



MINUTES REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
448 E. 1st Street, Suite 190

Salida, Colorado

June 15, 2010

6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE –

Led by Mayor Charles Rose.

ROLL CALL -

Present at roll call were Mayor Chuck Rose and Council Members Keith Baker, Scott Damman, Jay Moore, Steven Stewart, and Tom Yerkey. Also present were City Administrator Jack Lewis, City Clerk Betty Schwitzer, Deputy City Clerk Janella Martinez, and City Attorney Karl Hanlon.

Absent were Councilor Jim McCormick and City Treasurer Eileen Rogers.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION -

Mayor Rose noted several people had signed up to speak and that they would be asked to speak in the order of signing.

Mr. Jim Miller spoke concerning the Unique Theater. Mr. Miller said many people here this evening are concerned about the theater and requested this item be addressed now as the agenda item was further back on the agenda.

Mr. Miller stated that a meeting was held by concerned citizens and a committee formed to save the Unique Theater. In Mr. Miller's opinion no historic building can be saved without a partnership. Mr. Miller thinks the structure is not a disaster that everyone says it is. It is not in immediate danger of collapse. Just because a private property owner has possession of the building doesn't mean the city shouldn't support these groups' efforts.

Katy Grether on behalf of Historic Salida, Inc. said HSI was created as a non-profit to preserve the downtown historic heritage. Their mission is to educate and assist historic sites and structures in preservation of history. Ms. Grether said the role in this present campaign to preserve the Unique Theater is to facilitate discussions and to encourage adaptive use to that building. Several people are soliciting funds from private and public sources to help with this issue. When the unsightly stucco façade came off exposing the historic façade the community could see this as a contributing building. If this structure cannot be preserved a hole will be left on 1st Street and would be negative to the downtown.

Cena Troutman, a spoke on behalf of the local Chapter of the Daughters of the Revolution, a world wide organization. The group is interested in historic preservation and in support of preserving the Unique Theater building. The group is on guard now.

Elizabeth Ritchie, speaking in favor of preserving the Unique Theater, said she would rather be shot than see this building be demolished. She was formerly the manager of the SteamPlant Theater, which was a dilapidated building that was saved by citizens of the community. They had a vision for what it could become. Charlie Forester and 40 of his companions came forward to pledge \$1,000 each to save the SteamPlant building. The Salida SteamPlant Theater and Event Center is a successful entity today because of the vision the community forged together. Ms. Ritchie proposes the community come together again to save the Unique. The Unique is a part of us and a part of the community.

Cheryl Brown Kavasic, Chaffee County Heritage Area Advisory Board, noted this group is charged with taking care of the heritage area including the Collegiate Peaks Scenic Byway. The Unique Theater sits right on the historic byway. The building is more than a structure it is something more personal to most citizens of the community. Most can remember going to the theater as children and looking at the structure as a beautiful building. The alternative of demolition would create an eyesore in the middle of downtown. This eyesore would be amidst the beautification of the downtown buildings, due to the recent improvements that have been done as a result of the enforcement of the building maintenance code. The Heritage Board is aware of grants that could be used to save this building. The Heritage Area would like to see a coalition organized with enough initial cash to purchase the building, understanding the situation is complicated by the ownership that exists.

Mayor Rose noted that Ms. Kavasic was the last citizen signed to speak. He asked if anyone else wishes to speak tonight to come forward.

Jack Chivis, came forward to speak. He came to Salida 30 yrs ago, at the time no one cared about historic preservation. He watched the Railroad depot get torn down and noted that where Pueblo Bank parking lot currently sits that building was demolished. Those buildings are stronger than you think. If the Unique Theater goes down, it would be equivalent to him getting hit in the gut by someone. He encouraged City Council to do what they can to save the structure.

Bruce Turnbull, owns a business across the street from the Unique. He has watched the progress since the façade was uncovered and would love to see it restored. It has really been a heart stopper to see the people looking at the front of the building and trying to see in the windows. People do notice the Unique. It has been a mess at times but he is willing to wait to see it come back to a beautiful structure.

PRESENTATIONS – None were scheduled.

SCHEDULED ITEMS-

Deputy City Clerk Janella Martinez presented written materials that are included in the packet for the permanent record.

