

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Brown called the regular meeting of the City Council to order at 5:30 PM having previously been noticed in accordance with Colorado Open Meetings law.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION: None

ROLL CALL: City Clerk Sciacca called the roll. Present were Mayor Bruce Brown, Mayor Pro Tern Chris Hazlett and Councilmembers Tom Litherland, Meghan Rozell, and Melissa Trenary. Staff present were City Administrator Mark Campbell, City Clerk Janell Sciacca, City Attorney Erin Smith, Finance Director Paul Harris, Chief of Police Mike Rulo, and Plant Operations Director Mickey Groves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **MOTION** by Councilwoman Trenary and seconded by Councilman Litherland to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2019 Regular Meeting as written. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Colt Simmons, Teller County Assessor, introduced himself and informed the Council he would be appearing quarterly before them distributing literature and answering questions relative to his office and valuations. He distributed an Understanding Property Taxes in Colorado pamphlet and reviewed the Assessor's responsibilities. He noted on March 20 in Florissant he would be attending Teller County Listens along with other Elected Officials. The County will be holding monthly meetings moving them throughout the County to different locations meeting with the citizens. Simmons also reported that he had created an Assessor Advisory Committee since taking office.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: City Administrator Campbell noted the written report in the packet. He reported the Housing Needs Assessment is moving forward and he anticipated a contract for the Council to consider at the March 20 meeting. The Citywide cleanup is scheduled for May 18 & 19. He asked Councilwoman Rozell to provide an update on plumbing legislation noted in his report. Rozell stated she testified earlier in the day on HB 1086 regarding mandates on inspections leading to extra costs for extra reviews. Her testimony was in opposition to the bill but the City would be moving into a neutral stance with CML contingent upon their review and approval of amendments giving municipalities more say.

FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT: Finance Director Harris reported the refinance of water/sewer bonds was moving forward and quotes should be coming in. Final prep for yearend audit is underway with the auditors coming in the 2nd week of April.

INTRODUCTION FROM NEW TELLER COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY

MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR DON ANGELL: Angell introduced himself and provided a brief detail of his background. He reported that he had already met with City Administrator Campbell and Chiefs O'Nale and Rulo. Angell stated he was a firm believer that what affects the City affects the County and what affects the County affects the City. Councilwoman Rozell inquired about coordination on disaster funds. Angell replied he would be that conduit.

NEWMONT CRIPPLE CREEK & VICTOR GOLD MINE QUARTERLY UPDATE;

MIKE SCHAFFNER, GENERAL MANAGER: Schaffner provided a summary of activities for 2018. He reported 2018 got off to a slow start but CC&V finished at 360,000 ounces and hit all targets. They moved 45 million tons of muck, put 20.5 million tons on the heap leach, and ran 1.6 million tons through the mill. 2019 will look very much the same with similar guidance on targets. He stated they would apply for a blast variance again in the summer so as not to impact Mollie Kathleen business. Projects this summer will be expansion of Valley Fill Leach #2 and Tezak was awarded this contract. Tezak is already onsite doing surveying and background information while waiting for better weather. CC&V is pushing forward on underground projects and will be seeking funding through corporate for exploration. They are still shipping 180 tons a day of concentrate to Nevada. Schaffner also reported that HB 1113 is hitting the mining industry, but probably won't impact existing operations. He stated they may be asking for City's help if needed. Schaffner then reported the mine life is 2027 and is projected to quit making money around 2022 at current gold prices. He also reported that he was not able to share anything more than what was in the news about buyouts, mergers and acquisitions. Newmont moved forward to buyout GoldCorp for 10 billion and Barrick put in a hostile takeover to buy Newmont for 17.8 billion. Newmont proposed a joint-venture but no one knows how it will turn out. He felt there would be little to no impact on operations but may result in a different management style. Mayor Brown asked for an update on the Wex Pit. Schaffner replied it has very little to no mining planned in 2019. Space is becoming a challenge as it nears Cripple Creek and Victor and there is still about 6-7 months left of mining in the bottom. Schaffner ended by advising community meetings were scheduled for March 12th in Victor at the Community Building and March 13 in Cripple Creek at the Heritage Center at 5:30 PM. The Council thanked Schaffner for his update.

WATER AND WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Director of Plant Operations Groves stated not much had changed since his last report in September. The City did receive information from an engineer on costs savings to convert the Return Activated Sludge System. Feedback was positive with the costs being recovered within about 5 years which makes it a viable project and he would move forward in the next budget year to address this. The plant is currently treating 290,000 water a day which is 37% rate of capacity. There is room to grow. Cripple Creek was featured by Colorado Rural Water's Magazine as a featured system. It was a positive article for the plant and City of Cripple Creek. Groves also reported Veris Environmental processed 60 biometric tons of biosolids within budget. He also submitted a renewal application and site amendment application to de-rate the hydraulic capacity of the Wastewater Plant by 5% and move it to a minor facility. Councilwoman Rozell inquired when he expected to hear back. Groves replied about three years, but they would be allowed to continue operations under the current permit. He then reported he placed a tire changing machine on Govdeals.com and sold it for \$320 to someone in La Junta. Councilman Litherland inquired about the well depth and Groves replied they are 70 feet. Groves ended by reminding the Council about the importance of water and the City's need to preserve and protect it.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FIFTH AMENDMENT TO WATER PURCHASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF CRIPPLE CREEK AND CITY OF VICTOR: City Administrator Campbell reminded of the approval of the water agreement with the Gold Mine at the previous meeting. He stated this is the associated amendment to sell the water to Victor and he asked for the Council's approval. City Attorney Smith stated the agreement looked to be in order and she would defer to the Water Attorney and history of previous agreements. There was no public comment. Campbell added the City of Victor would be considering the agreement at its next meeting. **MOTION** by Councilwoman Rozell and seconded by Councilman Litherland to approve the Fifth Amendment to Water Purchase Agreement between the City of Cripple Creek and City of Victor as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BETWEEN CITY OF CRIPPLE CREEK AND DEERE AND AULT CONSULTANTS, INC. FOR GENERAL WATER RIGHTS CONSULTING SERVICES: City Administrator Campbell advised the agreement with Deere & Ault was needing additional review and changes. City Attorney Smith provided direction by the Council on a motion. **MOTION** by Councilwoman Rozell and seconded by Councilman Litherland to withdraw the Agreement for Professional Services with Deere and Ault Consultants. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 PM.

APPROVED:



 Bruce Brown
 Mayor

ATTEST:



 Janell Scacca, CMC
 City Clerk