in the City that will be looking to do changes to their buildings. The gift shop at the Heritage Center has been completed. The mezzanine at the storage building is also complete. The buyer for the furniture at the Homestead house has decided not to purchase the furniture. Residential grants will be available March 25 and will bring to Council for approval on April 15.

COUNCIL BUSINESS REQUEST FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT IN THE BB&H ZONE TO ALLOW AN APARTMENT UPSTAIRS AT 207 E CARR AVENUE, MONA

HUFFMAN APPLICANT, Larry Manning:

Development Director Manning stated the applicant request approval of a Conditional Use to allow an apartment in the upper level of the existing business, a liquor store. The area appears to have been used as and is configured to utilize as an apartment at this time. The structure and site conditions will remain as existing. The approval will legitimize future use as a residential unit. The Fire and Building Departments have inspected the property. The Planning Commission recommends approval of the request. There was no public comment. Motion by Ledford to approve the Conditional Use Permit in the BB&H Zone to allow an apartment upstairs at 207 E Carr Avenue Second by Woods and motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION BUSINESS REQUEST FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT IN THE C-1 ZONE TO ALLOW STORAGE CONTAINERS AT 260 E WARREN AVENUE AND 309 SOUTH 3RD STREET, PIONEER GROUP APPLICANT:

Development Director Manning stated the applicant request approval of a Conditional Use to allow storage units. The site is 6 lots on Xenia Street and 4 lots on 3rd Street. These are connected by a vacated alley. Currently the site is the remains of an old parking lot and will require grading to provide access and insure drainage is handled. The proposed arrangement is for 9 containers adjacent to Xenia, all facing south and 8 containers on the 3rd Street side 4 facing west and 4 facing east. The only required setback is a 10 feet rear yard. Staff has designated the property line opposite each entrance as the rear and it appears that this is or can be met. Staff recommends approval of the request with the following conditions: 1) The project is considered as 2 phases, one off of Xenia (phase 1) and one off of 3rd (phase 2) phase 1 is to be completed before phase 2 is started. 2) No public storage be allowed, storage is for the operation of the casino business known as Bronco Billy's and Buffalo Billy's. 3) A grading and drainage plan is approved by staff prior to placement of the units. With Council adding 4) The Conditional Use Permit shall expire on April 1, 2014. The applicant may apply for an extension of the permit at or before that time. 5) The units shall be painted a uniform color approved by the planning director. There was no public comment. Motion by Ledford to approve the Conditional Use Permit with the addition of number 4 & 5 Second by Woods and motion carried.

BUSINESS LICENSE SHUFFLE MASTER, INC / SERVICE GAMING DEVICES:

The following Business License was presented to Council for their approval, Shuffle Master, Inc. Clerk Blevins stated all fees have been paid and paperwork is in order. There was no public comment. Motion by Woods to approve business license Second by Brown and motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Karen Zoellner asked the Council if they would be able to purchase the furnishings in the Old Homestead House with Historic Preservation Funds. Zoellner stated she would hate to see Cripple Creek lose a part of its history. Councilman Ledford informed Zoellner he has done research on the furniture in the Homestead House and there is maybe one or two that are historic to the original building. The Council does not feel this would be an appropriate use of the Historic Preservation Funds. **Dennis Peck** stated if the furnishings are not historic how you could use the Historic Preservation funds. **Ed Gross** asked why when you call 911 why your call is answered in Divide. Gross was informed if you call on a cell phone your call will be routed to the nearest tower. The City has no control over this situation. **Events Director Jan Hamilton** stated she would like to thank Bronco Billy's and the Triple Crown Casino's for having the Ice Fest. It was a huge benefit to all. A special thank you to Jennifer Cox and Michael Fouts for all the hard work they did to make the event special. **Councilman Ledford** asked Development Director Manning to send a letter to the Gold Rush Casino regarding the parking lot on Carr Street that has trash everywhere. **Steve Zoellner** stated he would like to see a guardrail placed on the east end of Carr Avenue just above Highway 67. People do not see the dead end sign and travel up the road. One car last week almost went over the edge.

Meeting adjourned at 6:36 PM

APPROVED:

ATTESTED:

Dan Baader, Mayor

Debra Blevins, City Clerk