



**MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY  
COUNCIL**

**City Council Chambers 448  
East 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Room 190  
City of Salida, Colorado  
Tuesday, July 19, 2016 6:00 p.m.**

- I. REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER –**
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE –** Led by Mayor Jim LiVecchi
- III. ROLL CALL**

All members of Council and staff were present with the exception of Christian Samora and Betty Schwitzer.

**IV. PRESENTATION**

**1. 2015 Audited Financial Statement Presentation (Hinton Burdick)**

Mike Spilker gave a presentation of the City's 2015 Audited Financial Statements over the telephone.

Brown reported that he certified the Single Audit on behalf of the City. Brown continued to state that he believed the only thing left would be for the City Council to formally accept the auditor's report.

**Brown motioned to accept the auditor's report as presented and to proceed to file the audit with the State before the end of the month. Rogers seconded the motion. With all in favor, THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**2. SteamPlant Cost Recovery Presentation (Theresa Casey)**

Michael Varnum gave an introduction and explained the background of the project. Kevin Williams, the Managing Director of BBC provided the City Council with a handout and walked the City Council through the information that was provided.

**3. Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District Support Request**

Terry Scanga gave an introduction and stated that he was supportive of the SteamPlant. He continued to state that the water study would be the second phase of the project. Scanga stated that they would be asking for cost sharing from the City again for Phase II.

Chelsey Nutter provided background and an explanation of the project budget.

The City Council was in agreement to provide the letter of support. There will be a resolution on the next Council agenda for the support request.

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**V. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION** – *Citizen participation is for items not on the agenda and for agenda items that are not scheduled public hearings.*

Louise Fish of Salida stated that she received an unsigned letter. She felt it was important that the Council hear what the letter said with the exception of one sentence that refers to someone else. Fish read the letter aloud to the City Council and the members of the public that were present. LiVecchi stated that Ms. Fish had approached him with this letter and he did not feel the letter was proper behavior and that the Council did not condone it. Fish referenced an article that was in the newspaper regarding the redaction of open records. Fish stated that the contract for the Intermit Administrator may need to better define the City and who represents it.

Tom Bomer of Salida stated that the audit presentation was enjoyable to listen to and felt it may be time to start letting the professionals take care of the budget and finances without micromanagement.

Monika Griesenbeck of Salida stated that she was in agreement to letting the professionals work, but felt the Audit Committee creates more accountability. Griesenbeck felt that having a separate fund the NRCDC would dispel a lot of contention in the community about the NRCDC. She stated that there is a statement on the website that the City has not spent any money on the NRCDC. Griesenbeck stated that there is not an accounting of the staff time that has been spent on the NRCDC. Griesenbeck urged the Council to find what the City has actually spent on the NRCDC.

Billy Carlisle of Salida thanked the City Council for their service. He stated that he used to say to spread his ashes on Monarch, but now he says to bury his heart in Salida and spread the rest of his ashes on Monarch. Carlisle stated that he took a sabbatical from Salida the day after the election and did not feel the Council was letting the community down. Carlisle stated that he attended over half of the NRCDC meetings and the one he attended earlier in the day was the most pleasant that he had attended.

**VI. SCHEDULED ITEMS**

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1. **Consent Agenda** (Christian Samora)
  - a) Approval of Agenda
  - b) Approval of Minutes: June 21, 2016 & July 5, 2016
  - c) 2016 Salida River Trail Final Settlement
  - d) 2016 Public Works Parking Lot Drainage Project Final Settlement

Osborn stated that the final settlement for the Salida River Trail came in under budget by about \$22,000 and there is a final retainage of \$57,000 that is owed to ACA Products. He continued to state that there was a lot of clean up along the river including the planting of new trees. Osborn stated that there will be some more work that will need to be finalized by volunteer workers. Granzella asked if the \$20,000 was still available to complete the job. Osborn stated that the project was also under budget on the design, so there are funds still available for the reclamation of the landscape along the trail.

**Granzella motioned to combine and approve the items on the consent agenda. Rogers seconded the motion. With all in favor, THE MOTION CARRIED.**

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2. **Harriett Alexander Ground Lease - Ron C. Liebl, Trust, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading & Public Hearing** (Zech Papp)  
Ordinance 2016-14 approving a ground lease with Ron C. Liebl, Trust

Papp gave an introduction and provided background information.

There were not any comments in the Public Hearing.

**Bowers motioned to approve Ordinance 2016-14, an ordinance of the City Council, City of Salida approving a ground lease with Ron C. Liebl, Trust. Brown seconded the motion. With all in favor, THE MOTION CARRIED.**

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3. **Amicas Hotel & Restaurant Liquor License Application & Public Hearing** (Christian Samora)

Casey gave an introduction and provided background information.

