

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

Minutes of the July 3, 2013 meeting were approved as written.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Administrator Ray White stated the Cripple Creek Fire Department has lifted the fire ban for the City of Cripple Creek. The Stage I ban is still in place for Teller County. Friday at 6:30 pm the United States Air Force Academy Band will be performing on Bennett Avenue for a free concert. Saturday at 8:00 am we will have a ribbon cutting ceremony to launch the Gold Camp Connector Shuttle Service. The Shuttle will then travel to Victor for a ribbon cutting ceremony there, with pancakes being served for breakfast. The shuttle service will be free the entire day.

FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT:

Paul Harris Finance Director there are no budget or transfer request at this time. Harris also thanked the council for the work session this evening with the auditors.

PLANNING COMMISSION BUSINESS – REQUEST TO CHANGE DESIGN OF TRAILBLAZER SIGNS, YVONNE HARDING, APPLICANT:

Historic Preservation/Planning Coordinator Kathy Stockton stated the applicant is requesting approval of a change in the size, font style, colors, and material of Trailblazer signs in the City. The applicant is proposing changes in size to 18” x 48”, made of .080 aluminum like the signs that are on interstate and state highways, blue and white in color and design, with hi-intensity reflective paint. After much discussion Motion by Zoellner to approve the request to change the trailblazer sign for the Cherub House B & B to a blue and white 18” x 48” reflective sign. Second by Wahrer and motion carried.

2013-2014 BENEFITS RENEWAL:

Carol Stotts Human Resources Director stated she would like to recommend that we renew our HMO medical plan through Anthem BC/BS. And our long-term disability plan with Lincoln Financial. Lincoln will provide a rate guarantee for two years. There was no public comment. Motion by Zoellner to accept the recommendation for the renewal of the HMO plan through Anthem BC/BS Second by Wahrer and motion carried. Stotts then stated she would recommend the city switch dental carriers from Anthem to SunLife. There was no public comment. Motion by Wahrer to approve switching to SunLife for dental insurance Second by Mayor Brown and motion carried.

UPDATE SALUTE TO AMERICAN VETERANS RALLY:

Pam and Jim Wear representing Pro-Promotions for the Salute to American Veterans Rally stated there will be changes in some of the activities you will see this year. The installation of Resolution #033 naming Highway 67 from Divide to Cripple Creek the POW/MIA Memorial Highway, which was put, thru by the American Legion will be dedicated at this year’s event. The event will start on Thursday with the closing of Bennett Avenue for vendors to begin setting up. Friday will be “Red Shirt Friday” come by and get your free red shirt for as long as they last. Due to the National Sequester there will not be the military presents that you have seen in the past years. There was public comment from the merchants in the 300 block of Bennett Avenue asking why vendors could not be placed on the North side of Bennett to attract them to the rally participants to enter the business on this side of the street. Also why is Bennett Avenue closed starting on Thursday? Jim Wear responded that the vendors that are placed in the parking lot are 20’ vendors and it would be a hazard to block the street. Bennett Avenue is closed on Thursday so the vendors may start setting up so they can be open on Friday Morning. There proceeded to be lots of discussion and was agreed all would try to work together in the future.

2ND READING OF ORDINANCE #2013-04 – A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1-4-20 OF THE CRIPPLE CREEK MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE GENERAL PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE CODE:

Mayor Brown read title only of Ordinance #2013-04. There was no public comment. Motion by Wahrer to approve 2nd reading of Ordinance #2013-04 Second by Zoellner and motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2013-06 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RELATING TO TELLER COUNTY ROAD #1:

Mayor Brown read title only of Resolution #2013-06. Jim Blasing explained this is for the Trail System on Teller #1. There was no public comment. Motion by Zoellner to approve the contract between the City of Cripple Creek and the Colorado Department of Transportation relating to the construction of new curb, gutter, sidewalk and bicycle lanes on Teller County Road #1 Second by Wahrer and motion carried.

REQUEST FOR THE CREATION OF AN “EXEMPT” CLASSIFICATION IN THE WATER CODE FOR HISTORIC CHURCHES IN CRIPPLE CREEK:

Carol Poch stated the churches in Cripple Creek are now being billed \$58.00 per month each for water that is only used on Sunday. Public Works Director Jim Blasing stated this is normal practice for most cities in Colorado. After discussion Attorney Phillips was directed to amend the Municipal Code exempting Historic

Churches in Cripple Creek from water unless more than one thousand (1,000) gallons of water are used in one month.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT TO PERFORM ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR CONCEPTUAL DESIGN FOR THE BENNETT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT:

Jim Blasing Public Works Director stated this is task #2 to begin the Bennett Avenue project. There will be a Special Council Meeting held on July 31, at 11:00 am so Parsons Brinkerhoff can present the design options to the City Council and Public for their input. There was no public comment. Motion by Zoellner to approve the Professional Services Agreement between the City of Cripple Creek and Parsons Brinkerhoff Second by Wahrer and motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

APPROVED:

ATTESTED:

Bruce Brown, Mayor

Debra Blevins City Clerk