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337 E. Bennett Avenue, Cripple Creek, CO 80813

CRIPPLE CREEK CITY COUNCIL

April 3, 2024

**5:30 PM – REGULAR MEETING
IN-PERSON AND ONLINE VIA ZOOM**

4 PM WORK SESSION TO DISCUSS:

- 1. City Council Member Assignments**
- 2. Appointing Members to the Board of Adjustment & Appeals**
- 3. Appointing Members to the Planning & Zoning Commission**

Join City Council Meeting By ZOOM

Meeting ID:

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CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENT

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES from the March 6, 2024 Regular Meeting and the March 20, 2024 regular Meeting.

REPORTS

City Administrator

Finance Director

OATHS/PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Legislative Update; Sol Malick

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Consider Approval to Support the Community in Hosting the 2024 Colorado Summer Wildland Fire & Incident Management Academy at the CCV High School; Joe O’Conor, Fire Chief

ADJOURNMENT



MARCH 6, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes

Mayor Durham called the Regular meeting of the City Council to order at 5:30 PM and led with the Pledge of Allegiance. Clerk Gish called roll; all Councilmembers were present. Staff present in Council Chambers were Frank Salvato, City Administrator; Paul Harris, Finance Director; Malissa Gish, City Clerk, Bud Bright, Police Chief; Joe O'Connor, Fire Chief; Don Kramer, Code Enforcement Officer; Zack Sztanyo, Butte Manager (ZOOM); Ken Hartsfield, Building Official; Courtney Knutsen, Finance Technician; Julie Noah, B&P Administrative Assistant; Mariah Trujillo, Historic Preservation & Planning Coordinator; Steve DiCamillo, PW Director; Erin Smith, City Attorney.; Alicia Garcia, City Assistant Attorney (ZOOM).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Edith Smith, owner of Creations Everlasting expresses her disappointment with the placement of barricades in front of her establishment. She feels her sales were impacted by 60%. Smith urges the city to refrain from blocking the 400 block during events.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES from February 21, 2024 Regular Meeting. **Motion** by Councilwoman Trenary and seconded by Councilman Schwab to approve the meeting minutes from the February 21, 2024, Regular Meeting with a correction to the Legion Post # 171. **Motion** passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Salvato states that \$25K was put in the budget for water for Ice Castles. We spent just over \$18K as our portion of the bill. The casinos will pay the same amount and the Ice Castles will pay double that amount. The ice will be transported near the creek for melting.

Harris updates council on January gaming numbers being up; Coin in up 12%; AGP up 14% compared to January 2023. He attributes the increase to Ice Castles and possibly the opening of the Chamonix.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Approval of Two (2) Professional Service Agreements for The Butte Theater

- 1)Thin Air Theatre Company for the Fall and Christmas Shows at the Butte Theater
- 2)Chameleon Arts & Entertainment for the Summer Melodrama and Musical at the Butte Theater

Sztanyo addresses the need to edit the effective date of each PSA to reflect March 6, 2024. He states the TATC fall show is contingent upon the approval of the rights. He should find out in the next 2 weeks if the rights were revoked due to a national tour.

Motion by Councilwoman Trenary and seconded by Councilman Schwab to approve a PSA with Thin Air Theatre Company for the Fall and Christmas Shows at the Butte Theater with the correction of the effective date of March 6, 2024. **Motion** passed unanimously.

Motion by Councilman Bowman and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brown to Approve a PSA with Chameleon Arts & Entertainment for the Summer Melodrama and Musical at the Butte Theater with the correction of the effective date of March 6, 2024. **Motion** passed unanimously.

SECOND READING & PUBLIC HEARING Ordinance 2024-01 Amending Certain Sections of the Municipal Code

Garcia addresses the review of certain provisions of the municipal code. Council previously had concerns with the entryway radius in the tobacco and smoking product section. Based on comments changes were made to the entryway from 25 feet to 5 feet. The grass/weeds/and brush section will state they are only a nuisance if they are 12 inches in height or higher.

Motion by Councilman Schwab and seconded by Councilwoman Trenary to close public comment. **Motion** passed unanimously.

Motion by Councilwoman Trenary and seconded by Councilman Schwab to approve Ordinance 2024-01 Amending Certain Sections of the Municipal Code on second reading. **Motion** passed unanimously.

Consider Approval for a Request by TimberWolf Construction, LLC for the Waiving of Water and Sewer Tap Fees Placer per Ordinance 2021-09 for Each of Eighteen Dwelling Units in Four Four-Plexes and One Duplex for a Total of \$173,880.00 on Lots 1-9, and 30-40 Block 25 of the Freeman Placer Addition Located West of A Street Between Whalen St. and Womac St. Placer, Ken Hartsfield, Planning Director

Hartsfield presents the application with a brief PowerPoint. After discussion with the applicant, it is determined that a development agreement may be a better route to take for this project. This will come back to the council for approval.

No action was taken on this item as it was presented.

ADJOURNMENT With no other business to present, Mayor Durham adjourns the meeting at 6:32 PM.

