

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

Minutes of the September 1, 2010 meeting were approved as written.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Administrator White stated there had been a fire on Friday the 10th at 211 W. Carr. This fire took the life of two, Joshua Carroll and Erica Nicole "Nikki" Girard. Keith Girard the father of Nikki was also hurt trying to rescue the two. There will be a benefit on Friday September 17, at 6:30 at Bennett Station. There will be a second benefit on September 24, at 6:30 at the Lucky Buck in Victor. In August of 2011 the Quiznos International Bicycle event will be coming to Colorado would Council like to send a letter of interest to have the City of Cripple Creek be a participant of this event. Staff was instructed to send the letter of interest.

FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT:

Harris gave the Council an update of the fund balances for the City. Version 1 of the 2011 budget is available in the City Clerk's office or you may visit the city website and find the budget document on the finance page. Harris also stated the 8th annual BMX race will be held this Saturday the 18th ^{Once} again the city will have 5 bicycles to be raffled.

PLANNING & HISTORIC PRESERVATION DIRECTOR REPORT:

Development Director Manning stated renovations for Imperial Hotel have started. We will be testing street lights to see if they will be better for residential areas. Mt Pisgah Speaks will be held this Saturday the 18th by the Victoria Society. The residential paint program is under way, 4 residences have been completed and 6 more should be complete by October 31.

APPROVAL – OF AMENDMENTS TO A DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR A PARKING LOT AT 172 E. BENNETT AVENUE AND 117 SOUTH SECOND, WMCK VENTURE CORPORATION:

This item was tabled until the October 6th meeting.

APPROVAL – OF A CERTIFICATE OF ECONOMIC HARDSHIP TO ALLOW DEMOLITION AT 326 EAST BENNETT AVENUE, Judith Rutherford applicant:

After much discussion, Reed Grainger representing the applicant removed the request.

RECOMMENDATION – FROM THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION FOR FUNDING OF THE HISTORIC BEAR CAVES FROM PINNACLE PARK, Kathy Stockton:

Historic Preservation Manager Stockton gave a brief background of Pinnacle Park. The Cripple Creek Victor Mine is willing to allow the City to remove the bear caves from their property. There have been two bids received on from Freshwater Construction for a total of \$37,000.00 the other from Mackey Masonry for a total of \$59,533.00. There was comment from Rick Cluxton and Maurice Woods in favor of saving the bear caves. Motion by Ledford for Freshwater Construction to remove and document the bear caves for a total of \$7,000.00 and have them stored at the Heritage Center for the time being Second by Wahrer and motion carried.

REQUEST – FOR A VARIANCE IN THE B & H ZONE AT 123 N. 3RD STREET TO ALLOW CONTINUED USE OF AN EXISTING PROJECTING SIGN TO INCLUDE INTERNAL LIGHTING, IMPERIAL HOLDINGS GROUP, LLC, APPLICANT:

At this time Councilman Ledford removed himself from the Council table. Development Director Manning stated the applicant is requesting approval of a variance to the sign ordinance to allow an existing sign to remain. The ordinance allows 30 days after a business is closed for reuse of a sign. In this case the sign was in existence when the ordinance was enacted and was considered "existing, non-conforming", which meant it could remain until the expiration of the 30 days for reuse but then loses its status. Staff recommends approval of the request with the condition that no other sign be placed on the hotel building except for awning signs and temporary banners. There was no public comment. Motion by Zoellner to approve the variance Second by Ashworth and motion carried. Ledford returned to the Council table at this time.

REQUEST – FOR APPROVAL OF A DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR A RV PARK IN THE C-1 ZONE AT 337 E. WARREN AVENUE, MAURICE WOODS, APPLICANT:

After much discussion Motion by Wahrer to table this item until the October 6th meeting Second by Zoellner and motion carried.

CERTIFICATION – OF PAST DUE WATER AND SEWER ACCOUNTS, DEBRA BLEVINS:

Clerk Blevins informed Council they have a list of past due water accounts in their packets. There was no public comment. Motion by Ashworth to approve request for approval to process certifications with Teller County Second by Ledford and motion carried.

SELECTION – OF FIRM TO COMPLETE THE 2010 AUDIT, PAUL HARRIS:

Finance Director Harris stated Eide Bailly who completed the 2009 audit has submitted a price for 2010 which is significantly higher than 2009. Also this year the City will be implementing the two new Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements 51 and 54. GASB 51 deals with the accounting and reporting of intangible assets. GASB 54 deals with fund balance reporting and governmental fund type definitions and will require significant changes to our twenty-six basic financial statements. The City has received two bids for the 2010 Audit one from Bondi & Company for \$29,000.00 and one from Eide Bailly for

\$34,000.00. The Finance staff and City Administrator recommend selection of Bondi & Company to complete the 2010 audit. There was no public comment. Motion by Ledford to approve staff recommendation Second by Zoellner and motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Robert Bushman, 127 Galena, stated he was before Council tonight because he had heard there were concerns about him parking his semi-truck in front of his home. Bushman was told by the Council there is an ordinance in place that states this is not an allowed use in the R1, R2, R3, or R4 Zones of the City. Bushman stated he could park the truck at Randy Mac Gregors residence but in the winter time it would be difficult to climb the hill to get to his home. It was suggested that Bushman contact the Triple Crown Casino to see if they would allow him to park in the bus parking lot. **Ed Grosh** 314 W Golden asked why B Street was not fully paved. Council informed Grosh it will be paved in a few weeks. Grosh asked about sidewalks on W Golden for the children walking to school. Council informed him the main arteries of the City will be taken care of first then we will look at the other areas of the City. **David Minter**, of Johnny Nolon's Casino stated that there is a fund at the Community Banks to help cover the cost of the funeral for Nikki Girard and Johnny Nolon's has a fund set up for Keith Girard to help cover his medical bills.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM

APPROVED:

ATTESTED:

Bruce Brown, Mayor

Debra Blevins, City Clerk