

Regular Meeting of January 15, 2020

5:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Ashworth 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.

INVOCATION: A brief invocation was provided by citizen Joe Ruffatti

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

ROLL CALL: City Clerk Sciacca called the roll. Present were Mayor Milford Ashworth and Councilmembers Tom Litherland, Meghan Rozell, Charles Solomone and Melissa Trenary. Staff present were City Administrator Mark Campbell, City Clerk Janell Sciacca, City Attorney Erin Smith, Finance Director Paul Harris, Chief Mike Rulo, Sgt Bright, HR & Risk Management Director Carol Stotts, Marketing & Events Director Jeff Mosher, Public Works Director Steve DiCamillo, Parks & Recreation Director Connie Dodrill and Planning & Community Development Director Bill Gray.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: Councilman Litherland motioned and Councilwoman Trenary seconded to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2019 Regular Meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Joe Ruffatti, 206 Silver Street, thanked EMS and Fire paramedics for services rendered when he fell and broke his nose and lip on the sidewalk. Was very impressed and has heard many positive comments on the services provided. He was concerned that there was no light or other indicator when the doorbell was rung that let him know a First Responder was coming and felt a light might be installed to acknowledge help was on the way to a person in need. He stated he would like to donate a few dollars.

REPORTS:

CITY ADMINISTRATOR: City Administrator Campbell reported the City received \$75,000 agreement from DOLA for the Wildland Fire Truck and the vehicle was ordered, Mosher will be presenting the 2020 Events Calendar this evening, and the Butte Theater had a successful and positive preview meeting last weekend. All else is at it appears in the written report.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Finance Director Harris reported the City successfully completed its interim audit last week. He also reported the 1st Quarter Device count is in and down 5 devices from the 4th Quarter tying the record low in 1st Quarter 2018. All 75 devices added when Christmas Casino opened have been lost by removals from different casinos. Campbell recognized HR & Risk Management Director Stotts who in turn recognized Dispatcher Jesse Avery for 15 years of service to the City. Councilwoman Rozell lauded Avery for her exemplary service.

PRESENTATIONS, UPDATES AND OTHER REPORTS:

CRIPPLE CREEK -VICTOR SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Richey stated that he was asked to provide a quarterly report to the City Council and will in turn look forward to the City Administrator appearing at School Board meetings to do the same. Richey reviewed the written report in the packet. Councilman Litherland inquired if teachers found it difficult of locate housing. Richey replied yes, it is difficult but eventually they have found a place to live. The Council thanked Richey for his presentation.

TWO MILE HIGH CLUB UPDATE, 2020 DONKEY DERBY DAYS DISCUSSION AND PROJECT SUPPORT REQUEST: Ellen Moore, Secretary, directed Council to the letter in the packet. She read a prepared statement relative to the many difficulties in finding volunteers, raising money for and caring for the animals. A request was made for volunteers. Councilwoman Trenary stated both her and Councilman Litherland were well aware of the responsibilities as former volunteers and commended the group for carrying on and caring for the herd. Councilwoman Rozell wished she had more time to dedicate and volunteered to sit in on meetings to help with volunteer coordination and events. Administrator Campbell stated he would be able to help on a limited basis during the week and more so on weekends.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT UPDATE: DiCamillo directed the Council to an updated handout he distributed prior to the meeting. He reviewed the Chip-Seal 2020 project information and Councilwoman Rozell inquired if he would make the associated map available online for public information. Councilman Litherland inquired if the company from Grand Junction would be invited to bid this year. DiCamillo replied yes, but the City's projects often run up against other big jobs they do. The ad will be posted in 2 newspapers and online at Bid Net. DiCamillo also reported on the Bennett Avenue water line replacement project and upcoming maintenance projects as well at Trash Days and Litherland asked that the Trash Days flyers be posted at the Post Office to help get the word out better. DiCamillo also report the Public Works applied for a \$750,000 Central Front Range Transportation Planning Region Grant and would hear by March 23. City Clerk Sciacca added that during the cleanup days this year the City was also going to plan to add shredding services as an added benefit for the citizens.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Sol Malick and his associate from Peak Governmental Affairs, LTD reviewed the current House makeup. Malick stated that because it is an Election year things will be more more interesting. The Session started last Wednesday, and 240 Bills were introduced in the first week. They are distilling to see what impacts the City and will overreport on topics. Committees are changing but the House still very liberal and while the Senate is more moderate. A lot of bills are expected on education reform, mental health, oil and gas, energy and recycling. Councilman Litherland inquired about gaming bills and Malick said there were none currently and he felt this was because everyone was still trying to figure out Sports Betting. Malick advised he was scheduling meetings for the City Council with Representatives and Senators when the group attended the February 13 Legislative Workshop in Denver. Malick ended stating it will be another active year.

