

May 21, 2008

5:30 PM

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

Minutes of the April 16, 2008 meeting were approved as written.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:**

Administrator McPherson stated item # 12 has been removed from the agenda. Ray White the new Director at the Heritage Center was introduced to the Council. White will be in charge of The Heritage Center, Jail Museum and Fire Station #3. White will be recruiting volunteer forces to man these facilities. The Chamber of Commerce would like to place planters along Bennett Avenue. The planters will be portable so they may be moved if needed for special events.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT:**

Finance Director Harris stated the April gaming numbers are in and year to date the AGP numbers are down 12.8%. Coin in is down 12.9%.

**PLANNING & HISTORIC PRESERVATION DIRECTOR REPORT:**

Development Director Manning stated the Wildwood has been issued their CO. The morgue is almost complete. We are working with Ray to complete projects at the Heritage Center. We are finishing clean up at the Police Department and at the public restrooms. Richard is placing flags on Bennett Avenue. The Building Department has plans for the school expansion if anyone would like to see them. Comments on the mine expansion need to be presented to the County Commissioners by June 6<sup>th</sup>. The Jail foundation will be sandblasted tomorrow. The second round requests for residential grants are due tomorrow. Because of misuse of Historic Preservation funds in Black Hawk, Manning and City Administrator McPherson will be meeting with the Ethics Watch Group on Wednesday.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

Department Head reports were placed in Council packets for their review.

**CITY'S VETERANS MEMORIAL PLAN, Bill McPherson:**

Administrator McPherson presented the Council with the Conceptual Plan for the City of Cripple Creek's Memorial Park. McPherson stated the City of Cripple Creek would like to pursue the possibility of being named as the State of Colorado's official memorial for fallen residents of Colorado. In 2008 the plan calls for relocating the 155 Howitzer, placing the Huey helicopter on display, erecting a stone monument for those killed in Vietnam from Colorado under the helicopter, running electricity to the Pikes Peak Fallen Memorial and other displays. Proposed plans for 2009, 2010 and 2011, were also presented to the Council. McPherson was directed by the Council to proceed with the plans presented to the Council.

**1<sup>ST</sup> AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE #2008-05 – AMENDING CITY OF CRIPPLE CREEK MUNICIPAL CODE BY ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS THAT ALLOW BUSINESS OWNERS TO UTILIZE CITY PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY TO EXTEND SALES OF GOODS ONTO THE RIGHTS OF WAY UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, Larry Manning:**

This item was pulled from the Agenda.

**1<sup>ST</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE #2008-06 – VACATING THE A PORTION OF ELIZABETH STREET AND AN ADJACENT ALLEY NORTH OF EATON AN\VENUE AND SOUTH OF GOLDEN AVENUE WITHIN THE CITY OF CRIPPLE CREEK, Larry**

**Manning:**

Mayor Pro – Tem DiCamillo read title only of Ordinance #2008-06. There was much discussion regarding Ordinance #2008-06. Motion by Woods to approve 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance #2008-06 with the following amendment to number 4 “and construction of not less than 10 units be completed within 5 years. Should this condition not be met, the street vacation approved by this ordinance shall be withdrawn and title to the vacated portion shall revert back to the City of Cripple Creek” Second by Brown and motion carried.

**REQUEST APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH THOMAS AND THOMAS, A PROFESSIONAL PLANNING FIRM, FOR SERVICES REGARDING A CITY MASTER PLAN AND A DOWNTOWN PLAN, Larry Manning:**

Development Director Manning stated staff and Councilman Ledford met with the three firms that submitted proposals for services to develop a City Master Plan and a Downtown Master Plan. Staff recommends that Council approve the Mayor’s signing of a contract for these services with Thomas and Thomas. If approved staff will draft a contract for the City Attorney’s approval and the signature. Carl Poch stated he felt the money could be better spent on repairing curbs, sidewalk, and potholes. Motion by Brown to approve the request for contract with Thomas and Thomas Second by Woods and motion carried.