- a. Approval of Agenda
- b. Approval of Minutes: May 18, 2010
- c. City Property requests: 1.) Besorahgrass Concert 2.) Air Force Band 3.) 4th of July/SBA
- d. Special Events Liquor Permit requests: 1.) Rotary Club 2.) Chamber of Commerce

BACKGROUND:

c. City Property requests:

1.) Besorahgrass Concert

Jon Westcot, of Colorado Springs, is requesting to use Riverside Park on June 25 & June 27, 2010 from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

- This event is primarily featuring acoustic instruments.
- An amplified sound permit is included in the request for Friday, June 25, and Sunday, June 26, 2010.
- A completed Events Check list by City Departments is attached for Council review.
- There are no street closures requested, but the applicant is requesting to rope off parking spaces on Sackett Street directly in front of the Rotary bandshell to add additional handicap parking and for loading and unloading of equipment for performers.

2.) United States Air Force Academy Band concert

Arkansas Valley Publishing Company and Town and Country Autoplex are requesting the use of Riverside Park on Thursday, July 1st from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. to host the United States Air Force Academy Band concert.

- There are no street closures requested, although SBA is requesting to block 3 parking spaces by the Scout Hut and 2 spaces on the east side of F Street for buses carrying equipment and personnel.
- An amplified sound permit is included in the request from 5:00 – 8:30 p.m.
- This application includes a request for Mayor Rose to introduce the band to the community.

3.) 4th of July Celebration by the Salida Business Alliance

The Salida Business Alliance is requesting to use Riverside Park to hold the annual 4th of July celebration.

- Requested street closures are defined as follows:
To close Sackett Street from F to E from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
And, to close F Street from 5th to Sackett Street at 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. for the parade route to be cleared. (Please see the letter from applicant for a complete description of the event.)

The Salida Rotary Club will be selling food and beer. Their request is outlined below.

d. Special Events Liquor Permit requests: 1.) Rotary Club 2.) Chamber of Commerce

(Public Hearing, if needed)

1.) Salida Rotary Club 4th of July

The Salida Rotary Club is requesting the Liquor Licensing Authority to grant a Special events Liquor Permit on Sunday, July 4, 2010 from 11:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. in Riverside Park..

- The liquor area will be separated from the rest of the park activities.
- Food will be provided by the Rotary Club.
- A completed events Check list by City Departments is attached for Council review.
- To date no public comments have been submitted.

2.) Heart of the Rockies Chamber of Commerce 2010 Brewer's Rendezvous

The Heart of the Rockies Chamber of Commerce is requesting to use Riverside Park to hold the 14th annual Brewer's Rendezvous on July 10, 2010 from Noon until 5:00 p.m..

- This request includes street closures. They are requesting to close Sackett from F to E and to close F Street from Sackett to the cul-de-sac. A street closure petition is included for Council review.
- To date no public comments have been submitted.

If Council wishes to approve the items on the consent agenda;

A motion was made by Damman to combine and approve the items on the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Stewart. With all in consensus, THE MOTION CARRIED.

2. Extension of Salida Sewer Service to Poncha Springs – 2nd reading

Ordinance 2010-04 amending Chapter 13 of the Salida Municipal Code to reflect extension of Salida sewer service to Poncha Springs as Regional Provider.

Finance Director Jan Schmidt presented written materials that are included in the packet for the record. The request is to approve changes to the Municipal Utilities code to adopt changes necessary to implement the agreement reached with the Town of Poncha Springs to settle the sewer dispute.

A new agreement between the City of Salida and Town of Poncha Springs was reached earlier this year. Certain provisions of the City's Utility code are no longer necessary or contradict the wording in that agreement, so this ordinance makes changes to facilitate implementation of the new agreement.

Mayor Rose opened the public hearing and asked if anyone present wished to speak.

Mr. Jim Miller, 302 D Street, asked for the total number of units now served. Ms. Schmidt said about 3,000. The old data is based on ELU's, and we just recently got all of the customer data so this is yet to be determined.

Mayor Rose asked if anyone else would like to speak. No one came forward. Mayor closed public hearing.

