

September 21, 2011

5:30 PM

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

Minutes of the September 7, 2011 meeting were approved as written.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Administrator White stated the Building Department is working with the Dollar Store and hopes to have the project on the October 19th agenda for your approval. "Cruise Above the Clouds" was a successful event; the registration for the event was higher than in the past years. The Aspen Tours were cancelled this past weekend due to the fact the trees had not started to change. The tours will be held this weekend and October 1 – 2. Wahrer asked about the political signs that have been placed on telephone poles around the City. White stated the person who placed the signs has been contacted and asked to remove the signs. As of today they have not been removed. Tomorrow they will be removed from the rights-of-way by the city. Hazlett stated he felt we need to be sure and only remove the signs in the right-of-way and no others.

FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT:

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

PLANNING & HISTORIC PRESERVATION REPORT:

Development Director Manning stated the Virgin Mule is the last building on Bennett Avenue to be painted for the completion of the Maintenance Program on Bennett Avenue. There is a request for the signs at the Elks and the Cottage Inn on the agenda this evening. Jodi is placing a shed at the Medical Plaza for Custodial Department for storage. Jeff will be completing his training later this year.

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 Hazlett and motion carried.

REQUEST APPROVAL OF FUNDING FROM BENNETT AVENUE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM TO RESTORE TWO HISTORIC LANDMARK NEON SIGNS, Larry Manning;

Development Director Manning stated he had received two bids to restore the Cottage Inn sign and the Elk's sign. Both are designated historic landmark signs. The restorations are considered important as a part of the Bennett Avenue maintenance program which has funded several façade improvements along the street. The low bidder was Designer Signs for a total of \$9,416.89 for both signs. There was no public comment. Motion by Zoellner to approve the funding for the restoration of the two historic signs Second by Wahrer and motion carried.

APPEAL REQUEST FOR RESIDENCY STATUS RECONSIDERATION FOR TWO CEMETERY PLOTS AT MT. PISGAH CEMETERY, Don & Judy Miles;

Mr. Miles asked that the Council reconsider the decision made by the Mt. Pisgah Cemetery Board to deny their request for two plots as residents. Mr. Miles stated they have owned their property at 304 W. Masonic Avenue for 16 years; they donated Fire Station #3 to the City of Cripple Creek. There was no public comment. Motion by Zoellner to approve the two cemetery plots as residents of the City Second by Wahrer and motion carried.

APPROVAL OF ADDENDUM OF A SALES TAX INCENTIVE AGREEMENT WITH EXCELL CRIPPLE CREEK, LLC dba FAMILY DOLLAR STORE, Lee Phillips;

Attorney Phillips stated on July 6, 2011 the council approved an agreement with Excell Cripple Creek, LLC dba Family Dollar Store. In this agreement it is stated they must obtain title to the property by October 1, 2011 this addendum is simply extending that date until November 30, 2011. Les Batson stated more is better and he feels this will be a good thing for the City to approve. Motion by Hazlett to approve the addendum agreement with Excell Cripple Creek, LLC Second by Ashworth and motion carried with Wahrer abstaining.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Les Batson 217 N. 1st asked the Council if they will be extending the hours the shuttle will run this winter. **Administrator White** stated this will be discussed at the budget meeting to be held on September 28th, but for now the hours will remain the same. **George Enterman** 1550 Little Bear Creek Point, Colorado Springs stated he is with Gold Creek Productions and would encourage the Council to attend a performance at the Imperial Gold Bar Theater. **Jerry Englehart** 237 W Masonic Avenue stated the Council has answered his question regarding the political signs on the utility poles within the City.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 P.M.

APPROVED:

ATTESTED:

Bruce Brown, Mayor

Debra Blevins, City Clerk