

March 5, 2014

5:30 PM

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

Minutes of the February 5 & 19 2014 meeting were approved as written

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

City Administrator White was welcomed back by Mayor Brown and the City Council. White thanked Finance Director Paul Harris and Human Resources Director Carol Stotts and her staff for such a great job while he was away from the office. Public Works Director Jim Blasing stated since he started to work for the City his goal has been to raise the bar in customer service for the Public Works Department. On January 28, 2014 the city was having a major snow storm and many cars (including Police and Fire were stuck on Galena hill), when Steven Stever from the Public Works Department came by and realized there was an elderly husband and wife who also could not make it up the hill, he stopped his sanding truck got out and escorted the gentleman to his home on foot. Mayor Brown presented Stever with a certificate of appreciation for going above and beyond his duties to assist with the situation. Councilman Zoellner stated it made him very proud to see a city employee willing to assist in this way. Administrator White stated he would like to thank Jim Blasing and Steve DiCamillo for the turnaround in attitude at the Public Works Department. Events Director Maria Cunningham gave an update to the Council regarding the Ice Festival that was held in February. All those involved with the event were very pleased with the participation in the event. In 2013 there were 7,364 in attendance, in 2014 there were 9,312. Next year's event will be held February 13-15 and 21-22. We are hoping to have Block Parties July 19, August 20 and September 7. The 4th of July celebration we would like to extend to a two day event. Councilman Zoellner thanked Maria for saving the second weekend of Ice Fest by finding more ice from Ohio since the weather was so warm it melted the ice from the first weekend.

FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT:

Finance Director Paul Harris gave the council an update of the finances for the General Fund.

APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH VELOCITY PLANT SERVICES:

Waste Water Director Mickey Groves stated this agreement is to have the baffle replaced and the pond will need to be empty to accomplish this and we are planning to drain the ponds this year. There was no public comment. Motion by Hazlett to approve the Professional Services Agreement between the City of Cripple Creek and Velocity Second by Wahrer and motion carried.

UPDATE ON CRIPPLE CREEK & VICTOR GOLD MINING COMPANY:

Jane Mannon, Manager of, Community Affairs gave the council an update on the progress for 2013. The highway between Cripple Creek and Victor has been realigned; the Mary McKinney Crib Wall has been dismantled and replaced along the façade for the highway. The international complex on Gold Camp Trail is completed will start building the deck at the Heritage Center soon to view, the ore house and the head frame for the Anchoria-Leland have been moved, the Independence is being stabilized, the American Eagle is closed for repairs should reopen in May, the Gold at the State Capitol Dome has been completed, the official dedication will be held August 1, 2014, and the summer tours will be held again from Memorial Day until Labor Day.

REQUEST APPROVAL OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CRIPPLE CREEK AND KIEWIT INFRASTRUCTURE CO. FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT PORTION OF THE BENNETT AVENUE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT:

Public Works Director, Jim Blasing stated there was a work session held earlier to answer most questions the public and council had. Kiewit stated they would like to start in June and feel confident they will be able to complete the project in one season. There was no public comment. Motion by Wahrer to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Kiewit Infrastructure Co. and the City of Cripple Creek, Second by Ashworth and motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00

APPROVED:

ATTESTED:

Bruce Brown, Mayor

Debra Blevins, City Clerk