Bowers asked when Amicas is planning to open and if the brewery is associated with this license. Casey stated that the Brewery license was transferred.

**Granzella motioned to approve a Hotel & Restaurant Liquor License for Amicas, Microbrews & More, Inc, dba Amicas on F to operate at 127 F Street in Salida. Bowers seconded the motion. With all in favor, THE MOTION CARRIED.**

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4. **Approval of Little River Properties Annexation, 1<sup>st</sup> Reading** (Dan Osborn)  
Ordinance 2016-15 annexing to the City of Salida a certain tract of land in unincorporated Chaffee County known as the Little River Properties Annexation

Osborn gave an introduction and provided background information.

Brown asked what the advantage is to split the pieces up to approve it separately. Osborn stated that the Public Hearing has already been set for August 2, 2016, which could be continued to a later date in September.

Osborn stated that staff is working with the applicant on the annexation agreement. He continued to state that the applicant is working with an affordable housing group.

Hallett asked if the City would be involved. Osborn stated that the City and the applicant would have input on the agreement and it would be brought back to Council for consideration.

Brown-Kovacic asked what the specific objection was on the zoning. Osborn stated that there is a residential mixed use zoning that has a mixture of commercial, residential and different densities. He continued to state that some of the Planning Commission members wanted to see larger lot sizes. Brown-Kovacic stated that the area has a great need for mixed use zoning and she felt it was the strongest need.

Osborn stated that the City will be taking over the maintenance on County Road 105 as a part of the

annexation. Granzella asked if the bridge would be included. Osborn stated that it would be included with the annexation of County Rd 105 and would be accepted by the City as is.

**Rogers motioned to approve Ordinance 2016-15, an ordinance of the City Council, City of Salida annexing to the City of Salida a certain tract of land in unincorporated Chaffee County known as the Little River Properties Annexation, setting a public hearing date of August 2, 2016 and ordering the ordinance to be published in full. Bowers seconded the motion.**

Rogers stated it is admirable that the Litter Rivers developers are working on the workforce housing possibilities without someone dictating it to them.

**With all in favor, THE MOTION CARRIED.**

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**5. Approval of Additional Spending for 2017 Street Rehabilitation Projects (Bob Salmi)**

Salmi stated that before the meeting he distributed a spreadsheet detailing the total engineering costs and explained the information that was included in the spreadsheet.

LiVecchi asked for clarification. Salmi stated that the \$100k that was budgeted was a placeholder and he felt there may be benefit in doing both streets.

Hallett asked what testing QA is. Salmi stated that it is to test that all of the concrete is within specification.

Brown asked where the City stands relative to the available resources and if the City has the funds to do the project. Salmi stated there would need to be a budget amendment. Brown stated that he would like to know if the funds are there to spend before moving forward.

Casey stated that the Council could give direction to staff to verify that the money is available and if it is available that Salmi would proceed with the project.

Brown-Kovacic stated that she checked the General Fund reserve, which has about \$1.5m. Brown-Kovacic stated she was concerned about doing both streets within one year and felt it may be better to spread it out over two years.

**Rogers motioned to approve the additional spending for the design of the 2017 Street Projects and authorize the execution of purchase orders between the City of Salida and Crabtree Group in the amount of \$191,141.00 contingent on review of the budget. Brown-Kovacic seconded the motion. With all in favor, THE MOTION CARRIED.**

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**6. Marvin Park Backdrop (Kevin Crowley)**

Resolution 2016-64 approving the award of an agreement for the 2016 Marvin Park Backstop Project and authorizing the City Mayor to enter into a professional services agreement between the City of Salida and Judge Netting, Inc.

Crowley provided an introduction and provided background information.

Bowers asked if it would be permanent or seasonal. Crowley stated that the bidders recommended against the ability to raise and lower the net because the raising and lowering of the net would cause more damage

than leaving it up. Crowley stated that the expected life of the netting is about 15 years.

**Brown motioned to approve Resolution 2016-64, a resolution of the City Council, City of Salida approving the award in the amount of \$51,600 for the 2016 Marvin Park Backstop Project and authorizing the City Mayor to enter into a professional services agreement between the City of Salida and Judge Netting, Inc. Bowers seconded the motion. With all in favor, THE MOTION CARRIED.**

Mayor LiVecchi thanked Crowley for his work on the project.

**08:52:38**

- 7. Colorado Firefighter Heart and Circulatory Benefit Trust Agreement (Doug Bess)**  
Resolution 2016-65 adopting and entering into the Trust Agreement for the Colorado Firefighter Heart and Circulatory Benefits Trust and taking other actions in connection therewith

Bess gave an introduction and provided background information.

Brown clarified that the City will need to come up with the money up front and receive a reimbursement from DOLA.

