

March 5, 2008

5:30 PM

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

Minutes of the February 20, 2008 meeting were approved with one correction of Ledford voting no on modifying the distance from the entry that smoking can occur from 5 feet to 5 inches.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Administrator McPherson stated the Heritage Center counts for January were 1283 and February counts were 2392 thanks to the Ice Festival. The counts at the Information Center for January are 374 and February at 706. The Cripple Creek Medical Plaza is now open for business. Dr Wever is all moved in and operating so is Claudia Alonzo. Scott Rae and Dr Sterling will be opening April 1, 2008. We are in negotiations with a pharmacy at this time. Chief Hamilton stated Greg Geiman has completed his training. Mayor Baader presented him with his badge. The Firefighters thanked the City Council for their support and the new ladder truck. The Firefighters then presented the City Council members with shirts from the Fire Department. Administrator McPherson reminded those in attendance if they wish to speak in public comment to please step to the podium and sign the public comment list.

FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT:

Finance Director Harris stated the gaming numbers are in for January. From January '07 to January '08 coin-in was down 9.1%, AGP increased by 7.8%.

PLANNING & HISTORIC PRESERVATION DIRECTOR REPORT:

Historic Preservation/Planning Tech Kathy Stockton stated they had received an RFP request last week and she has sent out 20 applications for the Residential Grant program. These applications are due by March 21, 2008.

PRESENTATION AWARDING FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR AND POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR:

BPOE #316 Exalted Ruler David Klos and Police Chief Hamilton presented Sergeant April Peterson with the award for Police Officer of the year. Exalted Ruler Klos presented Firefighter Paul Swihart with the award for Firefighter of the year.

APPOINTMENT OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBER TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR TIMBERLINE FISHING CLUB:

Motion by DiCamillo to appoint Councilman Brown to serve on the Board of Directors for The Timberline Fishing Club Second by Ledford and motion carried.

PRESENTATION ON THE MINE EXPANSION PLANS:

Jane Mannon Community Affairs Manager for the Cripple Creek Victor Gold Mining Company gave an update on operations to the City Council. Mannon stated there were two separate reclamations done in the past year near Victor. The mine is looking at alternative energy sources by installing solar collector on the process maintenance building and is looking at additional solar opportunities. The summer mine tours will continue this year. These tours are intended to help educate the locals on understanding what the mine is doing. The current permits allow mining until 2012 we plan on extending this for an additional 4 years. The mine life extension will not change the existing permit boundary. The plans are to mine additional areas on northern and western sides of property, and realignment of County Road 82/83 with improvements to intersection of HWY 67 and County Road 821. There were concerns of this expansion from Bill McPherson, Sandra DiCamillo, Nancy McDonald, Ray Kaskie, and Carl Poch.

REQUEST AN APPEAL OF DECISION MADE BY THE MT PISGAH CEMETERY BOARD REGARDING RESIDENCY STATUS FOR OBTAINING 2 CEMETERY PLOTS:

Willis & Janet Bates stated they have been residence of Cripple Creek Mountain Estates for 10 years and feel they should be considered as residence of Cripple Creek and not have to pay for 2 plots at the Mt Pisgah Cemetery. There was much discussion on this matter. Motion by Ledford instructing Attorney Phillips to draft an agreement for setting up payments for Cemetery Plots Second by Brown and motion carried.

COUNCIL BUSINESS RECOMMENDATION FROM PLANNING COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL FOR RADER SUBDIVISION AT HWY 67, XENIA STREET AND SHELF ROAD:

Historic Preservation/Planning Tech Kathy Stockton stated this item was presented to the Planning Commission at the Council meeting on February 20th. There was no public comment. Motion by Ledford to approve Rader Subdivision at HWY 67, Xenia Street and Shelf Road Second by Brown and motion carried.

1ST READING OF ORDINANCE #2008-03 DETERMINING THE SPECIFIED RADIUS FOR THE ENTRYWAY TO PUBLIC PLACES WITHIN SMOKING WILL NOT BE ALLOWED:

Mayor Baader read title only of Ordinance #2008-03. Councilman Ledford stated he did not feel this was the intent of the State of Colorado when the law was passed. Motion by DiCamillo to approve 1st reading of Ordinance #2008-03 Second by Brown and motion carried with Ledford voting no.

1ST READING ORDINANCE #2008-04 ALLOWING ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVALS OF SPECIAL EVENTS LIQUOR PERMIT APPLICATIONS FOR THE CITY OF CRIPPLE CREEK:

Mayor Baader read title only of Ordinance #2008-04. There was no public comment. Motion by Brown to approve 1st reading of Ordinance #2008-04 Second by DiCamillo and motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Nancy McDonald stated she has a skunk living under her house and after speaking with several others in the City has discovered she is not alone. Mayor Baader asked McDonald to gather a list of names and addresses for him and the City will look into the matter. **Steve Zoellener** stated he has lived in Cripple Creek for 2 ½ years and has also had a problem with skunks and animal control has been no help. **Sandra DiCamillo** announced Lodis' Follies is this Friday night at the Elks Club. There will be a benefit run for Ryan Bowman on March 15 and also a silent action will be held on March 29 at the Elks Club.

At 6:39 PM, motion by DiCamillo to hold an executive session, to hold a conference with the City's attorney to receive legal advice on specific legal questions, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-204(4)(b), To consider personnel matters, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(f).

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 PM

APPROVED:

ATTESTED:

Dan Baader, Mayor

Debra Blevins, City Clerk