A motion was made by Damman to approve Ordinance 2010-04 an ordinance of the City Council for the City of Salida, Colorado amending Chapter 13 of the Salida Municipal Code to reflect extension of Salida Sewer Service to Poncha Springs as a regional provider, on 2nd reading, and ordering the ordinance to be published by title only. The motion was seconded by Moore. With all in consensus, THE MOTION CARRIED.

3. Hotel & Restaurant liquor license application by 216 Ferraro's – Public Hearing

Deputy City Clerk Janella Martinez presented written materials that are included in the packet for the permanent record.

Arthur Ferraro and Emily Ferraro dba 216 Ferraro's, 216 North F Street, Salida, CO. 81201, have submitted an application for a Hotel & Restaurant Liquor License (city). A Hotel & Restaurant license authorizes the sale of Malt, Spirituous & Vinous Liquors by the drink for consumption on the premises. A licensed restaurant may serve only to its own customers. It must actually and regularly serve meals and the sale of food must provide at least 25 percent of its gross income. Between 8:00

a.m. 8:00 p.m., if the restaurant is open and serving liquor, it must also be selling food. If it remains open after 8:00 p.m. it must at least continue serving "light snacks and sandwiches".

After receipt of the application, the clerk then places it on the agenda of the local authority for a meeting, (the date of the meeting establishes the date of receipt of the application for the purposes set forth in the statutes). The receipt will be considered May 4, 2010.

- ✓ This application was filed with a concurrent review; to expedite the state process the applicant can pay an additional \$100 to the State for a concurrent review. On receipt of the application, it is reviewed by the City Clerk. If determined to be in order, the application will be sent to the State Liquor Authority for processing to begin.
- ✓ Following local liquor authority approval, the Mayor and Clerk sign the application, which will be faxed to the state the next day. Then if the State has also found the application in order, the license will be issued and will be sent immediately to the clerk.
- ✓ The clerk then issues a local license and both State and City licenses are issued to the applicant.
- ✓ By filing an application with concurrent review, approximately four to six weeks are cut out of the application process.

A minimum of 30 days from the receipt of the application a public hearing must be held to allow testimony by any person who would aid the local authority in considering the application C.R.S. 12-47-311.

During this 30 day period, the public notice process begins. The applicant must petition the neighborhood, which in the City of Salida is the city limits, the property must be posted and a notice must be published in a local paper. The property was posted June 3, 2010 and the notice was published in the Mountain Mail on May 25, 2010.

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Staff recommends that the City Council hold the public hearing and take any comments available during the hearing.

Mayor Rose opened the hearing and asked anyone either opposed or proposed to come forward. Arthur & Emily Ferraro owners of 216 Ferraro's, came to the lector to speak. The restaurant will be serving wine and cocktails to their guests. Art grew up in Salida and his father has owned several business on main street.

Mayor Rose commented that the bar is set high in this community because there is a high Italian population living here.

Councilor Baker has known the Ferraro's over time. He said they disappeared for a short time and now they're back. Mr. Ferraro said they plan to have their Grand Opening on Monday at 4:00 p.m.

Mayor Rose closed the hearing, and requested a motion by Council.

A motion was made by Baker to approve the Hotel & Restaurant Liquor License with concurrent review for Arthur Ferraro and Emily Ferraro dba 216 Ferraro's. The motion was seconded by Damman. With all in consensus, THE MOTION CARRIED.

4. Beer & Wine liquor license application by Reigning Wine – Public Hearing

Deputy City Clerk Janella Martinez presented written materials that are included in the packet for the permanent record.

RavenKat, LLC dba Reigning Wine, 130 West 1st Street, Salida, CO. 81201, has submitted an application for a Beer & Wine Liquor License. A Beer & Wine license authorizes the sale of Malt, & Vinous Liquors by the drink for consumption on the premises. Beer & Wine License holders must serve sandwiches and light snacks for consumption on the premises during business hours but do not need to offer full meals. The licensee must have “light snacks and sandwiches” available at all times.

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Mayor Rose opened the public hearing and asked for any proponents or opponents to come forward.