Granzella asked if it was 24 hour coverage. Bess stated that it was.

Hallett asked if it was an annual fee. Bess stated that it was an annual fee.

Brown-Kovacic asked what a circulatory event would be. Bess stated that it would have to do with the heart and circulatory system. Brown-Kovacic asked if it was statewide. Bess stated that it was the trust that was formed and the trust is the provider.

Casey provided the definition of the heart and circulatory malfunction.

Bowers asked if it would include stroke.

Bess stated that the City can self-insure, but the trust would be in the City's best interest.

**Brown motioned to approve Resolution 2016-65, a resolution of the City Council, City of Salida adopting and entering into the Trust Agreement for the Colorado Firefighter Heart and Circulatory Benefits Trust and taking other actions in connection therewith. Brown-Kovacic seconded the motion. With all in favor, THE MOTION CARRIED.**

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- 8. Letter of Intent to Participate in a Coordinated Election with Chaffee County (Betty Schwitzer)**

Cortese gave an introduction and provided background information.

**Brown motioned to approve the submission of a letter of intent to Chaffee County to participate in the November 1, 2016 general election. Brown-Kovacic seconded the motion.**

Brown-Kovacic stated that she did have a conversation with Lori Mitchell to get a sense of how detailed the ballot issue needs to be. Mitchell offered that Brown-Kovacic could look at some of the past ballot issues.

**With all in favor, THE MOTION CARRIED.**

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- 9. Appointment of Interim City Administrator** (Mayor LiVecchi)  
Resolution 2016-66 approving an agreement for professional services with Steven G. Rabe to fulfill the function of Interim City Administrator

LiVecchi gave an introduction and provided background information.

**Brown motioned to approve Resolution 2016-66, a resolution of the City Council, City of Salida approving an agreement for professional services with Steven G. Rabe to fulfill the function of Interim City Administrator and authorizing the Mayer to enter into the agreement. Rogers seconded the motion. With all in favor, The motion carried.**

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## **VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Brown motioned to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and/or instructing negotiators, under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(e). AND THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL DETAILS ARE PROVIDED FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES: Stipulation in the Dominick matter, Case No. 04CW125. Granzella seconded the motion. With all in favor, THE MOTION CARRIED.**

## **VIII. REPORT/ACTION**

Brown stated that time was spent discussing the Dominick Water Case with the City Attorney and there were no decisions made or direction given.

### **11. Administrator & Deputy City Clerk**

1. Scout Hut Update – Theresa Casey  
Casey reported that having the kitchen on the main level would be \$65,000 higher. Casey recommended leaving the kitchen on the lower level. The Council was in agreement to leave the plan as is.

### **12. Elected Official Reports**

- City Clerk – Betty Schwitzer
- City Treasurer – Theresa Cortese – Sales Tax Report  
Cortese provided the latest sales tax collection information.
- City Council- Michael Bowers, Hal Brown , Cheryl Brown-Kovacic, Rusty Granzella, Melodee Hallett and Eileen Rogers.  
Bowers suggested that the Salida River Trail be dedicated in Lowry's name because he had completed so much work on it. Casey stated that there would need to be a resolution and a dedication. Brown stated that he would be in support of it.
- Mayor – James LiVecchi

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

Granzella stated that the County is considering hiring a temporary part time person at the airport until the Hayden Pass fire has settled down.

Casey asked if the City will be asked to pay part of it. Granzella stated that not paying Papp overtime would offset the new position.

LiVecchi stated that the NRCDC had a resolution proposing that the Bylaws be changed to reduce the number of members. LiVecchi continued to state that they heard at the Town Hall meeting that the NRCDC members be citizens of Salida.

**X. OLD BUSINESS**

Brown-Kovacic asked if there was an update on the TABOR issue for the NRCDC. LiVecchi stated that a number of firms have been contacted. Brown-Kovacic asked if maybe it was to a point that the City needs to pay for it to keep it moving along.

Brown stated that it was not accurate that nothing can happen. He continued to stated that if the NRCDC receives an offer to purchase the land, the offer can be taken back to the City Council for consideration.

Brown-Kovacic stated that approaching the State Attorney General's office may be an option.

Brown suggested that the Council get an update from the City Attorney.

Brown-Kovacic asked what the Status was on the Recycling Center. Casey stated that the plan would be a location that could be secured and have specific hours.

LiVecchi suggested getting that Dan provide an update.

Granzella asked if the work session is on Monday, August 1<sup>st</sup>. Casey stated that Samora confirmed by text that it was Monday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016.

**XI. ADJOURN –**

**Granzella motioned to adjourn at 10:27 P.M. Bowers seconded the motion. With all in favor, THE MOTION CARRIED.**

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Deputy City Clerk



  
Mayor