

February 4, 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, and City Attorney Lee Phillips.

Minutes for the January 21, 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 and Radio ads are now playing, we have two billboards with the ad on them, the traffic counters are now working, we spoke with the Chamber about reducing fees for local business owners, the normal fee is \$200.00 - \$250.00 depending on if you need electricity, if you join the Chamber they are willing to reduce the fee by \$100.00, the railing on Bennett Avenue has been installed in the 300 block, all the street lights are up, thank you Public Works, next week Hazlett, Ashworth, Brown, and myself will be attending the CML conference in Denver, the new truck has arrived for Public Works, Jim Blasing stated we have training tomorrow morning.

FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT:

Paul Harris, Finance Director stated he sent an e-mail with the financial report for January, there are no request has no budget or line item transfers at this time.

UPDATE FROM THE CRIPPLE CREEK AND VICTOR GOLD MINE:

Jane Mannon, Manager of, Community Affairs for the Cripple Creek and Victor Gold Mine gave the Council an update on the mining activities for 2015. The work in progress is; Valley Leach Facility, ADR 2, Mill Construction and the North Cresson Storm Water Structure. In looking ahead the mine will be looking at doing an underground project. We are still very involved with the community, we will have our summer tours and during the Ice Fest we will have at our Visitors Center Mine Shots.

RESOLUTION #2015-02 – A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THE GOLD CAMP VICTORIAN SOCIETY FOR ITS WORK IN ORGANIZING AND CONDUCTING THE ANNUAL “MOUNT PISGAH SPEAKS” EVENT:

Mayor Brown read Resolution #2015-02;

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THE GOLD CAMP VICTORIAN SOCIETY FOR ITS WORK IN ORGANIZING AND CONDUCTING THE ANNUAL “MOUNT PISGAH SPEAKS” EVENT.

WHEREAS, the Gold Camp Victorian Society (the “Society”) is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization that has for many years provided valuable services to the City of Cripple Creek and the Cripple Creek-Victor mining district by promoting the rich and vibrant history of the area; and

WHEREAS, for fourteen years the Society has organized and conducted the “Mount Pisgah Speaks” event, a two-day event promoting and supporting the history of the region in which the Society’s members dress in historic period costumes to portray the lives of historical Cripple Creek residents through reenactments; and

WHEREAS, the primary purpose of the “Mount Pisgah Speaks” event is to provide an educational, informative and entertaining presentation of the region’s history; and

WHEREAS, the “Mount Pisgah Speaks” event brings visitors to Cripple Creek, provides revenue for City retail businesses, hotels and restaurants, all to the benefit of the local economy; and

WHEREAS, attendance at this wonderful event has increased each year and will undoubtedly increase in the future;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CRIPPLE CREEK, COLORADO, THAT:

The Cripple Creek City Council, on behalf of the citizens and residents of the City of Cripple Creek, wishes to express its appreciation and gratitude to the Gold Camp Victorian Society and its members for their continuing hard work and efforts in presenting the annual “Mount Pisgah Speaks” event.

Howard Melching President of the Victorian Society thanked the City Council for the recognition for the Mount Pisgah Speaks, but we also have two other major events each year, The Victorian Ball and the Victorian Tea, we also sponsor School Education, participate in the Donkey Derby Day's Parade and the Christmas Parade. Thank you to the City Council for your support.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF CHANGES TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT PROGRAM GUIDELINES:

Ray DuBois City Administrator stated Renee Mueller has been named the Interim Historic Preservation Director, since Kathy Stockton's retirement. Renee is in Denver at the Historic Preservation conference. At the City's Historic Preservation Commission meeting held on October 2, 2014, the Commission made the following recommendations for changes to the 2015 HP Grant Program Guidelines: 1) Historic residential rental properties will be considered under the Residential Program; not the commercial Program, 2) Require all three bids submitted with the grant application to be dated within 14 months prior to the application deadline. With regard to grant for residential properties, the priority for consideration as outlined in the 2015 grant guidelines are as follows: **First priority** given to year-round owner-occupied dwellings; **Second Priority** given to seasonal owner-occupied dwellings; and **Third priority** will be given to residential rental properties. There was much discussion as to the purpose of the Grant Process is to repair all possible dwellings in the City that meet the Guidelines. Why would we want to restrict those who are eligible by placing a priority on them? Motion by Hazlett, second by Ashworth to approve the Changes to the Historic Preservation Grant Program Guidelines with the removal on Page 3 first bullet point "**Priority of Consideration:** Owner occupied, with top priority to full time residents; then seasonal residents. Residential rentals, while eligible in 2015 for grant consideration, will be considered after owner-occupied dwellings." Motion carried with Zoellner abstaining.

At 6:15 P.M. Motion by Councilman Ashworth that the City Council hold an executive session: To consider the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer or sale of real, personal or other property, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(a). 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