

May 7, 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, Administrator Ray White and Attorney Lee Phillips

Minutes of the April 16, 2014 meeting were approved as written

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:**

City Administrator White reminded the Spring Clean-up Day's will be May 17-18, 9A.M. – 3 P.M. at the Public Works. There was a meeting held this afternoon for Department Heads to meet the Kiewit workers that will be having an office in the back room of the Clerk's Office.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT:**

Finance Director Paul Harris stated he has items on the agenda.

**COUNCIL APPOINTMENT OF MIKE RULO AS CHIEF OF POLICE:**

Administrator Ray White explained when Mike was hired it was with a contract as Interim Chief of Police this contract will expire on July 1. With the performance to date we have made a conditional offer to Mike to stay as the Chief of Police and he has accepted with the Council approval. There was no public comment. Motion by Hazlett to accept the appointment of Mike Rulo as Chief of Police, second by Zoellner and motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF FINANCING COMPANY FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE DUMP/PLOW AND WILD LAND FIRE VEHICLE:**

Finance Director Paul Harris stated the Council had approved the purchase of a Wild land Fire Truck and the Dump/plow truck during the budget process last year. The Finance Department solicited four different bids for financing, Sun Trust Leasing, Vectra Bank, Chase Bank and Compass Bank. Staff recommends financing the new vehicles with Sun Trust, since it would cost the city the least amount of money with financing at 1.39%. There was no public comment. Motion by Zoellner to approve the financing with Sun Trust Leasing, second by Wahrer and motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF FUNDING REQUEST FROM THE OLD HOMESTEAD HOUSE:**

Councilman Steve Zoellner removed himself from the Council table. Finance Director Paul Harris stated the Homestead House is requesting \$25,000.00 in funding this year for operational cost and to assist in paying off a loan to purchase the building. There was no public comment. Motion by Wahrer to approve the \$25,000.00 for the Homestead House, second by Ashworth and motion carried. Councilman Zoellner returned to the table.

**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS IN THE B ZONE AT 128 E BENNETT AVENUE (PARK & RECREATION ADDITION), CITY OF CRIPPLE CREEK APPLICANT:**

Administrator Ray White stated due to the location of this building it has to be reviewed by the Historic Preservation Commission. Connie would like to be able to start this project and have it completed this year. The Historic Preservation recommendation is to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness. There was no public comment. Motion by Ashworth to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness, second by Hazlett and motion carried.

**REQUEST FOR AWARDED AND APPROVING CONSTRUCTION COST WITH KIEWIT INFRASTRUCTURE COMPANY FOR BENNETT AVENUE STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT:**

Public Works Director Jim Blasing stated this agreement is for \$3,826,276.00. If Council will recall in the beginning it was for \$4.1 Million. The City, Kiewit and Parsons Brinckerhoff have been working together to reduce the cost and are now ready to proceed with this project. There was no public comment. Motion by Mayor Brown to approve the Award and Construction Cost to Kiewit, second by Wahrer and motion carried.

**REVISION TO CONSTRUCTION DRAWINGS, BENNETT AVENUE:**

Public Works Director Jim Blasing has been asked several times when the Bennett Avenue will start, where will it start and how long will it take. Kiewit is here to explain the process and answer any questions there may be. Will Abernathy with Kiewit showed the council and audience a map with different colored areas on it. The ground breaking date is June 1<sup>st</sup> although Kiewit will be in the City beginning next week setting up their office. Kiewit will be letting everyone know where they will be working when and how long they should be in the area. They will not be tearing out entire sidewalks at one time or the entire street at one time. Even when there is work on the sidewalk they will still have access to the business, Kiewit will have small bridges to allow pedestrians access to the sidewalk. The hours of work will be from Monday – Thursday from 7AM to 5PM. Before leaving on Thursday any holes that have been dug will be covered and machinery removed from the street. There will be fencing to guide the pedestrian traffic and signs for the drivers as they enter the city explaining the work and how to move around it. Tom Howell explained there will be lots of communication with the business owners and the public to let them know what to expect. There will be three week schedules posted in front of City Hall and on the city web-site. Matt Buster with Parsons Brinckerhoff stated there will also be weekly meeting held at City Hall for the citizens, business owners, and council to voice any concerns with the project, with updates from Kiewit and Parsons Brinckerhoff. Jim Blasing stated there will be inspections before any funds are released and there will be a variety of inspectors used both City and outside. There will need to be a lot of take and give in this process we know this is a big project and we will not be able to make everyone happy all the time but we need to work together. **Lou Goldman** with Cripple Creek Candy asked about the signage to let visitors know the businesses are open and was told Kiewit has 50 signs made just for this project and will have an employee who will be directing pedestrians to the businesses. **Dennis Peck** asked where the employees are for this project are coming from; they are from Colorado Springs, Pueblo, and some from the Denver area. **Jerry Englehart** asked once the asphalt is laid are you going to come in two weeks later and dig it up? We are doing our best to do all we need to do before the asphalt is laid. The largest part of the project will be on the North side of Bennett between 4<sup>th</sup> Street and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street we will be replacing some of the utility lines and will have that portion of the street closed the longest. We will be doing work in phases and the beginning will be the worst. In the end this will all be worthwhile when the project is completed. Motion by Hazlett to approve the agreement with Parsons Brinckerhoff, for the cost of \$24,246.00 and the revisions so provided, second by Ashworth and motion carried.

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE 2014 JOINT MARKETING CAMPAIGN AGREEMENT:**

Events Director Maria Cunningham stated this is agreement with Blakely + Company for the 2014 joint marketing campaign. The total cost is \$240,000.00 the City will pay \$120,000.00 and the other half will be paid by The Cripple Creek Casino Association. There was no public comment. Motion by Hazlett to approve the agreement for the Joint Marketing Campaign for \$240,000.00 with the City paying \$120,000.00 and the Cripple Creek Casino Association paying \$120,000.00, second by Wahrer and motion carried.

Councilman Hazlett stated he wanted the public to understand there are a lot of small communities that do not have the funds to support marketing. We as the City spend a lot of money trying to draw visitors to Cripple Creek. This is not something we have to do it is something we want to do. Dennis Peck asked if any of these funds are spent on TV adds for the Christmas program, and was told no, it is only for printed material.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35

APPROVED:

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Bruce Brown, Mayor

ATTESTED:

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Debra Blevins, City Clerk