

May 20, 2015

5:30 PM

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

Minutes for the May 6, 2015 meeting were approved as written.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Faye Sutton, 333 W. Whalen stated that new ideas are good but, not all of Cripple Creek is casinos please remember when you are making decisions that there are still residents who live who live here and this is our home. **Frankie Wolfe**, 112 W. El Paso stated she feels Cripple Creek has a litter problem, please let's take pride in our City and not throw trash on the sides of the road. Thank you for the clean-up day's they were fantastic, a big thank you to Deb Hack and the great job she and the elementary school children did in cleaning the streets, the casinos need to look into recycling.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Ray DuBois, City Administrator stated the clean-up days were a success, Thursday the Cresson Elementary students along with Deb Hack were out cleaning the residential areas, I have received some comments on the reduction of the speed limits on Bennett Avenue to 15 mph, with the heavy rains we are having we have some infiltration issues with our sewer lines, Public Works is using a camera contractor to look into manholes, Paul and I will be out of the office tomorrow, we will be attending the Gaming tax meeting in Golden, Gilpin county on the last possible day filed an appeal for the loss in Gilpin County et al. v Stapleton et al., I would like to wish our veterans, all armed services folks and everyone a Happy Memorial Day weekend, we did not put up the flags as we have in the past as they are in very bad shape and need to be replaced. Sol Malik, Lobbyist for the City gave the Council an update on the 2015 Legislative session; HB-1047-was approved making "internet café" this bill made any gaming business outside of current constitutionally provided areas illegal; HB-1192-was approved making legal to include manufactures within designated entertainment district areas; HB-231-this bill failed to pass it would have taken firearms away from Colorado Department of Revenue Enforcement officers, Liquor Enforcement, Marijuana Enforcement, and the Division of Gaming. Lastly is the filing of an audit to the Colorado State Auditor and the Colorado State Legislative Audit Committee; this audit will dig deep into the historic preservation funding. It will investigate how the funds flow to and from gaming communities, what those funds are spent on in each gaming community, and will serve as a step to remediate any misuse of historic preservation funds. The audit was approved for its first 40 hour review, and will go before the State Legislative Audit Committee on June 1st or 2nd for a full audit approval. If the full audit is approved, it would take 6-9 months to complete and should be finalized by the 1st of the year.

FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT:

Paul Harris, Finance Director stated there are no budget transfers or expenditures at this time. The gaming numbers for April, AGP is up 2.5% and YTD is up 5.3%.

RECOGNITION BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR CITY CLEAN-UP DAY BE CRESSON ELEMENTARY:

Administrator Ray, DuBois stated that Deb Hack had coordinated with the Cresson Elementary for the students to participate in the clean-up days. DuBois also stated he would like for this to not only be for Cripple Creek we also have students who live in Victor lets include Victor also.

Principal, Miriam Mondragon was present and thanked the council for allowing the students to participate.

RECOGNITION OF OFFICER ROBERT THORNBURG AS THE RECIPIENT OF THE UTE PASS KIWANIS LAW ENFORCEMENT EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR:

Police Chief Mike Rulo stated one year ago the Police Department was rebuilding the department and as of today we are fully staffed. We were in need of a school resource officer at that time and Officer Thornburg was the one who raised his hand to be that officer. Rob has

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taken on cases, ran calls and still is there for the kids when they need him. Officer Thornburg stated this award is not just for him but is for the entire Police Department.

FIELD ASSESSMENT OF CITY STREETS AND STREET LIGHTS:

Jim Blasing, Public Works Director stated the clean-up days were very successful. Last fall for clean-up days we filled 6, 30 yard dumpsters this year we filled 14, 30 yard dumpsters, with 10 curb side pick-ups. We are cleaning around the area where the dumpsters are located as the wind and the “crows” have spread some of the trash around. There are several street lights that have been out within the City we have found they are all under warranty and the ballast will not cost us to be replaced but we will have to pay for labor. There was much discussion of the need for street repairs. Paul Harris asked for a work session to discuss this issue, and the request was granted.

1ST READING/FIRST AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE #2015-01 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF CRIPPLE CREEK MUNICIPAL CODE BY THE ADDITION THERETO OF A NEW ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 6 REGARDING ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICTS:

Ray DuBois, City Administrator explained to the public what and Entertainment District means “an area located within a Municipality that is designated as its Entertainment District of no more than one hundred acres containing at least twenty thousand square feet of premises licensed as a tavern, hotel and restaurant, brew pub, retail gaming tavern vintner’s restaurant or manufacture when the district is created.” There was public comment from Townsend Wolfe, Jerry Englehart, Laura Long, Larry Hill, Chief Rulo, Kevin Warner and Lisa Noble. Motion by Chris Hazlett second by Ashworth to approve Ordinance #2015-01 as an Emergency Ordinance with option #3 as attachment A and motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

APPROVED:

Bruce Brown, Mayor

ATTESTED:

Debra Blevins, City Clerk