



MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

City Council Chambers
448 East 1st Street, Room 190
City of Salida, Colorado
Thursday, July 6, 2017 6:00 p.m.

I. REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER –

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Mayor Jim LiVecchi

III. ROLL CALL

All elected officials and staff were present.

IV. PRESENTATION

1. Farmer's Market Fee Waiver Request – Ashley Ahlene

Ahlene gave an introduction and provided background information. The item will be discussed further in New Business.

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.*

Bill Smith of Salida stated an issue that has become contentious is the Salida River Trail. There was not an irrigation system set in place for the trail. He stated that things need to be finished before moving onto other projects.

Erin Kelley of Salida thanked the Council for their service. She stated that she purchased a home in Ward 3. She stated that for such a small town, there are some big issues. She stated that typically people will attend for a single issue, but that is not the case in Salida. She stated that there has been a lot of turnover in the City and it is staggering. She stated that institutional knowledge is being lost. She asked if anyone is willing to rise to the occasion.

Chad Armenta on Palmer Street. He stated he understood that other people were approved for curb and drainage. He requested that the design be modified so that they can still park in front of the house. LiVecchi suggested that he get in touch with the Public Works director regarding the matter.

James Miller of Salida stated that he had the same concerns as Ms. Kelley. He stated that most of the problems is that the City Council is not really fulfilling its obligation to the citizens.

VI. SCHEDULED ITEMS

1. **Consent Agenda** (Christian Samora)
 - a) Approval of Agenda
 - b) Approval of Minutes: June 20, 2017
 - c) 2017 Scout Hut Parking Project Bid Award
 - d) KHEN Liquor License Request – July 15 & 16, 2017
 - e) KHEN Street Closure Request – August 13, 2017
 - f) Rubber Duck Race – September 17, 2017

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

2. Tenderfoot Mountain Lighting (Guy Patterson)

Patterson gave an introduction and provided background information.

Granzella was in favor of leaving the bike on the mountain.

Brown-Kovacic stated that she did not hear any comments from the public and felt it was not likely a problem.

Bowers stated that he received concerns from citizens that felt it took away from the City's brand. Bowers felt that the City Council should approve it on a case by case basis.

Rogers felt it was appropriate for bicycle events.

Granzella motioned to approve and to leave the bicycle light up through the last three bicycle events of 2017. Rogers seconded the motion. In a 5-1 roll call vote, THE MOTION CARRIED. Hallett had the dissenting vote.

3. Salida Airport Commercial Operators Agreement (Zech Papp)

Resolution 2017-31 approving the Commercial Operators Agreement for the Salida Airport at Harriett Alexander Field

Papp gave an introduction and provided background information. He explained that the agreement has the addition of "City of Salida" in the language.

Rogers asked for clarification in how the owners are renting. Zech stated that there are businesses housed at the site. Rogers stated that it may need to be investigated to make sure they are paying taxes.

Brown-Kovacic asked if a resolution enough or is a signature needed for Salida to sign the agreement.

Bowers felt perhaps the Mayor's signature needs to be on the agreement.

Brown stated that the Mayor's signature will be on the resolution.

Granzella motioned to approve Resolution 2017-31, a resolution of the City Council, City of Salida, approving the Commercial Operators Agreement for the Salida Airport at Harriett Alexander Field. Brown-Kovacic seconded the motion. With all in favor, THE MOTION CARRIED.

Papp stated that the fuel sales are already as high in 2017 as the highest year prior.

4. Elected Official Salaries, 1st Reading (Guy Patterson)

Ordinance 2017-19 to amend Article II of Chapter 2 of the Salida Municipal Code pertaining to the compensation of the Mayor and Council Members

Patterson gave an introduction and provided background information.

Bowers stated that it is his understating that the current Council members would not receive the raise and it would go to the incoming members in November.

Hallett stated that there had been research done in the past and it looked pretty average to have \$500/month.

Granzella asked if the State limits the Council's salaries. Granzella was fine with the increase.

Brown stated that he ran the amounts through the inflation calculator. He stated that the equivalent was over \$200 in today's money.

LiVecchi stated that he did not feel they should be raised because it is a volunteer position.

Brown-Kovacic stated that she felt it was important to look at the salaries. She stated that the compensation is realistic and felt that there is a wider variety of age in other local governments.

Rogers was in agreement with Brown-Kovacic.

Bowers stated he felt the same way. He encouraged young people to get involved in local government.

Brown-Kovacic motioned to approve Ordinance 2017-19, an ordinance of the City Council, City of Salida, to amend Article II of Chapter 2 of the Salida Municipal Code pertaining to the compensation of the Mayor and Council Members to be \$500/month for the Council, Clerk & Treasurer and \$700/month for the Mayor. Bowers seconded the motion. With all in favor, THE MOTION CARRIED.