**DISCUSSION OF 2 HOUR PARKING ON BENNETT AVENUE, Eric Rose, Colorado Grande:**

Eric Rose, General Manager, of the Colorado Grande, requested the 2 hour parking signs on Bennett Avenue in front of the “cat house/John Wayne house” be removed as well as the 2 hour limit signs in front of the administration offices at 321 Bennett Avenue. There was much discussion on this matter. Mr. Rose was told the signs will not be removed.

**RESOLUTION #2008-05 – ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 12 TO THE PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL FOR THE CITY OF CRIPPLE CREEK, Carol Stotts:**

Human Resources Manager stated this is a new addition to the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual dealing with driving guidelines. There was no public comment. Motion by Woods to approve Resolution #2008-05 Second by Brown.

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING COMPLETION OF FEASIBILITY STUDY, Lee Phillips:**

This memorandum of understanding is between the City of Cripple Creek and Century Casinos, for the purpose of reviewing the mutual benefit possibilities of exchanging properties owned by the respective parties. The parties intend to work in good faith to complete this feasibility study within 60 days of signing. There was no public comment. Motion by Woods to approve the memorandum of understanding Second by Brown and motion carried.

**1<sup>ST</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE #2008-07 – ADDING A NEW SECTION 10-9-50 TO THE CRIPPLE CREEK MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE OPEN CARRYING OF FIREARMS IN PUBLIC PLACES, Lee Phillips:**

Mayor Pro-Tem DiCamillo read title only of Ordinance #2008-07. Attorney Phillips stated the intention of Ordinance #2008-07 is to prohibit the open carrying of firearms in any public place. There was no public comment. Motion by Brown to approve 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance #2008-07 Second by Woods and motion carried.

**REQUEST FOR DONATION FOR PRE-CONFERENCE TRAINING FOR RURAL PHILANTHROPY DAYS, Suzanne Core:**

The Heart of Colorado Rural Philanthropy Days is a three day event scheduled for September 24-26, 2008, in Cripple Creek. The funding committee requests a one-time contribution in the amount of \$500 to assist with the various costs of hosting this event, including pre-conference and post-conference training sessions, in our region. There was no public comment. Motion by Woods to approve the \$500 donation Second by Brown and motion carried.

**PLANNING COMMISSION BUSINESS – REQUEST FOR SUBDIVISION AT 140-142 BISON STREET, Kirk Howry applicant:**

Development Director Manning stated applicant requests approval of a Minor Subdivision Plat for Lots 3 and 4, Block 28, Hayden Placer, to create two lots. This plat returns the site to the original platted configuration and the development complies with the Zoning Ordinance per recent change. Staff recommends approval of the subdivision request. There was no public comment. Motion by Woods to approve request for Subdivision at 140-142 Bison Street Second by Brown and motion carried.

**BUSINESS LICENSE:**

The following Business License was submitted to the City Council for their approval. A-1 Rooter Service, Bruce Galloway. Clerk Blevins stated all paperwork and fees have been paid. There was no public comment. Motion by Woods to approve business license request Second by Brown and motion carried.

**REQUEST LEASE/PURCHASE FOR A TENT, Jan Hamilton:**

This item was removed from the agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Tony King, Kenneth Rankin, Rhonda Hrack** and **Kathy Larsen** all spoke to the Council in support of the mine expansion. **Sheryl Decker**, Administrator for Teller County, stated the Board of County Commissioners had asked that she explain the Commissioners are not allowed to receive input regarding the expansion of the mine. The County Commissioners play a quasi-role. That is what this land use issue is, a quasi-judicial matter. **Tom Jones** of Turkey Creek Ranch would like to meet with the Council regarding possibly doing trail rides and tours in Cripple Creek. **Carl Poch** asked the Council to please save our hillside. **Sandra DiCamillo** stated Shawn Dubbs received 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the 2 mile race track meet.

At 7:46 Motion by Brown to hold an Executive Session to consider personnel matters, pursuant to C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(f) Second by Woods and motion carried. Regular session reconvened at 8:13 with no other business being conducted.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 PM

APPROVED:

ATTESTED:

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Sandra DiCamillo, Mayor Pro-Tem

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Debra Blevins, City Clerk