

MAY 27, 2008

**CITY OF GUNNISON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**

7:00 P.M.

The Regular Session was called to order at 7:00 P.M., by Mayor Pro Tem Miller, with Councilors Houck, Harriman and Nesbitt present along with City Manager Coleman, City Clerk Davidson, Finance Director Hanson, Parks & Recreation Director Ampietro, several interested citizens and the press. Mayor Ferguson and City Attorney Landwehr were absent. A Council quorum was present.

Consideration of Minutes:

Regular Session Meeting Minutes of May 13, 2008.

Councilor Harriman moved and Councilor Nesbitt seconded the motion to approve the Regular Session meeting minutes as submitted.

Roll call vote, yes: Harriman, Miller, Nesbitt. Motion carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Roll call vote, abstain: Houck. He was absent from the meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Miller asked for a motion to excuse Mayor Ferguson from this evening's meeting and a motion to excuse Councilor Houck from the May 13, 2008, Regular Session meeting.

Councilor Harriman moved and Councilor Houck seconded the motion to excuse Mayor Ferguson from this evening's Regular Session meeting.

Roll call vote, yes: Harriman, Miller, Nesbitt, Houck. Motion carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Councilor Harriman moved and Councilor Nesbitt seconded the motion to excuse Councilor Houck from the Regular Session meeting of May 13, 2008.

Roll call vote, yes: Miller, Nesbitt, Harriman. Motion carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Roll call vote, abstain: Houck.

Pre-Scheduled Citizens:

Farmers' Market Update – Sandra Karas. Ms. Karas was out of town. The Farmers' Market group was represented by TL Livermore. Mr. Livermore informed Council of the following: this is the 5th year for the market; most of the vendors from last year have committed to returning; they have several craft vendors and some local restaurants interested in participating; most of their profit goes into advertising; and the Farmers' Market organization has applied for a Department of Agriculture grant. City Manager Coleman asked about their power requirements. Mr. Livermore stated Brenda Keister has contacted the Parks Department about those requirements. Parks & Recreation Director Ampietro stated they are looking at improving the power situation in the IOOF Park and have money in their Capital Improvements budget. The Market also appreciates the construction of the new restroom facilities. Council wished the Market good luck this season.

Gunnison County Substance Abuse Prevention Project Update – Jere Thomas.

Ms. Thomas was out of town and Molly Mugglestone made the presentation. Ms. Mugglestone is the evaluation liaison on the project. She passed out the "Prevention" Newsletter and information card to Council. Topics discussed included: the project received a \$125,000 "Drug-Free Communities" grant; the GCSAPP is targeting middle school students and parents for education on substance abuse; the survey was given to 720 students district-wide from grades 6 through 12 and included questions about the students use and access to alcohol, marijuana, prescription drugs and other drugs; the School District is comfortable with the validity of the data; the survey showed that students feel they have fairly easy access to alcohol; and the survey indicates there is a big disconnect between what parents think and what is really happening with their children. Councilor Harriman asked about the Project's long-term goals. Ms. Mugglestone stated they want people to admit there is a substance abuse problem in the community and the Project coordinators are working on an implementation phase to decrease the use of these substances. Council thanked Ms. Mugglestone.

Unfinished Business:

Swimming Pool Contract. City Manager Coleman and Parks & Recreation Director Ampietro informed Council that the contract process to this point has been frustrating and difficult. The City has received wrong figures concerning costs and the costs have continued to rise. Working with the architects and contractors, the maximum guaranteed cost has been nailed down and has been revised to \$6,851,994. Steel prices increased 33% on May 1st and they are supposed to increase again on June 1st. Mayor Pro Tem Miller stated we need to act now before the prices increase again. A discussion on filters, building sustainability, prices and building processes ensued. The City is fundraising grants for the slide.

Councilor Nesbitt moved and Councilor Harriman seconded the motion to accept Staff's recommendation in the memo dated May 27, 2008, and approve the contract with Adolfsen & Peterson in a maximum guaranteed cost not to exceed \$6,851,994.

