

Mayor Libby called the regular meeting of the City Council to order. Present were Council Peck, Petty, DiCamillo, Woods, Administrator McPherson, City Clerk Blevins, and Attorney Phillips.

Minutes of the August 15, 2007 meeting were approved as written.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Administrator McPherson reminded the audience to please sign the public comment sign in sheet if they wish to speak at public comment. Mayor Libby will call them in order of the sign in. The camera belonging to KOAA 5/30 on the Courthouse has been reinstalled and has a great view of Bennett Avenue. The City shuttle is back in full operation after the lightning strike a few weeks ago that knocked out the transmitter. We now have a backup transmitter should we have this problem again.

FINANCE DIRECTORS REPORT:

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

PLANNING & HISTORIC PRESERVATION REPORT:

Development Director Manning stated the Victorian Lady had some hot water problems that have since been corrected. Gaming is planning on being in their new offices at C & Carr by September 1. The Jail Museum is moving along well. The Jail will be open for the Armed Forces Event on August 18 & 19. Still working on the watershed permit with Jackie Harris.

PRESENTATION ON RENEWAL OF EMPLOYEE BENEFIT INSURANCE:

Human Resources Director Stotts stated she is requesting renewal of the City's benefits as they currently exist. We are facing an increase of 11.7% on our health insurance. There was no public comment. Motion by Petty to approve the renewal of employee benefits as presented by Human Resources Second by Woods and motion carried.

UPDATE ON THE CITY OF CRIPPLE'S CREEK'S BRANDING CAMPAIGN:

Laura Muir of Momentum presented the Council with the advertising/marketing schedule for the City of Cripple Creek. Maureen Kimmell presented the Council with the flyers and TV ads that are being used for the City of Cripple Creek, also included in the report were reports of the new website statistics of how many people have visited the site and what they are looking at.

PRESENTATION REGARDING TAX INITIATIVE COMMUNITY OF CARING:

Mary Bielz, Jean Olmstead, Kent Kelp, Carl Poch, and Ted Borden were present to ask the Council for their support of a ballot issue for the November 6th election. The issue will ask for the continuance of the .3% tax and that the Aspen Mine Center be allowed to keep all the funds to be used at the Center. Consensus of Council is to support the issue.

REQUEST DONATION TO CAMPAIGN TOWARD BOND ISSUE IN NOVEMBER ELECTION TO REMODEL THE JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL FOR SAFETY AND HEALTH CONCERNS:

Heather Hildebrand, Richard Thomas and Lodi Hern came before Council as the ABCd committee conducting the "Always Believe in Children" drive. Their goal is to put a bond on the ballot this November that if passed will address the many health and safety concerns now facing the Junior and Senior High School. These concerns include fire safety, ventilation, proper lighting, and becoming ADA compliant. We are requesting \$3,000 from the City of Cripple Creek to help raise the \$20,000 needed for the campaign. Attorney Phillips stated according to C.R.S. § 1-14-117 Council will not be allowed to help fund this issue.

REQUEST FOR REDUCTION OF BUILDING PERMIT FEES FOR 350 E CARR AVENUE:

Development Director Manning stated the applicant is requesting a reduction in building permit fees since the fees have changed in the middle of their project. There was much discussion on this matter. Motion by Woods for the building permit fee to be addressed by staff as if the increase in fees had not taken effect, and to review fees for pre-manufactured structures Second by Petty and motion carried.

REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF WATER AND SEWER TAP FEES AT 344 W EATON:

This item was tabled until the applicant could be present.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

At 6:40 PM, motion by Peck that the City Council hold an executive session to determine positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, develop a strategy for negotiations, and/or instruct negotiators, pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(e) to consider personnel

matters, pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(f), Second by Petty and motion carried. Regular session reconvened at 8:48 PM due to lack of ability to record executive session.

Meeting adjourned at 8:49 PM

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Ed Libby, Mayor

Debra Blevins, City Clerk