

July 20, 2011

5:30 PM

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

Minutes of the July 6, 2011 meeting were approved as written.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Administrator White stated that everyone is welcome to attend the 110th anniversary of the Teller County Jail at the Jail Museum this weekend, July 23 & 24th, from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm. Mayor Brown will be giving a speech during the celebration.

FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT:

Finance Director Harris gave an update on the fund balances for June. He stated that the expenses were \$313,000 more than the revenue. The balances totaled \$8.5 million. He stated this is not unusual for this time of year since device fees from casinos were not due until July 11. He stated in August the gaming tax will be coming in, so that will increase the balances.

PLANNING & HISTORIC PRESERVATION REPORT:

Development Director Manning stated his department is still working on the Star building elevator but it should be completed tomorrow. He stated that Big Jim's casino is operating under a temporary certificate of occupancy. He also mentioned there is landscaping being done at the Jail Museum.

1ST AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE #2011-06 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 13-1-30 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF CRIPPLE CREEK, Paul Harris

Finance Director Harris stated this is a tool for public works so they can get water meters installed more efficiently. He stated that the water meters must be installed by July 2012 according to federal law. Attorney Phillips stated this would take effect immediately and it allows public works to discontinue water service to a property if the owner is not in compliance. There was no public comment. Motion by Ashworth to approve 1st and final reading of Ordinance #2011-06 Second by Hazlett and motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE EXPENDITURE OF \$100,000.00 FOR WATER METERS AND THEIR INSTALLATION, Paul Harris

Finance Director Harris stated this expenditure is for commercial water meters. He stated that \$80,000 would go toward the purchase of 62 meters and the bulk of the remainder would go toward parts and maintenance. He also stated that there is \$341,000 in the Bennett Avenue Improvements budget, so there is adequate funding to cover this request. There was no public comment. Motion by Wahrer to approve expenditure of \$100,000 Second by Hazlett and motion carried.

1ST READING OF ORDINANCE #2011-07 A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE 5 OF THE CRIPPLE CREEK MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO LIQUOR LICENSING, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 6-5-100 THERETO GOVERNING SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS, Jessica Memmer

Deputy Clerk Memmer stated this would allow Special Event Permits to be approved at the local level, rather than having to go through the State. She stated it would decrease the amount of time required for approval and speed up the entire process for obtaining a Special Event Permit. She also stated the State would still be notified of the Special Event Permits issued. There was no public comment. Motion by Ashworth to approve 1st reading of Ordinance #2011-07 Second by Wahrer and motion carried.

1ST READING OF ORDINANCE #2011-08 A BILL APPROVING AND ACCOMPLISHING THE ANNEXATION OF CONTIGUOUS UNINCORPORATED TERRITORY IN THE COUNTY OF TELLER, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN ATTACHED EXHIBIT A (TELLER ROAD 1 PARCEL #1), Larry Manning

Development Director Manning stated that this is a small piece of land across from the Venture Foods grocery store. Attorney Phillips stated that the annexation map will be added on the 2nd reading of this ordinance. There was no public comment. Motion by Wahrer to approve 1st reading of Ordinance #2011-08 Second by Hazlett and motion carried.

1ST READING OF ORDINANCE #2011-09 A BILL APPROVING AND ACCOMPLISHING THE ANNEXATION OF CONTIGUOUS UNINCORPORATED TERRITORY IN THE COUNTY OF TELLER, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN ATTACHED EXHIBIT A (TELLER ROAD 1 PARCEL #2), Larry Manning

Development Director Manning stated that this is also a small piece of land across from the Venture Foods grocery store and he is requesting approval of this ordinance. There was no public comment. Motion by Hazlett to approve 1st reading of Ordinance #2011-09 Second by Ashworth and motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION FROM THE MT. PISGAH CEMETERY BOARD FOR CHANGES TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR MT. PISGAH CEMETERY, Kathy Stockton

Historic Preservation Manager Stockton stated that the board would like to change the wording from a "plot" to a "certificate of interment." Stockton stated this is required by the State and means that rather than obtaining a certificate of ownership, the person will obtain a certificate of interment right. Stockton stated that the board struggled with what constitutes a resident of Cripple Creek since residents receive a free certificate of interment. Stockton stated that the board determined that there were several things that make someone a

resident: 1) The primary residence is in Cripple Creek city limits, 2) All utility bills are paid and the Cripple Creek address is used on income taxes, 3) If an immediate family member is already buried in Mt. Pisgah Cemetery. There was public comment from Ray Drake and Don Miles. Drake asked if, for example, someone had lived in Cripple Creek for many years and moved away for health reasons would they still qualify as a resident. Stockton answered yes. Miles stated that he and his wife had appealed the old rules for residency a year ago and that the board did not make any changes at the time. He stated he feels there are other ways to determine if someone is a resident, such as letters of reference from the community. He also stated he would like to work with the cemetery board on the new requirements. Motion by Mayor Brown to table this item until the August 3, 2011 council meeting Second by Wahrer and motion carried.

2011-2012 BENEFIT RENEWALS, Heather Hildebrand

Human Resources Assistant Hildebrand introduced George Martin, our insurance broker with Hub International. Hildebrand stated that the trend has been an increase between 11-13% in insurance premiums. Between HR Director Stotts, Assistant Hildebrand, and Mr. Martin, they were able to get the increase down to only 4%. Administrator White wanted to commend the HR Department for all of their hard work in keeping the City's increase at a minimum.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Charlie Luck, 310 Irene, wanted to thank the Fire Department for covering the 4th of July fireworks display. Luck stated his wife called to express concerns prior to the display and the fire department responded professionally and courteously. Luck asked the Council to reconsider the location of the fireworks in the future. He suggested several possible locations such as the Heritage Center or Public Works. He stated that each year he and his wife have had to take many precautions at their property prior to the fireworks. Luck asked Attorney Phillips what the City's liability would be if his house caught on fire from the fireworks. Phillips stated the City has immunity against liability and suit.

Meeting adjourned at 6:03

APPROVED:

ATTESTED:

Bruce Brown, Mayor

Jessica Memmer, Deputy City Clerk