Annie Durham, Mayor

Malissa Gish, City Clerk



MARCH 20, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes

Mayor Durham called the Regular meeting of the City Council to order at 5:30 PM and led with the Pledge of Allegiance. Clerk Gish called roll; all Councilmembers were present. Staff present in Council Chambers were Frank Salvato, City Administrator; Malissa Gish, City Clerk; Bud Bright, Police Chief; Joe O’Conor, Fire Chief; Don Kramer, Code Enforcement Officer; Ken Hartsfield, Building Official; Erin Smith, City Attorney

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brandon Westhoff with the Two-Mile-High Club thanks the city for plowing out to the donkey pins so they could attend to the animals and for the appropriations allocated for their care.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES The Clerk was unable to complete the Minutes from the previous meeting due to city closure. The Clerk informs the Council she will provide both weeks at the next meeting.

REPORTS

Salvato briefs the Council and community on the recent weather incident and power outage. He feels this has created an awareness of the need for a better emergency plan. He recognized the Police Department, Fire Department, EMS, and Public Works, Council Members, and many residents for their tireless efforts in working long hours and assisting residents shovel out. There were donations of food from a few local establishments and Chamonix for managing a warming station in their lobby.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Approval of a Local Disaster Emergency Declaration in Cripple Creek Due to Extreme Winter Storm, Snowfall and Ongoing Power Outage

Salvato explains the need for this after the recent storm and power outage. This Declaration opens the city to state emergency funding if needed to cover costs accrued due to the storm and outage. The city’s strengths and deficits were determined and will be addressed by looking at a generator at the school, Park & Rec, and the Public Works building. An emergency location will be discussed for future emergencies.

Motion by Trenary and seconded by Schwab to Ratify the Mayor’s Decision to Declare a Local Disaster Emergency Declaration in Cripple Creek Due to Extreme Winter Storm, Snowfall and Ongoing Power Outage. **Motion** was carried.

Consider Approval of Resolution 2024-04 for a Certificate of Appropriateness for Century Casino, Inc. for a new entry, awning, metal-canopy sign, and corner sign located at 200 East Bennett Avenue

This item was withdrawn due to the HP meeting not being held due to the weather. HP will re-notice and reschedule the meeting. No action was taken.

Consider Approval of Resolution 2024-02 Declaring Cripple Creek a NON-Sanctuary City

Trenary reads the Resolution in its entirety. Bowman clarifies that we would allow “legal” immigrants.

Motion by Brown and seconded by Bowman to Approve Resolution 2024-02 Declaring Cripple Creek a NON-Sanctuary City. **Motion** was carried.

Consider Approval for the Donation of a Fire Department Rescue Vehicle to the Florissant Fire Protection District

Chief O’Conor explains the vehicle has been sitting and Florissant Fire would make good use of it. He will have staff remove the CC decals and change out the radio.

Motion by Schwab and seconded by Brown to Approve the Donation of a Fire Department Rescue Vehicle to the Florissant Fire Protection District. **Motion** carried.

ADJOURNMENT With no other business to present, Mayor Durham adjourns the meeting at 6:02 PM.

Annie Durham, Mayor

Malissa Gish, City Clerk




Cripple Creek Fire Department

Memorandum

To: Mayor and Council Members

Through: Frank Salvato, City Administrator

From: Joe O'Connor, Fire Chief 

Date: March 26, 2024

Subject: Statement of support for Cripple Creek hosting the 2024 Colorado Summer Wildland Fire & Incident Management Academy

Request:

Council issue a statement of support for our community to host the 2024 Colorado Summer Wildland Fire and Incident Management Academy at the CC&V High School from June 3 through 7, 2024.

Justification:

The Colorado Wildland Fire and Incident Management Academy is planning on the Cripple Creek community hosting their upcoming summer event during June 2024. The Academy will be primarily hosted at the High School facility. The school will be in use for 24 hours each day to simulate a wildfire deployment. Additional field training sites have been identified in our area to allow for realistic, high-quality, hands-on training accessible to our local firefighters without the cost of travel and lodging.

The organizers have requested City support for the hosting of an apparatus parade on Wednesday, June 5, 2024, at 5pm followed by an outdoor barbecue event for participants at the City Park at Parks and Recreation.

Financial Impact:

The parade and barbecue events will be reviewed by the Special Events process and are not expected to have any financial impact.

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Daniel Cummings,Principal



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Tonya Copley,Principal

March 19, 2024

Dear City of Cripple Creek City Council,

This letter is in support of the Colorado Wildland Fire & Incident Management Academy. We have been working with the organization to bring the Academy's intensive training to Cripple Creek the week of June 2-7, 2024. As you know, wildland firefighting is extremely important to Cripple Creek and the surrounding dispersed communities of Teller County.

The Academy will be using our High School Building for the week and has contracted with our food service department for some meals. Several of our student organizations will be involved in supporting the event and our Fire Science students may be able to attend some of the training. We have agreed to allow firefighters to camp on our football field for the duration of the event assuming the City of Cripple Creek will allow it. Campers will have access to provided portable restrooms in the evening, and access to school facilities, including showers, throughout the daytime events. While the campers will be eating breakfast and lunch on the school campus, they will be participating in our local economy in the evenings when they visit local establishments.

CCV Schools is excited and honored to host this training as it will involve an estimated 500 wildland firefighters from around Colorado, many of which have served in our community fighting fires in recent years.

Please join us in supporting firefighters by allowing camping within the limited space of our football field during the Academy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dan Cummings".

Dan Cummings
Secondary Principal
CCV Schools