Brenna Johnson, owner of Reigning Wine, said her intent is to open Reigning Wine and partner up with Sunlight Studio in the front of current gallery. There is a window down the hallway so people can sit and watch Brice Turnbull, owner of Sunlight Studio, create his blown glass.

Mayor Rose asked if anyone else wished to come forward. No one else came forward. Mayor Rose

closed public hearing.

A motion was made by Damman to approve the Beer & Wine License with concurrent review for RavenKat, LLC dba Reigning Wine, 130 West 1st Street. The motion was seconded by Moore. With all in consensus, THE MOTION CARRIED.

5. Colorado Drinking Water Revolving Fund Loan- (Jan Schmidt)
Ordinance 2010-05

Finance Director Jan Schmidt presented written information that is included in the packet for the record. This loan is needed to pay for a Water Storage Facility project that addresses health risks and water conservation. The project consists of two phases. The work included in phase one of this project replaced the failed roof over the treated water tank and will improve security fencing for the South Arkansas Gallery System (Galleries) in the City of Salida. The Galleries consist of an infiltration gallery, chlorination system and a 1.25 million gallon water tank. Water from this tank is pumped into the City's distribution system. Prior to replacing the roof, one could lift up failed sections of the built up roof covering and see spaces where water, dirt and debris can potentially enter directly into the water tank. Phase two consists of attaching a liner to the concrete interior to stop the leakage currently being experienced.

The approved loan amount is \$545,000. The fixed rate of interest over the 20-year term is 2%. Annual debt service will be approximately \$33,500. Capital reserves are not sufficient to pay for the necessary improvements. Staff would suggest passing the ordinance approving the loan.

Councilor Moore likes the low interest rate and asked if this loan is for the water plant only.

A motion was made by Moore to approve Ordinance 2010-05 an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a loan agreement and governmental agency bond by the City of Salida, Colorado, acting by and through its Water Activity Enterprise, to the Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority, such governmental agency bond to be in a principal amount not exceeding \$545,000, for the purpose of financing extensions and improvements to the water system operated by such enterprise; providing for application of the net revenues of such system to the payment of the principal of and interest on such governmental agency bond and providing other details in connection therewith, setting the public hearing for July 6 and ordering the ordinance to be published in full. The motion was seconded by Damman. With all in consensus, THE MOTION CARRIED.

6. SHSP locker rentals and special events –

Resolution 2010-38 to set new fees and offer monthly promotional activities at the Salida Hot Springs Aquatics Center.

Theresa Casey, Recreation Manager, presented written materials that are included in the packet for record. The Municipal Code calls for Council approval of rate changes and of wavier of fees.

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For Council consideration are the following fee changes:

- Add long term locker rentals \$10.00/month for season pass holders, \$12/month for non season pass holders, \$100/year for season pass holders, \$120/year for non season pass holders, effective immediately.

- Offer a monthly promotional activity to promote the sale of passes and use of the pool. (Fathers free on Fathers Day with paying family, etc.)

A motion was made by Damman to pass RESOLUTION 2010-38 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALIDA, COLORADO, TO SET NEW FEES AND OFFER MONTHLY PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT. With all in consensus, THE MOTION CARRIED.

Councilor Stewart feels it is kind of amazing to him that Ms. Casey is coming to ask for Council for approval of this. He thinks that it should be part of her job to attract business to the pool making it a viable entity.

7. Administrator/City Attorney/Deputy City Clerk

a. Administrator's Report –

Administrator Lewis said he has two updates for council this evening.

1.) Nancy Dominick Well update

Administrator Lewis hates to continue to bring Council negative news about the Dominick Well but the water issue still isn't resolved. The first plan included drilling a well at the Dominick property, that didn't work. Next City Engineers put a stick out to the river to siphon water into the well. The engineers repeatedly told Administrator Lewis this would work, but it didn't. Silt infiltrated the system and acted like a concrete block. The Fire Department was called out to try to clear the siphon debris and the fire hose got stuck. A diver was brought in to go out into the river and see what was causing the blockage, and he said the installation was correct. Administrator Lewis understands Ms. Dominick's frustration with the failed processes. Water Plant Operator Lonnie Oversole put a gas pump as a temporary fix to bring water to Dominick's property. This requires daily monitoring at the site. Administrator Lewis is apologetic to Ms. Dominick and can't imagine the inconvenience felt by her. Lewis hopes the next time he reports back to Council that he can say a permanent solution has happened. This is literally the most unbelievable project he has ever been involved with.

