

May 6, 2015

5:30 PM

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

Minutes for the April 15, 2015 meeting were approved as written.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Ray DuBois, City Administrator stated the donkeys are on the loose; the Electric Car Charging Stations are installed at the City parking lot and the Wildwood; the recipients of the two \$2,500 will be announced at the May 23rd graduation ceremony; we will be extending the 15 minute parking zone in front of City Hall to include a portion of 325 E. Bennett, the Cripple Creek Candy and Variety store; June 1st there will be a conditional use request on the agenda from the Wildwood for their proposed gas station/grocery; the water and sewer rates increased 2.8% based on 2014 Denver-Boulder-Greeley CPI, this is an increase of \$10.32 per year; City Clean-up Days will start Thursday May 14th with the Cresson Elementary students picking up trash, May 16th and 17th will be the City-wide clean-up if you have appliances if you can place them on the curb and call Public Works and they will pick it up for you, we cannot accept any tires, batteries, chemicals or paint the hours for both days will be 9:00 am – 3:00 pm; the bell tower has not been operational since the power outage on April 25th the Building Department is working on repairs; just a reminder that you do need to apply for a banner permit if you fail to do so there will be a fine imposed; Robert “Bob” Goll passed away he was a member of the Historic Preservation Committee from 2009-2014 Bob was Heather Hildebrand’s in (Human Resources) father; Mike Rulo, Police Chief and Jim Blasing Public Works director have asked if the Council will consider lowering the speed limit on Bennett Avenue from 2nd to 5th street from 25 MPH to 15 MPH; would like to discuss the possibility of an Entertainment District and Common Consumption Area, (CCA) at this time the City is looking at designating the CCAs within the licensed premises; in other words this would allow the casinos to serve liquor within the casino 24/7, at a later date, may consider extending CCAs outside the licensed premises for special events, we need to establish a new ordinance allowing the CCA to be created we need direction from Council if you would like to proceed with a “typical” ordinance or an “emergency” ordinance, after much discussion staff was directed to prepare both types of ordinance. Bill Burcaw stated he is against allowing outdoor consumption. Councilman Zoellner stated he also would like to inform all that Finance Director Paul Harris’ father also passed away.

FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT:

Paul Harris, Finance Director stated there are no budget transfers or expenditures at this time.

INTRODUCTION OF STEVE KITZMAN, MARKETING & EVENTS DIRECTOR:

Ray DuBois, City Administrator introduced Steve Kitzman to the council and the public. Steve stated he is from Florida moved to Colorado last June has always wanted to live in Colorado, ran his own business for 15 years and has 25 years of experience in this field. I am thrilled to be here and have this opportunity to work in Cripple Creek. I have a passion for Cripple Creek and have been introducing myself to many of the business and casino owners in the city. I will be conducting a survey online and on paper to collect data from the non-casino businesses, casinos, residents and visitors, I would like to know what they like about the events we have, how it affects their business as well as the tourist and residents so we can have a mission statement that will unify all the entities within the city. Council welcomed Steve.

RECENT POWER OUTAGE, LARRY GRAMMON, OPERATIONS MANAGER II:

Larry Grammon Operations Manager and Bret Jones Senior Manager, External Affairs CO Utility Operations were present to answer any questions from council as to the recent power outages in the city. The recent outages were due to a raven in a transformer, and the latest outage we are still investigating what the cause was. With our remote area it is impossible to not have power outages. Council was concerned with there being no communication with the City as to

what was happening. Council asked that they contact our Police Department so they will be able to send notification on the Nexil system.

REQUEST APPROVAL OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONTRACT BETWEEN THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS AND ABIDE BY ASSOCIATED CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACT FOR UPGRADES TO CITY'S WATER TREATMENT PLANT:

Ray DuBois stated this request is for approval for a \$498,870.00 grant from the Department of Public Health and Environment. This project serves to construct improvements to enhance water quality distributed to the City of Cripple Creek service area. There was no public comment. Motion by Mayor Brown second by Wahrer to approve the Intergovernmental contract between the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment to accept grant funds and abide by associated conditions of the contract for upgrades to City's Water Treatment Plant and motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 P.M.

APPROVED:

Bruce Brown, Mayor

ATTESTED:

Debra Blevins, City Clerk