

February 4, 2016

5:35 PM

Mayor Bruce Brown called the regular meeting of the City Council to order. Present were Councilmen Milford Ashworth, Chris Hazlett, Tom Litherland, Steve Zoellner, City Clerk Debra Blevins, and Attorney Lee Phillips.

Minutes for the January 20, 2016 meeting were approved as written.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:**

Ray DuBois, City Administrator stated the **2016 Ice Fest**, coming up February 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>. **Butte Theater/TATC**, will be showing Frozen the weekends of the Ice Fest, the 2016 show schedule is: Darling of the Donkey starting June 24 – August 27; Pippin July 1 – August 24; The Foreigner September 2 – 24; Cripple Creepshow September 30 – October 30; A Cripple Creek Christmas Carol November 25 – December 31; **Parks & Recreation**, January – June 2016 activity magazine has been mailed out some of the current activities: Adult open gym volleyball, Adult co-ed volleyball, Youth volleyball and Youth indoor soccer; **C-Store project is moving forward**, getting close to opening; they are planning for a ribbon cutting the last full week of February; **CC&V Permit Amendment 11**, Amendment was filed with state on December 17, 2015, public comments were originally due February 2<sup>nd</sup>, Mine is going to file an amendment to the Amendment, public comments on the entire plan will likely be due the first week of April; **Teller County Cares Award Ceremony**; Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 a.m., at the Cripple Creek Heritage Center, need to RSVP Lisa Noble; **City Council members to attend Annual CML Legislative Workshop**; February 11, 2016, meetings with legislators at State Capitol will follow the meeting.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT:**

None

**UPDATE ON CRIPPLE CREEK AND VICTOR GOLD MINE:**

Jane Mannon, Manager of Community Affairs, gave the council and the public an update on the on the Cripple Creek and Victor Gold Mining Company. August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 Newmont Mining Corporation purchased 100% interest in CC&V. We have a new safety program S.O.S – See it! Own it! Solve it! We received our Recertification ISO 14001. In 2015 Gold production was 195,000 ounces Silver productions was 110,000 ounces. MLE progress: work has ended for construction for the season, expected to begin again in March/April, Phase 2 Mechanical Completion March 2016. Looks like the American Eagle will be closing for good. We are considering the following sites: Independence, Ajax, Little Grouse and Rigi which is above the Gold States Mine. Estimated Mine Plan, East Cresson – WHEX current – 2017, Main Cresson – current – 2018, North Cresson/Globe Hill/Schist Island – October 2016 – 2024, and South Cresson – Spring 2016 – 2021. We will be changing to liquid Cyanide deliveries, the reason being; Mines already use cyanide in liquid form, but they first have to dissolve the solid briquettes to a 25-30% solution. Cyanco's 30% solution is delivered in ready to use form: does not require pre-mix buffered solution by mine, consistent quality and percentage, quick and safe offload (no handling by mine employees). Amendment 11 Components; add underground mining methods, access and haul routed from Chicago Portal to Cresson, modify permit boundary to include Poverty Gulch, modify elevation of East Cresson Over Burden Storage Area, postpone backfill schedule for WHEX and Main Cresson, modify mining plan and backfill for Globe Hill and Schist Island. Reclamation plan; North Cresson specific elements are: Ridge facing Cripple Creek regraded to 205H: 1V reclaimed slopes above mature Aspen and Spruce stands, Aspen planting at the equivalent tree density of approx. 400 mature stems per acre, estimated 10 acres of planting, additional 5 acres planted along visual and sound barriers prior to activities in the North Cresson mine area, north facing slopes of N. Cresson planted with approx. 400 stems per acre of one-year Aspen seedlings.

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF \$40,000 IN FUNDING FOR THE DISTRICT MUSEUM FOR 2016:**

Paul Harris, Finance Director stated the District Museum is requesting the \$40,000 that has been budgeted for them. There was no public comment. Motion by Hazlet seconded by Litherland to approve the \$40,000 in funding for the District Museum and motion carried.

**REQUEST APPROVAL TO SUBMIT THE CITY OF CRIPPLE CREEK'S CONSTRUCTION APPLICATION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATER TREATMENT SYSTEM TO THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT:**

Mickey Groves, Water/Wastewater Director this is part of the process for the Drinking Water Treatment System Improvement Project. There was no public comment. Motion by Mayor Brown seconded by Ashworth to approve the Construction Application for Improvements to the Water Treatment System to the Colorado Department of Health and Environment and motion carried.

**REQUEST APPROVAL OF 2016 ADDITIONAL EVENTS:**

Steve Kitzman, Marketing and Events Director presented the following three new events he would like to add to the 2016 events. Fall Festival (Big Aspen Happenin') – September 24<sup>th</sup> -25<sup>th</sup>; Cripple Creek Scavenger Hunt – October 22<sup>nd</sup>; and Cripple Creek Craft Distillery Poker Rush – November 12<sup>th</sup>. There was public comment by Missy Trenary, Clinton Cline, and Jack Maberry. Motion by Hazlett second by Ashworth to approve the 2016 additional events and motion carried.

At 6:15 P.M. Motion by Mayor Brown seconded by Zoellner 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) and motion carried.

Meeting reconvened at 7:34 P.M. with no further business being conducted.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

APPROVED:

ATTESTED:

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Bruce Brown, Mayor

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Debra Blevins, City Clerk