The next update was about the Natural Resource Center Development The National Forest Service has contacted the City and Lewis was informed that the RFP is in the mail. Hopefully the NRCD will be moving forward. Colorado State University will be in town this week and hopefully he will be meeting with the Chair about the NRC.

b. City Attorney Report – Karp, Neu, Hanlon, PC

1.) Unique Theater timeline update

City Attorney Karl Hanlon noted that the city website has changed and instructed Council and citizens how to access the memo by Community Development Director Dara MacDonald. The memo is on the City of Salida website and can be accessed by going to the main page and click on the Library. The timeline memo can be found on the left side of the page titled Enforcement timeline memo.

The most recent chain of events has been more on an administrative level of which Council has no control over. Following an inspection at which the Chief Building Official declared the building unsafe and notifying the owner triggered the start of the 90 days notice to either remediate the problem or demolish the building by August 30, 2010. It is important to understand the reason this was triggered

was that the decision the Chaffee County Building Inspector made was based on an engineer's assessment of the building.

Attorney Hanlon briefly reviewed some highlights noted in the timeline memo prepared by MacDonald. In 2006 the Unique was closed because it was determined to be a life, health, safety concern.

In 2007 another ownership group purchased the building in order to try and save it. In April of 2008 the ownership group was approved to do some work by the historical commission. The new owner along with the city infused cash to get some stabilization to the facility, including some large steel beams. Some roofing was done. Due to the lack of a Building Permit being executed and paid for the records of what structural work was done isn't evident.

Through 2009 with the adoption of the Property Maintenance Code in effect the City was reminding owners to fix the facades to their building. Although work on the façade is not what triggered the inspections. Through 2009-2010 the work on the façade still did not trigger this action. To date the owner has yet to fully address the issues outlined in the Property Maintenance Code.

Attorney Hanlon said his hope is that the current owner will remediate the problem.

Mayor Rose asked if these dates Hanlon references are available on the City website? Hanlon said they are. He noted that Attorney Hanlon is giving a condensed version of the memo for the timeline of the Unique Theater prepared by MacDonald.

Attorney Hanlon stated appreciation for the detailed memo prepared by Ms. MacDonald. Hanlon noted that his hope is that the ownership group will remediate this issue. To date a demolition permit has not been obtained at the County as the ownership group has indicated on August 30th. He hopes it is completed or underway.

Unfortunately it is Council's job to do the remediation to the building to ensure the safety of the community and to abate the situation. One of the reasons the Building Official chose August 30th as the date of remediation is that it is not going to fall down today, but the work needs to be complete before winter because the snow load could cause problems. Assuming you have to take that remediation action your right would be to file a lien on the property as would anyone who did work on that property. It is unclear how long you would have to take to reclosure action on this lien. As some of you know there is a certain amount of time to collect that money and foreclose on a lien. At that point you would be in the 3rd position following behind the first lien, which is behind the tax lien. There are a series of liens that add up to about \$150,000.

You have to bid your debt in effect if you get all the way down that road all the way down the liens. This is not immediately necessary, it is important now to let the public know what the process is. And from a policy standpoint what Council is going to have to take action on. That is really a policy and a budget choice that Council will be required to assess. Hanlon noted Administrator Lewis will go over the numbers with Council.

Lewis noted that it is a unique opportunity to have Attorney Hanlon speak, his overview of this issue has been very well presented. He hopes he can give as precise of a presentation as Hanlon has. The City has solicited bids to see what costs would be to demolish the building. Diesslin Structures have provided us with a number of caveats and disclosures stuck to it. Remember that until you get into it there are variables. The minimum numbers are based on the demolition that we talked about. The

cost is estimated at roughly \$71,000. In addition another \$10,000 cost is estimated by the structural engineer to look at the front half of the building to determine if it's safe. If it is not determined to be safe the cost of demolition goes up to \$171,000 to bring down the whole building. These are estimates that don't include things like asbestos abatement. We do know there is asbestos in the building, but have no idea how much. The best estimate for bringing the whole building down including things like asbestos abatement would be about \$210,000 for phase one.