NEW BUSINESS:

ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM PER CRIPPLE CREEK MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2-2-30: City Attorney Smith read Section 2-2-30 of the code regarding election of the Mayor Pro Tem. Mayor Ashworth opened the floor to nominations. **MOTION** by Councilwoman Trenary and seconded by Councilwoman Rozell to nominate Tom Litherland as Mayor Pro Tem. Motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 2020 EVENTS SCHEDULE: Marketing & Events Director Mosher thanked the Council for attending the Advisory Committee meeting on Monday. He directed everyone to the schedule in the packet. The one distributed tonight is at the printer waiting tonight's approval. Mosher reported that the Triple Crown Casinos wants to do a smaller version of fireworks on the Friday after July 4th. He will be approaching other entities to inquire if they would be interested in seeing if they can get price breaks if purchasing packages of fireworks all at once. Triple Crown will pay for entire Friday show and bands which will play on both dates. There is not cost to the City. Mayor Ashworth inquired if Staff supported this request. Mosher felt it could be a good opportunity to see more people stay in town. Mosher then noted the Butte Theater events will be on a separate calendar and this year's calendar has more community events such as the Trash Days. He reviewed several other changes for the Council and viewing public's benefits. City Attorney Smith clarified a motion relative to the added fireworks display. **MOTION** by Councilwoman Rozell and seconded by Councilwoman Trenary to approve a Friday, July 3, fireworks display in addition to the Saturday, July 4th fireworks paid by the Triple Crown Casinos. Motion carried unanimously. **MOTION** by Councilwoman Rozell and seconded by Councilman Litherland to approve the 2020 City of Cripple Creek Events calendar as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Mosher thanked the Council and stated visitor surveys will be conducted this year starting at the Ice Festival and will provide demographics for future marketing.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2020-01 ESTABLISHING THE DESIGNATED PUBLIC PLACES FOR THE POSTING OF CITY MEETING NOTICES AS REQUIRED BY THE COLORADO OPEN MEETINGS LAW: City Clerk Sciacca presented reminding that this is done annually at the first regular meeting every year. The posting places remain the same – City Hall, the Post Office and the City website. She recommended approval as presented. **MOTION** by Councilwoman Trenary and seconded by Mayor Ashworth to approve Resolution 2020-01 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.


PUBLIC HEARINGS:

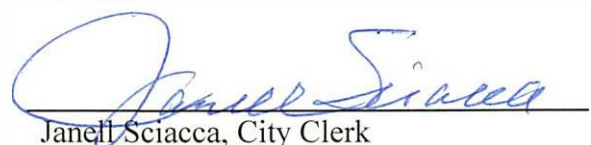
REQUEST TO CONTINUE TO FEBRUARY 5, 2020 - CONSIDER APPLICATION FOR FRONT SETBACK VARIANCE TO ALLOW A ZERO (0') FOOT SETBACK FOR PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS LOT 26, BLOCK 33, HAYDEN PLACER AND LOCATED IN R-2 – LIMITED RESIDENTIAL ZONE: Planning and Community Development Director Gray reported the request was being continued in order for the associated drawing for a completed land survey plat to be done by the surveyor. The drawing is in Staff's hands and Staff recommends opening the Public Hearing and continuing it to February 5. Ashworth opened the public hearing and City Attorney Smith provided the motion. **MOTION** by Councilwoman Rozell and seconded by Councilman Litherland to continue to February 5, 2020 the Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business before the Cripple Creek City Council, Mayor Ashworth adjourned the meeting at 7:00 PM.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:


Milford Ashworth, Mayor


Janell Sciacca, City Clerk