Roll call vote, yes: Nesbitt, Houck, Harriman, Miller. Motion carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Discussion on the ice rink project ensued. Mayor Pro Tem Miller asked about the refrigeration system configuration. Parks & Recreation Director Ampietro explained the refrigeration coils are buried under the concrete and stays in the ground. The ice thickness will only be up to 1-1/4" thick. Director Ampietro then gave an update on the trails project. He and the City Manager met with the Trails Committee and discussed the status of each of the segments. They are working through details of access through various private property owners. The City has applied for a GOCO Trails grant. It is a one-time opportunity and \$750,000 maximum per individual grant is available. The north bridge underpass is one priority. They are working on the bridge to bridge segment. GOCO will do a site visit next week. July 1st is the deadline for the grant. \$30,000 is in place for the Trails Masterplan. Things are moving forward.

Rink Facilities Manager/Special Events Coordinator. City Manager Coleman and Parks & Recreation Director Ampietro informed Council that using the input from the prior Special Events Coordinator Committee and information from the Colorado Municipal League job listings they have developed a job description for the Ice Rink Facilities Manager/Special Events Coordinator. The job duties are diverse. Mayor Pro Tem Miller voiced his concerns about the diversity in job duties. He doesn't see the job as being a maintenance type position but rather a manager, facilitator and marketer. Director Ampietro said it is not a nuts & bolts type position but the Manager needs to understand how the facility works. City Manager Coleman stated the position is first the facility coordinator and then will work with organizations assisting them with event coordination. Scheduling of the facility is critical, first for public use and then by groups and competitive leagues. The selected person will answer to Director Ampietro. Council consensus was for Staff to go forward and advertise the position.

New Business:

Action on Farmers' Market Multi-Day Special Events Permit. This item was discussed earlier in the meeting.

Councilor Houck moved and Councilor Harriman seconded the motion to approve the Farmers' Market multi-day Special Events Permit.

Roll call vote, yes: Houck, Harriman, Miller, Nesbitt. Motion carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Action on Sundays at 7 Multi-Day Special Events Permit. City Clerk Davidson explained that once again the Arts Center is asking for approval for a multi-day permit. They are hoping to start this Sunday evening.

Councilor Houck moved and Councilor Nesbitt seconded the motion to approve the Gunnison Arts Center's Multi-day Special Events Permit for the Sundays at 7 Program.

Roll call vote, yes: Harriman, Miller, Nesbitt, Houck. Motion carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Letter of Support for Gunnison Valley Animal Welfare League Grants. Mayor Pro Tem Miller asked the draft letter be amended to contain all of the Council signatures.

Councilor Nesbitt moved and Councilor Houck seconded the motion to approve the Letter of Support for the Gunnison Valley Animal Welfare League grants.

Roll call vote, yes: Miller, Nesbitt, Houck, Harriman. Motion carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Ordinance and Resolutions: None.

City Attorney: Rod Landwehr: Out of town.

City Manager: Ken Coleman. The City Manager reported on the following: he spoke with County Manager Matthew Birnie about a date for a joint meeting with the County Commissioners and Tuesday, June 17th at 7:30 A.M. was suggested; The City Manager will put together a draft agenda and get that to Council for their input; he received a call from Dan Higgins, the Regional Manager from Atmos Energy who introduced himself and informed Ken gas prices will be going up 23% June 1st, the City Manager will call the PUC with a protest about the lack of timely notice from Atmos; he has applied for a \$250,000 DOLA Grant to assist with the solar water heating system and another grant for planning for an expansion of the existing Community Center gym box to accommodate a weight/Aerobics room and racquetball courts. He will be meeting with a group of racquetball players this week to discuss matching grants.

Acting City Manager: Finance Director Wendy Hanson – Finance Departmental Report. Director Hanson stated her report is in their packets and asked if they had any questions. Director Hanson reported she has received 13 applications for the Human Resources Technician position. Two are internal applicants and interviews will take place next week. Sales tax is flat. Dorene Elam attended an informative sales tax class in Ouray last week and they will be implementing some changes as a result. Councilor Harriman asked about the Deferred 457 program. Director Hanson explained how employees can have contributions matched after completing at least ten years of service with the City. Council thanked Director Hanson.