Councilor Baker estimated with the amount of the lien at a little over \$150,000. We are now looking at a little over \$450,000 as the only way to protect the city's investment.

Lewis noted that if it only costs \$81,000 to demolish the back half and then take out the first lien holder the City would be into about \$230,000, and at that point we would own the building. At that time you would have to look at the property maintenance issues on the façade. Estimates on that work have been as high as \$150,000. Now you're into around \$350,000. Remember you would now have an un-rentable shell. The interior has not been worked on in a very long time. Lewis cannot estimate what it would take to bring that to a standard that would be lease able. So, yes, at that rate you would be into it at about \$450,000 with parking on the back half.

If indeed the engineer comes up with the front half as unsalvageable, you're into it for about \$170,000 and have a vacant lot and foreclosure process for around \$317,000 to 350,000 dollars. At this point we are trying to prepare you for what you might have to do. We're hoping we don't have to do anything. But if we do, we would like you to have some time to think about where these funds might come from. With our current budget this will be a strain to this community. So tonight we wanted to give you a brief history depending on what happens in or around August 30th. At that point we will see if we need to figure out how to come up with the money.

Administrator Lewis noted that Council will hear in the sales tax report tonight that our sales tax is down again. This makes the City down for 16 months straight.

Councilor Damman asked how long before we have to do another budget cut, and if that was going to be another few thousand dollars.

Lewis said a budget amendment can be done anytime, although he and Finance Director Jan Schmidt will be working diligently on that in the next few weeks.

Councilor Yerkey asked if the ownership group still has local representation. Do they have where withal to comply?

Lewis stated that Mr. Hanlon has asked the ownership if they intend to comply with the order. And as far as he knows, we have not had a response.

Attorney Hanlon said he has had a number of correspondences with the representation. His expectation is that the notice and order will be complied with. He emphasized that his wouldn't be in front of Council if it wasn't a life, health, & safety issue. This is not something he relishes being involved with. It is a very difficult situation, and these are not choices of convenience that you will be faced with.

Mayor Rose said basically we will be asked to cut about 5% out of current budget. A portion will come out of the 2011 budget.

Attorney Hanlon thinks it would be irresponsible of us not to give you a heads up. We really wanted to make sure the public is aware of and that Council might be faced with a very difficult situation.

Administrator Lewis said he can assure Council that the experts we have hired from SGM have not taken this lightly. This is a stressful situation for all of those people who have been involved in this process. No one wanted to make this assessment. No one wanted to do this in 2006 either. We felt it important to give you a heads up. So as you ponder in the next couple of months and when we will be looking at the next budget process. We hope you don't have to make the tough decisions.

c. Deputy City Clerk Report – Janella Martinez

Deputy City Clerk Janella Martinez presented written materials that are included in the packet for the permanent record.

Seven water samples were submitted dated 5/03/10(2) 5/04/10(2), 5/10/10(2), and 5/11/10 (1). All tested safe as reported by the Colorado Department of Health.

There have been discussions over the years about the city issuing business licenses, but with current staffing this isn't very realistic. There are numerous issues to address before business licensing becomes a priority for staff.

To date I have issued 20 Peddler's, Solicitors, Transient Merchants Licenses, most of them within the last three weeks. Mr. Smalzel brought suggested language for adding a definition of street musicians to Council during the morning work session, May 18th, 2010. If Council is interested in adding this definition to this section of the code, please let me know. Every season Chief Clark and I have discussions on this area of the code and needed revisions.

Chief Clark, Lieutenant John Hall and I will be meeting over the next few months to put together a draft ordinance with revisions to Chapter 6 Article II Peddlers, Solicitors and Transient Merchants. We will bring this to Council for review when we have a draft ordinance prepared.

The 62nd annual FIBArk Whitewater Festival starts this week and I expect it will be very well attended. Business After Hours, hosted by the Chamber of Commerce, will be held at the SteamPlant Event Center again this year on Wednesday evening from 5:00 -7:00p.m. Thursday morning the pancake breakfast is historically known as the official kick off event for FIBArk festivities.

