

March 2, 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, Attorney Lee Phillips was absent.

Minutes for the February 17, 2016 meeting were approved as written.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Ray DuBois, City Administrator stated the **2016 Ice Fest:** Events and Marketing Director Steve Kitzman will be giving a report this evening; **Pearl's Follie's:** coming up this weekend; **2016 Calendar of Events:** is now available, small versions of calendar will be arriving next Tuesday, our next big event is the **Top of the World Rodeo**, June 10-12, 2016 Sponsor Packages are now available; **Butte Theater:** will have a private showing of a short film, partially shot in Victor – March 12th, City Council has been invited; **Spring City-wide Clean-up:** May 21st and 22nd; **DOLA EIAF Grant Application:** for Teller CR1 Curve and City Trails Projects, application submitted Dec. 1, 2015, Irv Halter, Exec. Director, and Clay Brown, Regional Manager, to be in Cripple Creek 3/9/2015 for a tour, Steve DiCamillo and I will go before a DOLA panel to address questions 3/17/2016, should have a final decision on grant award first part of April 2016; **SB16-073:** (Gives State Auditor the power to audit gaming communities on use of State HP funds), passes the Senate, goes before the House Finance Committee on Thursday, March 10, 2016, Mayor Brown, Paul Harris, Finance Director and I are scheduled to testify; **Palace Hotel:** Developing plans for a remodel and new construction of the Palace Hotel, Approx. 40 rooms, Century corporation representatives plan to attend City Council meeting on 3/16 to introduce themselves; **Ring the Peak' Trail:** initiative to complete a trail system that will encircle Pikes Peak, 80% complete, Eight (8) mile gap near Cripple Creek and Victor in the watersheds above our cities' water sources, being promoted by the Trails and Open Space Coalition and the Friends of the Peak, part of the Governor's Sixteen in '16 trail priorities, meeting to update cities of Cripple Creek and Victor, on March 21st, 10:30 a.m., at Victor City Hall, open public meeting(s) to follow; **Timberline Fishing Club:** current 10-year lease expires June 30, 2018, Club is wishing to enter into a new 10-year lease this year to help planning for the coming years, City currently receives annual rental from Club of \$13,000, club expenses for 2015: \$41,845= \$30,735 for fish stocking + \$11,100 operating expenses, what is Council's desire, I propose to put on the agenda in the coming weeks for consideration by the City Council.

FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT:

None

UPDATE ON 2016 CRIPPLE CREEK ICE FEST:

Steve Kitzman, Events and Marketing Director, stated the 2016 Ice Fest was a record year for attendance by all accounts. Using the most accurate methods of counting we could employ, the numbers were recorded and calculated; 2016 Ice Fest Event totals: 76,000. The visitors for this event come for 2-3 hours spend money then leave and a new group will show up and do the same. I would like to thank the Police and Public Works Department for all their assistance with the Ice Fest. Mayor Brown stated he heard complaints there was a lack of carvings compared to the past events. Kitzman stated next year we will return to having five teams. James with A&J's Café sated he would like to see the tent moved so it is not blocking Bennett Avenue as much. He was told this will be corrected next year. Council thanked the Marketing and Event's staff for a job well done.

SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE WATER PLANT ENTRY POINT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT; AQUA WORKS DBO:

Mickey Groves, Water/Wastewater Director stated this is phase 2 of the engineering for the improvements at the Wastewater improvements. There was no public comment. Motion by Hazlett second by Ashworth to approve the service agreement between the City of Cripple Creek and Aqua Works DBO Engineering and motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING – NEW RETAIL LIQUOR STORE LICENSE, SPEER LIQUORS:

Mayor Brown read the opening statement for the hearing on the new retail liquor store. Clerk Blevins stated on November 18th, 2015 Speer LLC dba Speer Liquors submitted an application for a New Retail Liquor Store. The premises were inspected this morning by Clerk Blevins and Deputy Clerk Hazlett and all was in order. Clerk Blevins recommends approval of the license with the condition that the “turn-stile” and cash register be installed before giving them their license. There was comment from Marian Spring, owner of Donkey Liquors, against the new retail liquor license. Motion by Litherland second by Ashworth to approve the New Retail Liquor License and motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 P.M.

APPROVED:

ATTESTED:

Bruce Brown, Mayor

Debra Blevins, City Clerk