

July 16, 2014

5:55 PM

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

Minutes for the June 4<sup>th</sup> and July 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting were approved as written.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Gary Ledford, 350 E Carr Avenue**, stated with the work being done on Bennett Avenue there would be no way he could be open for business at this time. Mr. White reminded Mr. Ledford there is a public information meeting held in the Council Chambers each Tuesday at 10:00 A.M. to inform the public what will be the plan the weeks work on Bennett Avenue Streetscape. Mr. Ledford also stated the road construction is not helping any of the business within the City. Mr. Ledford stated we have been in a draught for 3 years now and would like Council to direct staff to place the B-Lazy M on the agenda to help receive water from the City.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:**

City Administrator White introduced Nate Mares & Will Abernathy with Kiewit. Mr. Mares stated that updates are given to the business in advance to work starting in front of their business. Mr. Mares passed out to the Council an Outlook map for the next three weeks.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT:**

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

**APPROVAL OF 2014/2015 BENEFITS RENEWAL:**

Human Resources Director Carol Stotts stated she is requesting approval to renew our HMO medical plan through Anthem BC/BS. The rate increase was at a rate of 21.69%, but through negotiations, Anthem's best offer to maintain the city as a client is a 14.5% rate increase. There was no public comment. Motion by Mayor Brown to approve the renewal of the 2014/2015 Benefits second by Zoellner and motion carried. Thank you to Carol, Heather & Paul for all the hard work in getting the rate lowered.

**1<sup>ST</sup> AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE #2014-07 A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 4-5-20(g) OF THE CRIPPLE CREEK MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO PAYMENT OF GAMING DEVICE FEES:**

Mayor Brown read title only of Ordinance #2014-07. Attorney Lee Phillips read the changes to the Code as follows; "the amount of gaming device fees owing for the quarter shall be determined at the beginning of the quarter and the monthly installments shall not be reduced in the event that the number of devices is reduced during the quarter" to add "PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL MAY WAIVE FEES FOR SUCCEEDING MONTHS WHERE THE GAMING LICENSEE PERMANENTLY CEASES DOING BUSINESS DURING THE MONTH." Gary Ledford asked the Council if they would change the word "MAY" to "SHALL", Mr. Ashworth stated he liked the flexibility of "May", Mr. Ledford stated he feels the Council needs to work with the casino owners. Motion by Mayor Brown to approve 1<sup>st</sup> and final reading of Ordinance #2014-07, second by Ashworth and motion carried, with Zoellner voting no.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

APPROVED:

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Bruce Brown, Mayor

ATTESTED:

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Debra Blevins, City Clerk