

July 21, 2010

5:30 PM

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

Minutes of the July 07, 2010 meeting were approved as written.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Administrator White informed council he and Finance Director Harris have been meeting with the Department Heads this past week to discuss the 2011 budget. There have been no requests so far for major expenses. The City has hired a billing company to help with the accounts receivable at the Medical Plaza, this should assist with some of the collection issues. Councilman Wahrer should be returning home this evening.

FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT:

Harris stated there are no expenditure or transfer requests at this time

PLANNING & HISTORIC PRESERVATION DIRECTOR REPORT:

Development Director Manning stated Thomas & Thomas will be available for public input on the Form Based Codes at the Carr Manor on August 11 – 12 from 8am to 5pm. On the 11th at 6pm there will be a public meeting at the Car Manor and on the 12th at 6pm there will be an open meeting to discuss the results of the two days meetings at the Parks & Recreation Center. The foundation has been completed for the Heritage Center Addition the framing should be started tomorrow. We are placing a fence around the “island” at the District Museum to help keep the Donkeys out. The streetlights on 3rd & 4th street should be installed sometime soon.

WAIVER REQUEST – COMPLETION BOND FOR ASPEN HEIGHTS PROJECT, Thomas Galvin:

Mr. Galvin stated to the Council since he was able to sell his property at 350 W Carr Avenue he personally has the funding needed to complete this project and is therefore requesting a waiver of the completion bond. There was no public comment. Motion by Ledford to waive the completion bond with the condition the project budget along with the source of the funding is provided to Finance Director Harris Second by Ashworth and motion carried.

1ST READING OF ORDINANCE # 2010-10 AMENDING SECTION 16-2-50(9) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD LIGHT MANUFACTURING AS A CONDITIONAL USE IN THE BB-H ZONE, Larry Manning:

Mayor Brown read title only of Ordinance #2010-10. There was no public comment. Motion by Ashworth to approve 1st reading of Ordinance #2010-10 Second by Ledford and motion carried.

DISCUSSION – OF RESCINDING THE SIGN ORDINANCE MORATORIUM, Larry Manning:

Manning stated he was asking for direction on the Banner Moratorium that was put in place in 2009. The consensus of the Council was that the moratorium is not working, and that banners have gotten out of hand. Kevin Werner of the Wildwood Casino stated he understood the Council's concerns but please consider revising the sign ordinance. Motion by Ledford to rescind the banner moratorium as of August 15th Second by Ashworth and motion carried.

REQUEST – APPROVAL OF A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT TO ALLOW CAMPING AT THE GOLD KING MOUNTAIN INN, WILDWOOD CASINO, APPLICANT, Larry Manning:

Manning stated since placing the request on the agenda it has been determined this item does not need Council approval. There will be no camping at the site it will all be RV camping.

REQUEST – DESIGNATED PARKING FOR THE ASPEN MINE CENTER ON BENNETT AVENUE AND THE ALLEY BEHIND THE BUILDING, Mary Bielz:

Mrs. Bielz was directed to meet with Development Director Manning to see if this issue could be resolved.

RESOLUTION 2010-07 AND RESOLUTION 2010-08 – A RESOLUTION CALLING A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION FOR NOVEMBER 2, 2010, SETTING THE BALLOT QUESTION THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE SAME TO BE HELD AS A MAIL BALLOT ELECTION,

Lee Phillips:

Attorney Phillips stated the difference between the two Resolutions is 2010-07 states a lodging tax would be placed on rooms “WHETHER PROVIDED FOR CONSIDERATION OR ON A COMPLIMENTARY BASIS” and 2010-08 states “FOR CONSIDERATION”. Kevin Werner of the Wildwood Casino stated he is against the tax on the comp rooms. Motion by Ashworth to instruct the City Clerk to notify the County Clerk the city would like to participate in the November 2, 2010 Election Second by Ledford and motion carried. Direction was given to Attorney Phillips to prepare wording for the ballot with fees for comp and paid rooms, with an amount of \$2.00 per night, and to have a coordinated election. Motion by Ledford to table Resolution #2010-07 Second by Ashworth and motion carried. Motion by Ledford to postpone Resolution #2010-08 indefinitely Second by Ashworth and motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Lee Godin 427 W Golden thanked Larry Manning, Terry Temple and Chip Huffman for meeting with him to explain the changes to Golden Street. **Pat & Lou Goldman** thanked the Council for allowing them to be part of the Bennett Avenue facelift plans. **Mayor Brown** stated Blue Ridge has completed the HWY 67 project and will now be starting the curb, gutter and sidewalk project on Bennett Avenue. **Edith Smith** asked if the Council would consider placing directional signs on Bennett Avenue. Ms. Smith was informed she should try be at Carr Manor on the 11th & 12th.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM

APPROVED:

Bruce Brown, Mayor

ATTESTED:

Debra Blevins, City Clerk