

March 7, 2007

5:30 PM

Mayor Libby called the regular meeting of the City Council to order. Present were Council Petty, Peck, DiCamillo, Woods, Interim Administrator Ross, and City Clerk Blevins, with Attorney Phillips being absent.

Minutes of the February 21 & 23, 2007 meetings were approved as written.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Interim Administrator Ross asked Heritage Center Director Kerr to give the Council an update on the progress at the Heritage Center. Kerr stated the fire sprinkler system has been roughed in; we are waiting for final inspection to complete. The mine façade is almost complete, and the ceiling grid is in. Economic Development Director Fenner stated she and Historic Preservation Director Manning had attended the Colorado Saving Places, Inc conference in Denver. Fenner and Manning gave a presentation on Cripple Creek and the direction Cripple Creek is going with the Heritage Center. Opera House Director Moser was also present as “Gold Camp Gus” and gave a short presentation of the history of Cripple Creek. Mayor Libby introduced Crystal Broady from communications; Broady is a local and has been with the City for about a year and half. Mayor Libby presented Broady with two certificates one for completing NECI training, and the other for completion of EMDQ training.

FINANCE DIRECTORS REPORT:

Finance Director Harris stated the gaming numbers for January are in, looking at Cripple Creek on a coin-in basis January was up 5.6% over December. However when looking at the market share comparison Cripple Creek is down.

PLANNING & HISTORIC PRESERVATION REPORT:

Historic Preservation Director Manning reminded the public the Residential Grant program is will be closing next week if anyone is interested in applying please come by the office and pick up an application.

2nd READING OF ORDINANCE #2007-01 – AMENDING THE GAMING DEVICE FEE ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE #1991-32 TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXCHANGE WITHOUT THE INCREASE IN NUMBER OF GAMING DEVICES:

Mayor Libby read title only of Ordinance #2007-01 Amending the Gaming Device Fee Ordinance. There was no public comment. Motion by Petty to approve 2nd reading of Ordinance #2007-01 Second by Woods and motion carried.

REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF WATER/SEWER TAP FEES FOR A DUPLEX AT 703 & 705 LODE AVENUE:

Dan Piencikowski stated he is requesting the water/sewer tap fees be waived for a duplex to be built at 703 & 705 Lode Avenue. He and his family will live in one side on a part time basis while the other side will be a rental property. There was no public comment. Motion by Woods to approve the tap fee request for 703 & 705 Lode Avenue Second by Petty and motion carried with DiCamillo and Peck voting no.

RECOMMENDATION REAPPOINTMENT OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSIONERS:

Historic Preservation Director Manning stated the terms of 4 Commissioner positions expired on March 1st. There are also two alternate positions available. Three of the current members desire to be reappointed: Charlotte Bumgarner, 1-year term, Peter Little, 1-year term, Victor Lewis,

2 year term. There was no public comment. Motion by Peck to reappoint commissioners Charlotte Bumgarner, Peter Little and Victor Lewis Second by DiCamillo and motion carried.

APPROVAL OF ELECTRICAL CONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CRIPPLE CREEK AND AMERICAN GAMING GROUP:

Historic Preservation Director Manning explained to the Council this agreement will only be needed if the experiment with solar lighting does not work. The agreement will be between the City of Cripple Creek and AGG to allow the City to connect electrical lines into the lighted sign AGG has on their property for the sum of \$120.00 per year. There was no public comment. Motion by Woods to approve the electrical connection agreement between the City of Cripple Creek and AGG Second by Peck and motion carried.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF LEASE FOR THE CITY EMPLOYEE PARKING LOT ON BENNETT AVENUE:

Finance Director Harris stated he felt Council may want to try to renegotiate the terms of the lease since the terms have increased 150%. Staff was instructed to see about renegotiating the parking lot lease.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF A LOCOMOTIVE, WHICH OPERATED IN CRIPPLE CREEK IN THE PAST:

Mayor Libby stated he had taken a trip to Las Vegas to see the Locomotive Engine. It is a Baldwin 2 0 8 #10 and was the second engine to arrive in Cripple Creek on the Florence and Cripple Creek line. A slide show was presented with pictures of the engine. Mayor Libby asked permission to pursue bringing the engine back to Cripple Creek where it belongs. Consensus of Council was to allow the Mayor to return to Nevada to see about purchasing the engine. Paul Harris stated Dan Piencikowski had pledged \$5000 to the restoration.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Carl Poch stated after 5 months East Golden has been reopened but is now a mudslide could the City ask that AGG at least place some gravel on the street until it can be repaved. **Police Chief Hamilton** stated he was proud to announce that we will begin having teen court. **Sandra DiCamillo** stated the boy's varsity basketball team will be playing in Pueblo tomorrow morning in the playoffs.

At 6:20 PM, motion by Peck 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) to consider personnel matters, pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(f), Second by DiCamillo and motion carried. Regular session reconvened at 7:02 with no further business being conducted.

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 PM

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Ed Libby, Mayor

Debra Blevins, City Clerk