

Mayor Bruce Brown called the regular meeting of the City Council to order. Present were Council Terry Wahrer, Steve Zoellner, Chris Hazlett, Milford Ashworth, City Clerk Debra Blevins, Administrator Ray White, and Attorney Lee Phillips.

Minutes of the March 6, 2013 meeting were approved as written.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:**

Administrator Ray White stated happy first day of spring. The Clerk’s office will be closing at 4:00 p.m. for the next two weeks until we can replace Jessica the Deputy City Clerk. Spoke with our Lobbyist today and the Gilpin County Bill is laid over in Finance. The last calendar that was posted did not have the bill scheduled for appropriations. So far we have taken both written and verbal support to the house and senate, we will just have to wait and see if it makes it to the floor. If passed the City would lose One Million in revenue and Teller County would lose Eight Hundred Thousand. Sheriff Ensminger will host an Open House at the Heritage Center March 28 at 5:00 p.m. to discuss the new gun control laws for the state of Colorado.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT:**

Paul Harris Finance Director stated he has an item on the agenda this evening.

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION TO REVISE THE 2013 HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT PROGRAM**

**GUIDELINES:**

Administrator White stated at the March 6 meeting this item was tabled. The changes Council had requested have been approved by the Historic Preservation Commission at their March 7 meeting. The changes are as follows: no differentiation between single and multiple property owners for residential rentals; guidelines will include the following statement: “These are recommended priority guidelines, but on a case-by-case basis, projects of special merit or historic significance take precedence.” White also stated the dates for this year’s application period are March 25 – April 24. There was no public comment. Motion by Ashworth to approve the recommendations by the Historic Preservation Commission to revise the 2013 Historic Preservation Grant Program Guidelines Second by Wahrer and motion carried with Zoellner abstained.

**RECOMMENDATION FROM THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION FOR REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS AT 253 E. BENNETT AVENUE, PIONEER GROUP**

**APPLICANTS:**

Administrator White stated the applicant requests approval of demolition and new construction at 253 E. Bennett Avenue. This request has been approved twice in the past once in 2002 and again in 2007 although the work was never done. Mark Murphy of the Pioneer Group was present and stated the request in 2002 was right after the purchase of this building and the second request in 2007 was when the economy started downward and felt it would not be a good time to start this project. If approved they hope to have the project completed by the first of August or September. There was no public comment. Motion by Zoellner to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for 253 E. Bennett Avenue with the condition: any recommendations/revisions by the HPC and/or City Council are considered in the final plans Second by Wahrer and motion carried.

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF LEASE FINANCING OPTIONS FOR THE NEW FIRE PUMPER TRUCK:**

Finance Director Harris stated the staff recommendation has changed from the information the council has in their packets. The net cost of the recommended vehicle from Pierce is \$370,263, with \$13,794 in discounts applied. We received bids from Pierce (using its financing subsidiary Oshkosh Capital), SunTrust Leasing and Vectra Bank. Staff recommends financing the new pumper truck with SunTrust, since it will cost the city the least amount of money. There was no public comment. Motion by Wahrer to approve financing by adding the new schedule to the city’s existing master lease purchase agreement with SunTrust to purchase the new fire truck with the terms presented by the finance directors recommendations Second by Hazlett and motion carried.

Mayor Brown announced Kathleen Conley passed away Sunday March 17 (St Patrick’s Day) which was her favorite holiday. Kathy was a long time employee of the City and had been Deputy City Clerk, Acting City Clerk and the City Clerk during her time here. Services are pending. Councilman Wahrer announced today is Councilman Ashworth’s Birthday.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 P.M.

APPROVED:

ATTESTED:

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Bruce Brown, Mayor

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Debra Blevins City Clerk