

July 6, 2011

5:34 PM

Mayor Brown called the regular meeting of the City Council to order. Present were Council Ashworth, Wahrer, Zoellner, Clerk Blevins, Administrator White, Attorney Phillips.

Minutes of the June 15, & June 18, 2011 meeting were approved as written.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Administrator White welcomed KRDO TV. to the Council meeting. At this time Mayor Brown and Administrator White presented Fire Chief Randal Baldwin with a plaque from FEMA for completing the National Fire Executive Officer Course. White stated there had been an incident at the Police Department where a dispatcher had been accidentally tazed by an officer. There has been disciplinary action and retraining for the officer. The dispatcher has been terminated for failure to complete his probationary period. The City of Cripple Creek does not have any regulations on employees contacting the media. Donkey Derby Days and the Fourth of July were very successful. Maria Cunningham, Pat Martin and Bill Martin did a fantastic job with both of these events. Over the week-end the upper dam at the city lakes started eroding and leaking. The lake dropped about one foot before the leak was stopped. This was a natural event and since has been repaired and is stable. Thank you to Shorty Bielz, Chip Huffman and their crew for the quick response. Today Governor Hickenlooper replaced the entire five-member Colorado Gaming Commission. We are not sure what will happen with the 5% tax cut to the casinos. Gilpin County is still an issue. The City has an IGA with C-DOT for the maintenance of HWY 67 through the City for a total of \$17,500 per year. We have received notice beginning July 15th this will increase to \$35,000. Mayor Brown thanked the Events, Fire and Police Departments for the hard work they did in putting on the past events.

FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT:

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

PLANNING & HISTORIC PRESERVATION REPORT:

Development Director Manning stated his department is busy with the summer projects. Manning reminded all the new Zoning Code is available just contact his office. Big Jim's was given their Temporary CO today. We have been deeded the lots on Teller One and will start the annexation process soon.

APPOINTMENT TO FILL WARD 5 COUNCIL SEAT VACANCY:

Mayor Brown asked the Council to fill out their ballot for the vacant council seat and give the ballots to Clerk Blevins. Clerk Blevins announced Chris Hazlett received the majority of votes. There was no public comment. Motion by Ashworth to appoint Chris Hazlett to fill the vacant Ward 5 Council Seat Second by Wahrer and motion carried. Clerk Blevins administered the Oath of Office and Hazlett was seated at the Council Table.

APPOINTMENT OF CRIPPLE CREEK CHIEF OF POLICE:

Mayor Brown performed the swearing and badge pinning ceremony for the new Chief of Police April Peterson.

APPROVAL OF SALES TAX INCENTIVE AGREEMENT WITH EXCELL CRIPPLE CREEK dba FAMILY DOLLAR STORES:

Attorney Phillips explained this agreement is between the City of Cripple Creek and Excell Cripple Creek, LLC. The city will share the sales tax with the developer for a term of 5 years or a max of \$80,000 whichever comes first. Councilman Zoellner stated he believes the wording should be changed from "the Redeveloper is the owner of certain real property" to read "the Redeveloper is the prospective owner of certain real property". There was no public comment. Motion by Zoellner to approve the Sales Tax Incentive Agreement Second by Ashworth and motion carried with Wahrer and Hazlett abstaining.

RECOMMENDATION FROM THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING FROM THE 2011 COMMERCIAL GRANT PROGRAM AT 172 E. BENNETT AVENUE; Larry Manning;

Development Director Manning stated this is simply a revision of the request that was brought to the Council before. The request is for \$15,065.00 for the south façade cleaning, removing tar, infill openings and tuck point, rebuilding stone window sills on the entire structure, and contingency fund for unexpected overages as needed. There was no public comment. Motion by Zoellner to approve the additional request Second by Wahrer and motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Judith McPherson of the Chamber of Commerce stated the new 2011-2012 Business Directory is now available they will be placed in various places in and around the community to help promote Cripple Creek.

Meeting adjourned at 5:57 PM

APPROVED:

ATTESTED:

Bruce Brown, Mayor

Debra Blevins, City Clerk