City Clerk: Gail Davidson. Informed Council the Gunnison Valley Observatory telescope is in Gunnison and is undergoing some modifications. The public grand opening has been set for Saturday, June 28th. City Clerk Davidson explained there is a new type of art gallery liquor permit that will be available July 1st and she will be visiting with the local art galleries to explain the new permitting process. Clerk Davidson also reminded Council the Governor had signed the bill that will allow retail liquor stores to start selling alcohol on Sundays as of July 1st.

Non-Scheduled Citizens: None.

City Council General Discussion, Meeting Reports, Items for Work Sessions:

Councilor Houck: reported he had a call from Mark Todd with an invitation for Council to attend a documentary screening of a work by Darla Rae, on Friday, June 6, at 5:30 P.M. at the Aspinall-Wilson Center. There will be a question and answer session following the screening at 6:45 P.M. Ms. Rae has indicated she may be in Gunnison next summer filming “The Silverville Swindle”, a play written by locals Mark Todd and Kym O’Connell-Todd.

Councilor Harriman: reported she attended the Gunnison Housing Authority last week and the processing of the \$70,000 grant for the Housing Needs Assessment has been completed. The consultant will survey households and businesses in 2 different seasons. The first report should be out in August and the 2nd report in December.

Mayor Pro Tem Miller: Nothing to report.

Councilor Nesbitt: informed Council he attended the Region 10 Revolving Loan Fund meeting last week. They have loan funds available for small businesses in Region 10. He then brought up a quandary he has. The Council has demonstrated its commitment to energy efficiencies, yet he questions how does a 500 unit RV park in a proposed annexation area fit into that

commitment? How should Council make this type of energy policy decision? Councilor Houck stated the Council supports the Rural Transportation Authority and it in turn supports both public transportation, i.e. the public transit system, and airline subsidies for planes that consume huge amounts of fuel to bring tourists to the valley. Mayor Pro Tem Miller suggested this issue be placed on a future Work Session agenda.

Councilor Harriman stated her brother in Wisconsin read an article in a Chicago newspaper about WOW destinations that included mention of mountain biking in Crested Butte and Gunnison. City Manager Coleman stated his wife's relatives have heard advertisements for Western State College on Chicago area radio stations.

Executive Session: Discussion on Property Sale as Outlined under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(a) "The purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer, or sale of any real, personal, or other property interest; except that no executive session shall be held for the purpose of concealing the fact that a member of the local public body has a personal interest in such purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer, or sale";

Councilor Nesbitt moved and Councilor Houck seconded the motion to go into Executive Session the purpose of which is for the discussion on property sale as outlined under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(a) "The purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer, or sale of any real, personal, or other property interest; except that no executive session shall be held for the purpose of concealing the fact that a member of the local public body has a personal interest in such purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer, or sale.

Roll call vote, yes: Nesbitt, Houck, Harriman, Miller. Motion carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Council moved into Executive Session at 8:53 P.M.

Council returned to Regular Session at 9:21 P.M.

Mayor Pro Tem Miller read the following into the record: "The time is now 9:21 P.M., and the Executive Session has been concluded. The participants in the Executive Session were Mayor Pro Tem Rick Miller, Councilors Jonathan Houck, Ellen Harriman, and Bill Nesbitt, City Manager Ken Coleman, and City Clerk Gail Davidson. For the record, if any person who participated in the Executive Session believes that any substantial discussion of any matters not included in the motion to go into Executive Session occurred during the Executive Session, or that any improper action occurred during the Executive Session in violation of the Open Meetings Law, I would ask that you state your concerns for the record." No one responded with a concern.

Adjournment: Mayor Pro Tem called for any further comment and hearing none the meeting was adjourned at 9:23 P.M.

Mayor Pro Tem

City Clerk