- 5. Citizens Appointment to the Public Art Commission** (Michael Varnum)
Resolution 2017-38 approving citizen appointments to the Public Art Commission

Varnum gave an introduction and provided background information.

Brown-Kovacic motioned to approve Resolution 2017-38, a resolution of the City Council, City of Salida, approving citizen appointments to the Public Art Commission. Granzella seconded the motion. With all in favor, THE MOTION CARRIED.

6. Solar Rate Committee

Rogers and Brown-Kovacic volunteered to work together on the committee.

Patterson stated that they will likely need to define what the scope is.

Brown-Kovacic suggested checking with the School District.

Granzella state that Blackburn was willing to meet with the City.

Rogers stated that the other discussion needs to go back to the company.

Bowers asked if it would be appropriate for the finance officer to be on the Board.

7. Administrator/Deputy City Clerk

- City Administrator Report –Guy Patterson
- Deputy City Clerk Report – Christian Samora

8. Elected Official Reports

- City Clerk – Betty Schwitzer
- City Treasurer – Theresa Cortese
- City Council- Michael Bowers, Hal Brown , Cheryl Brown-Kovacic, Rusty Granzella, Melodee Hallett and Eileen Rogers.

Brown-Kovacic stated that she has spoken to several people regarding parking. She stated that SBA has a parking committee in the group. She asked if it may be appropriate for a few Council members to work with that group. LiVecchi and Granzella will work with SBA.

Hallett stated that she has spoken to people downtown. She stated that not everyone is a member

of the SBA. She stated that not everyone is in agreement as to where to go with the patio seating and parking. She suggested going back to the comp and master plan for the downtown area. Rogers joined a tourism group that is active in the Custer, Fremont and Chaffee County area.

- Mayor – Jim LiVecchi

VII. NEW BUSINESS

-Farmers Market Request

Hallett stated that she has no issue assuming it's not ongoing.

Kovacic stated that she understood and there was quite a bit of confusion. She was fine with waiving it.

Bowers stated he understood and felt waiving the fee this year was in fairness to the farmers market. He stated that the next year they must charge the fee.

The City Council was in favor of waiving the fees for 2017 only. Samora clarified that the application for park rental was not consistent and did not indicate the need to pay vendor fees. Samora further explained that the application has been corrected.

Bowers would like someone to contact Wendell Prior because he has a lot of interest in the Drove Project.

LiVecchi stated that he received an email from Autumn Devor, there will be a panel for funders and affordable housing.

LiVecchi stated that there is a workshop for political dialog on July 22 with Hugh Young from 9am to 4pm. LiVecchi stated that there is a lot of contention, but he encouraged everyone to attend.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

Rogers asked if the 2016 budget was finalized and if the audit ready to go.

Patterson stated that they are working on fixed assets and it is getting close.

Rogers asked if they will be in violation.

Patterson stated that they will file for an extension to submit the audit to the State.

LiVecchi stated that there has been a lot of talk about parking. LiVecchi explained that he thought maybe there could be nose in parking on 4th and 5th street, which would offer 44 extra parking spaces.

LiVecchi stated that the cost is roughly \$120k.

LiVecchi stated that they had a meeting with the Housing task force and met with the attorneys. He stated that there could be a list of incentives that could be given to developers instead of having requirements in the code.

LiVecchi stated he was at SBA and another subject that came up was to have shuttles that go downtown. He stated that he would like to get with staff regarding that and see what can be done from the City's perspective.

Hallett asked if they discussed a funding mechanism. LiVecchi stated that it was just discussion.

Rogers stated that SBA suggested the City Council have another work session with them.

Bowers asked the status on the Leavitt appeal.

Patterson stated that there was not an appeal.

Brown-Kovacic stated that SBA will be emailing in suggestions to Vickie Sue.

Rogers stated that Public Works also needs to be involved.

Brown stated that the comp plan that it will be subject to annual review. He stated that it had never been reviewed.

Patterson stated that it would be a planning commission review and it is on the agenda for the planning department.

Brown stated that regarding the patio situation with Leavitt, the City Council made a ruling and during that hearing it was brought out that there were mistakes made. He suggested that the City reach out to Leavitt to in some way take responsibility for the City's responsibility. Brown stated that the City has some responsibility and felt that something needs to be done in some way to stand up and admit the City has some responsibility.

Bowers was in agreement with Brown.

Hallett was in agreement.

IX. ADJOURN –

X. Rogers motioned to adjourn, Brown at 7:40 P.M.



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Deputy City Clerk

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Mayor