The FIBArk Board have done an excellent job of putting all of the pieces together for this endeavor. I have received a list of every FIRArk craft and food vendors including sales tax licenses. These will be submitted to Finance Director Jan Schmidt for compliance review. I appreciate the hard work done by Laurie Newman for making this happen. She is one of the many volunteer board members that bring this successful and fun event to our community. Thank you to each and every one of them. They work all year putting this event together.

Seth Roberts, Farmer's Market coordinator, is submitting his list of vendors this week. Farmers Market will open June 18, 2010 and is an event that continues to bring in a variety of vendors during the season. Mr. Roberts will bring a revised list throughout the season to assure tax compliance for the City.

Tonight Council also heard requests for the Air Force band, and the Hometown 4th of July Celebration. I encourage our citizens to attend the many events held in the city. Everyone should go and enjoy your

friends and neighbors during the numerous upcoming events. These are the kind of activities that makes Salida the great community that we are proud to be a part of.

A park request was received today from the US ARMY to hold a concert in Riverside Park on Saturday, June 26, 2010 from 3-4:30 p.m. Council approval is required by the Salida Municipal code.

A motion was made by Damman to approve the use of Riverside Park by the US Army band. The motion was seconded by Moore. With all in consensus, THE MOTION CARRIED.

7. Elected Official Reports -

a. Treasurer

Mayor Rose noted that Ms. Rogers is not present this evening and asked Finance Director Jan Schmidt if there was current sales tax information to report.

Ms. Schmidt reported collections for April 2010 as \$234,460. We received \$81,012 as our share from Chaffee County's portion of 2% sales tax. In total the city is down about \$12,000. Compared to a year ago this represents a decrease of about 4.1% of the County distribution. If this continues we predict to be down about \$220,000 if these figures are annualized for the rest of the year. The current budget cuts are sufficient to offset this level of downfall, but if this trend continues, we will be coming back with another round of budget cuts.

b. Mayor –

Mayor Rose noted that the new website is up and running. He said it is pretty flashy and more convenient to our citizens. Forms can be completed online and then printed for signing. The application must be submitted in person if a payment is required otherwise they can be emailed in. You can now click on links and view the City calendar online to view meetings and events.

Mayor Rose congratulated the Salida Cyclones and thanked the parents and fans who converged on Salida Hot Springs Pool for a swim meet this last weekend. 210 swimmers and their parents from all over the state attended this event.

An article in the Mountain Mail this week noted that over ½ of the children in the county might be eligible to be funded for affordable health insurance coverage. If citizens want more information they should call 539-9500. Enrollment costs only \$35.00 per year to cover your children with affordable health insurance.

Mayor Rose pointed out he was wearing his FIBArk t-shirt and encouraged everyone to participate in this great event.

c. City Council-

Councilor Yerkey congratulated Jack and Attorney Hanlon on completing the Regional Sewer Agreement. This gives our community the best possible result they could get. Congrats to you both and council. He thanked Administrator Lewis for his perseverance with the Natural Resource Center. Lewis noted that he is not alone in these efforts. Ms. MacDonald and Mr. Glenn, Chaffee County Commissioner are working hard as well, to see the Natural Resource Center come together.

Administrator Lewis noted that a work session is scheduled on Tuesday, June 22, 2010 from 6:00 –

8:00p.m. for purpose of informing citizens about the potential to put a Chaffee County Wide Sales Tax on the November ballot. This session will be held at the SteamPlant and he encouraged the public to attend.

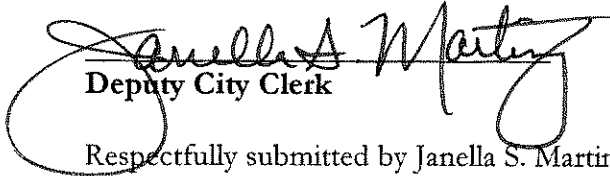
ADJOURNMENT –

A motion was made by Moore to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. The motion was seconded by Damman. With all in consensus, THE MOTION CARRIED.



Mayor

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Deputy City Clerk

Respectfully submitted by Janella S. Martinez, Deputy City Clerk