

June 3, 2009

5:30 PM

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

Minutes of the May 20, 2009 meeting were approved as written.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:**

Administrator McPherson stated the curb painting is underway. Because of some of the construction projects on Bennett Avenue some areas will be skipped at this time and painted at a later date. All of the two hour parking signs are coming down because of the 24 hour gaming coming to the City. The new parking signs will be placed on the light poles. There will be no parking on Bennett Avenue from 5 am – 8 am for street cleaning. McPherson attended the Casino Security Meeting along with Gaming and Liquor Officials. The Police Department videoed the alleys at night to show the Casino's how dark and dangerous they could be to employees and customers. The City Council Meeting for June 17, 2009 has been canceled due to the CML Conference being held that week.

**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 they are busy with lots of projects at this time. There has been an ad placed for a seasonal person for the Cemetery. There was discussion if Council considers the Master Plan to be complete. After much discussion it was decided that Manning and Ledford would try to meet with Thomas and Thomas for more discussion.

**DISCUSSION – OF 2008 DEPARTMENT HEAD SALARY SURVEY, Paul Harris & Carol Stotts:**

Harris thanked Human Resource Director Carol Stotts and her Assistant Heather Hildebrand for all their hard work on the Salary Survey. Harris stated when Council implemented the 2008 Salary Survey in February it did not include department managers. Harris was directed at that time to follow up with available funds from the second quarter device count. Both the first and second quarter device counts have come in higher than budgeted. As a result, there is approximately \$58K in additional device fee revenue. The cost to implement the remaining portion of the department manager section of the 2008 Salary Survey is \$41K in the General Fund, \$10,296 for the Enterprise Fund and \$1,868 for the Historic Preservation Fund. There was no public comment. Motion by Woods to approve the 2008 Department Head Salary Survey, motion died due to lack of a Second. Motion by Ledford to approve the 2008 Salary Survey with a cap of \$5,000 for any one employee effective June 1, 2009 Second by DiCamillo and motion carried.

**PLANNING COMMISSION BUSINESS – CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND VARIANCE REQUEST AT 206 MAIN STREET (L 8&9, B 50, HAYDEN PLACER ADD), Kerri Eivins:**

Development Director Manning stated the applicant request approval of a Conditional Use to allow a 1 unit Bed & Breakfast in a single-family house. No off street parking is required and minimal changes to the structure are planned. Staff recommends approval of the request with the following conditions: 1) The structure be inspected by the Building Department to insure it is in compliance with the needs for the new occupancy. 2) No guest parking shall occur in the rear off of the alley. There was no public comment. Motion by Woods to approve the Conditional Use Permit Second by Ledford and motion carried. Manning stated applicant request approval to allow a 6 feet front yard setback where a 25 feet setback is required. The variance will allow a small entryway to be constructed on the side of the structure. Staff recommends approval of the request. There was no public comment. Motion by Ledford to approve the Variance Second by Brown and motion carried.

**DISCUSSION – OF POLICE DEPARTMENT IGA WITH THE CITY OF VICTOR, Bill McPherson:**

McPherson stated in August of 2003 the City of Cripple Creek entered into an IGA with the City of Victor stating the City of Cripple Creek Police Department will assist the City of Victor when needed. With the 24 hour gaming coming to Cripple Creek and us being down 6 officers at this time this is a concern that the City of Cripple Creek may be left unprotected if responding to Victor. Victor has only one officer. In 2008 the City responded 8 times to assist Victor, so far this year we have already responded 8 times. McPherson was directed to send a letter to Victor stating due to the increase of the gaming hours in July we may not be available to respond when needed, and maybe Victor needs to hire another officer.

**PRESENTATION – UPDATE OF BLACK HILLS ENERGY ACTIVITY IN THE AREA, Kenny Romero:**

External Affairs Manager Kenny Romero of Black Hills Energy gave the Council an update of the activities in the area. The transmission line near the Cripple Creek/Victor Mine should be complete in July and the substation should be complete in August. Black Hills is involved in community sponsorships also donating \$10k to the Community of Caring; they are a sponsor of the Armed Forces Event, wrestling, and the Gold Camp Christmas.

**AGREEMENT - EASEMENT THROUGH FAIRGROUNDS FOR WATER MAIN TO THE MEDICAL PLAZA, Chip Huffman:**

Public Works Director stated the easement is needed to complete the water main to the Medical Plaza. Attorney Phillips stated he has read and approves to form the easement document. There was no public comment. Motion by Ledford to approve the Easement Agreement Second by Woods and motion carried.

**REQUEST – DIVERT CAPITAL PROJECT ON HWY 67, FROM GOLDEN STREET TO BENNETT AVENUE TO TELLER 1 FROM THE POST OFFICE TO THE MARKET, Chip Huffman:**

Public Works Director Huffman stated with the summer season beginning it would not be a good idea to have construction on HWY 67. Huffman asked if the project funds of \$120,000 be used to pave Teller 1 from the Post Office to the Market. Part of the paving will be done by Blue Ridge due to the water main being placed to the Medical Plaza. Attorney Phillips stated this project will need to be placed for bid. There was no public comment. Motion by Ledford that the project be placed out to bid and the proper documents be returned on the agenda for Council approval at a later date Second by Woods and motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Steve Zoellner** thanked the Council for the donation to the Homestead House. Zoellner asked if there will be fireworks on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and was told yes. Zoellner stated a lot of the time when the Council is discussing items on the agenda the audience has no idea what is being discussed. Perhaps we could have something visual to put on the board so the audience could follow along. **Amy Willard** stated she is trying to start a community garden in the lots behind her house on Whiting Avenue. Saturday we could use help in cleaning the area if anyone is available. **Gary Ledford** asked to be placed on the next work session to discuss the Master Plan.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM

APPROVED:

ATTESTED:

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Dan Baader, Mayor

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Debra Blevins, City Clerk