



MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

City Council Chambers
448 East 1st Street, Room 190
City of Salida, Colorado
Tuesday, January 17, 2017 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 the City Council and staff were present with the exception of Councilmember Brown and Treasurer Cortese.

IV. PRESENTATION

1. Introduction of New Police Officer, Mark Willburn – Chief Terry Clark

Chief Clark gave an introduction. Willburn introduced himself to each of the Elected Officials. Chief Clark stated that Willburn was the seventh officer hired in the Police Department since May.

V. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION – 3 minute time limit. *Citizen participation is for items not on the agenda and for agenda items that are not scheduled public hearings.*

James Miller of Salida thanked Bowers for his apology. He stated that back in June, he and Louise Fish introduced a few concerns regarding Ben Kahn. Miller stated that apparently the document was created by Megan Kahn and co-signed by Ben Kahn. Miller stated that the forty-some items that he felt were in conflict with the Salida Municipal Code. He stated that his concern was validated throughout the fiasco of the Council's concern regarding the NRCDC TABOR violation. Miller stated that it is interesting that 2016-97 divested the community of an asset and felt that it was a TABOR violation to do so.

VI. SCHEDULED ITEMS

1. Consent Agenda (Christian Samora)

- a) Approval of Agenda
- b) Approval of Minutes: January 3, 2016
- c) Memorial Service Road Closure request

Brown-Kovacic motioned to combine and approve the items on the Consent Agenda. Granzella seconded the motion. With all in favor, THE MOTION CARRIED.

2. CWRPDA Loan Authorization, 2nd Reading & Public Hearing (Steven Rabe)

Ordinance 2017-01 an ordinance approving loans from the Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority (“CWRPDA”) in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1,505,000 and \$120,000; authorizing the forms and execution of the loan agreements and governmental agency bonds to evidence such loans; authorizing the construction of a project; prescribing other details in connection therewith; and declaring an emergency on second and final reading.

Rabe gave an introduction and provided background information.

Mayor LiVecchi opened the public hearing.

James Miller of Salida stated that in light of the paper today, he wanted to state that the efforts of Dara MacDonald and Jan Schmidt are directly responsible for the City having the opportunity.

Mayor LiVecchi closed the public hearing.

Rogers motioned to approve Ordinance 2017-01 an ordinance approving loans from the Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority (“CWRPDA”) in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1,505,000 and \$120,000; authorizing the forms and execution of the loan agreements and governmental agency bonds to evidence such loans; authorizing the construction of a project; prescribing other details in connection therewith; and declaring an emergency on second and final reading and ordering the ordinance to be published in full. Brown-Kovacic seconded the motion. With all in favor, THE MOTION CARRIED.

3. Snow Removal Agreement with CDOT (Steven Rabe)

Resolution 2017-04 approving an agreement between the City of Salida and the Colorado Department of Transportation providing for the removal of snow on Highway 291

Rabe gave an introduction and explained that the agreement would allow for the City to assume the plowing responsibility along HWY 291. The City’s equipment is smaller and can more effectively clean snow without requiring that parking spaces be removed from the roadway. Rabe continued to state that the insurance company is okay with the agreement. Rabe stated that he and David Lady are comfortable with the term and would like to get it signed.

Hallett asked if the City would the City be responsible for HWY 50. Rabe stated that the agreement is only for snow removal on HWY 291 only.

Rogers stated that she didn’t realize there was a contract for HWY 50.

Brown-Kovacic asked what the deicing would be. Rabe stated that it would be sanding or what is available.

Granzella clarified that the City’s responsibility would be within the City limits.

Granzella asked about the removal from 1st between G and E. Rabe stated that CDOT clears it from the roadway and the City removes it from the street.

Granzella motioned to approve Resolution 2017-04, a resolution of the City Council, City of Salida approving an agreement between the City of Salida and the Colorado Department of Transportation providing for the removal of snow on Highway 291. Bowers seconded the motion. With all in favor, THE MOTION CARRIED.

4. Administrator/City Attorney/Deputy City Clerk

- City Administrator Report –Steven Rabe
Rabe asked if the Council wanted the Planning Commission position advertised. The Council was in favor of advertising the position. Rabe also had a written report included in the packet.
- Deputy City Clerk Report – Christian Samora
Samora did not have a report.

5. Elected Official Reports

- City Clerk – Betty Schwitzer
Schwitzer gave the Sales tax report in the absence of the City Treasurer. The sales tax for the City and County were increases of 8.2 and 2.0 percent respectively.

- City Treasurer – Theresa Cortese
- City Council- Michael Bowers, Hal Brown , Cheryl Brown-Kovacic, Rusty Granzella, Melodee Hallett and Eileen Rogers.
Rogers stated that in the last few months citizens had concerns regarding the City Attorney costs. She stated that she was met with resistance for the statements. Rogers stated that she contacted the Mayor with concerns over the billings. She stated that two weeks have passed without a response from the Mayor. She stated that the current City Attorney invoices for 2016 totals \$216,000. She stated that the previous attorney had about \$14,000 in billings for the first two months of 2016.
Hallett stated that she also received information.
- Mayor – Jim LiVecchi

VII. NEW BUSINESS

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

Hallett stated that the intersection of 3rd and D Streets should be considered for a four-way stop.

Bowers states that the Lowry memorial rocks will be on hold. Bowers stated that he would like to have a dedication after Memorial Day and before FIBArk in 2017.

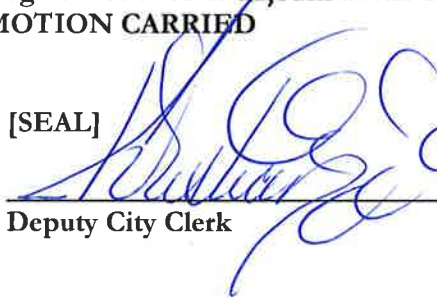
IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION


Granzella motioned to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(f)(I) AND THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL DETAILS ARE PROVIDED FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES: Selection of City Administrator. Bowers seconded the motion. In a 4-1 roll call vote, THE MOTION CARRIED. Rogers had the dissenting vote.

LiVecchi stated that the City is pleased to announce the hiring of Guy Patterson as the new City Administrator. In addition, Steven Rabe’s contract will be extended until the new City Administrator starts work.

X. ADJOURN –

Rogers motioned to adjourn at 7:17 P.M. Brown-Kovacic seconded the motion. With all in favor, THE MOTION CARRIED

[SEAL] 
Deputy City Clerk


Mayor

