

January 21, 2015

5:30 PM

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

Minutes for the January 7, 2015 meeting were approved as written.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

NONE

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Ray DuBois, City Administrator stated Ice Fest will be held February 13, 14, 15, 21, and 22. TV ads will begin January 26 and Radio will be February 9 through the 21. When the City has a delayed start this means the City offices will open at 9:00 A.M. How many Council members would like to attend CML workshop? Ashworth, Hazlett and Mayor Brown answered they would like to attend.

FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT:

Paul Harris, Finance Director stated he has an item on the agenda.

Mayor Brown asked Chief Rulo and Steve DiCamillo to give an update on the parking on Bennett Avenue. Chief Rulo stated he believes the officers are giving most folks quite a bit of leeway. We do have a problem with people parking in the bus parking zone. Steve stated when they are out plowing from 2 a.m. to 7 a.m. there are very few cars parked on Bennett Avenue. There are signs posted on the new railing that state bus loading only. Steve asked Council if they could make changes on 3rd Street so that the no parking is on the West side of the street to help make the plowing easier. Council felt that the parking on 3rd street should be left as it is with no parking on the East side of 3rd Street North of Bennett and on the East side of 3rd Street and on the South side of Bennett Avenue have it on the West side of 3rd Street. Chief Rulo stated that most of the people are co-operating when asked to move their car they are complying. Steve stated he believes most people are confused by the signage for the parking for buses on the South side of Bennett Avenue. Councilman Hazlett stated he would like to remind Council that the signs are on a trial bases and he still supports no parking in the 200 block of Bennett Avenue.

DISCUSSION OF CHRISTMAS IN THE LOG CABINS:

Tas Blevins, 120 E May Avenue stated he has been doing Santa Clause for the past 10 years in Old Colorado City. Mr. Blevins stated he tried many years ago to get the City of Cripple Creek to allow him to bring this to Cripple Creek and was turned down. Mr. Blevins asked for the City to support the use of the Historic Log Cabins that are at the District Museum. He would like to call it the "Winter Wonderland". This would be a big draw for families to come to Cripple Creek. The event will begin the Friday after Thanksgiving and will be held each weekend until Christmas Eve. The pictures would be priced at \$10.00 for the first picture and \$5.00 for each additional picture. Council stated they are in favor of this event happening, the cabins belong to the Museum and this would be a good event to help raise money for the Museum.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF \$40,000 OPERATING SUBSIDY FOR THE DISTRICT MUSEUM FOR 2015:

Paul Harris, Finance Director stated with the budget cuts the city cut the funding for the Museum from \$50,000 to \$40,000 as well as the Homestead Museum. Staff would recommend the approval of \$40,000 for the Museum. There was much discussion between Councilman Zoellner, Kathy Reynolds, Director, CCDM and Ike Hern. Motion by Hazlett, second by Zoellner to approve the \$40,000 for the District Museum, with Ashworth abstaining.

At 6:15 P.M. Motion by Mayor Brown 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), Second by Councilman Hazlett and motion carried.

Meeting reconvened at 7:19 P.M. with no further business being conducted.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

APPROVED:

Bruce Brown, Mayor

ATTESTED:

Debra Blevins, City Clerk