



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

Salida, Colorado

October 4, 2011

6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE –

Led by Mayor Chuck Rose.

ROLL CALL -

Present at roll call were Mayor Chuck Rose and Council Members Keith Baker, Tom Yerkey, Jim McCormick, Jay Moore, and Steven Stewart. Also present were City Treasurer Eileen Rogers, , City Administrator Jack Lewis, Deputy City Clerk Janelle Martinez and City Attorney Karl Hanlon.

Absent was City Clerk Betty Schwitzer

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION -

Mayor Rose reminded those present that there will be a three minutes time limit for anyone wishing to speak. Mayor Rose clarified the discussion regarding Item 2. The Vandaveer ODP is for discussion of the amendments to the Overall Development Plan only.

Dick Cuyler expressed concerns regarding downtown street lighting. He urged the City to hire a lighting designer before making changes to the existing downtown street lights.

Nancy Dominick, 6508 CR 105, continues to express concerns regarding the well on her property. Vern Davis, expressed concerns regarding the Dominick property.

Bill Smith expressed concerns about the budget.

Monika Griesenbeck, 701 W. Sackett Ave., expressed concerns regarding the Salida Natural Resource Center Development Corporation.

PRESENTATION –

Mayor Rose proclaimed October 9th through the 15th as Fire Prevention Week. Fire Chief Don Taylor accepted the proclamation from Mayor Rose.

Administrator Lewis presented a photograph by Mark Weidman that was given to the City in appreciation due to the efforts of the City of Salida for hosting the USA Pro Cycling Challenge. Lewis noted that the local organizing committee was instrumental in their efforts of bringing the race to our community and that those volunteers deserve a huge Thank You.

Poncha Hot Springs Thermal Gradient Study was done with a grant from the Department of Governors Energy office and the help of Colorado School of Mines students. An overview of the study, including a PowerPoint presentation was given by Dr. Fred Henderson III and Paul Morgan, Colorado Geological Survey. This research shows that the Poncha Hot Springs have a significantly high gradient temperature, possibly one of the highest in the State of Colorado. Mr. Morgan feels a high thermal gradient at this location could be capable of producing geothermal gradient energy. There will be costs associated with further research and testing, but in the long term, Mr. Henderson feels the City could benefit from this natural resource.

A motion was made by Baker to amend the agenda to move items 5. Girasoles H & R liquor license application and 6. Habitat of Humanity Tap Transfer, to the second and third items of the agenda. The motion was seconded by Stewart. With all in consensus, THE MOTION CARRIED.

CONSENT AGENDA –

- a. Approval of Agenda
- b. Approval of Minutes: August 16, 2011 Minutes
- c. City property requests: Street Closures by SFD
- d. Resolution 2011-66 - amending Resolution 2011-45 approving a construction agreement with DSI for a project at the Salida Hot Springs Aquatic Center.

Stewart moved to combine and approve the consent agenda. Moore seconded the motion. With all in consensus, THE MOTION CARRIED.

1. Appoint Ward Three City Councilor –

Resolution 2011-63 declaring a vacancy of City Council and appointing Michael Bowers to fill the Ward Three seat until the term of office of a successor fills the position at the November 1, 2011 Election.

The request is to declare a vacancy of the Ward Three City Council seat and to appoint Michael Bowers to fill this vacancy until November 1, 2011. Scott Damman resigned his position for Ward Three Council Member as of August 31, 2011 leaving a vacant seat.

A motion was made by Moore to approve RESOLUTION 2011-63 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF SALIDA, COLORADO DECLARING A VACANCY ON THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPOINTING MICHAEL BOWERS TO FILL THE WARD THREE SEAT UNTIL THE TERM OF OFFICE OF A SUCCESSOR ELECTED AT THE NOVEMBER 1, 2011 ELECTION COMMENCES. Stewart seconded the motion. With all in consensus, THE MOTION CARRIED.

2. Amendment to the Vandaveer Ranch Overall Development Plan – 1st reading

Ordinance 2011-16 amending Vandaveer Ranch Planned Development District Overall Development Plan.

Dara MacDonald, Community Development Director presented written materials that are included in the packet for the record. She gave a verbal overview including a PowerPoint presentation to City Council Members. A discussion followed.

Mayor Rose requested a motion by Council.

Councilor Moore moved to approve Ordinance 2011-16 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF SALIDA, COLORADO AMENDING THE VANDAVEER RANCH PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT OVERALL DEVELOPMENT PLAN, and setting the public hearing for October 18, 2011 and ordering the ordinance to be published in full. Stewart seconded the motion. With all in consensus, THE MOTION CARRIED.

3. Establishing fees for Soaking Pools at SHSAC - (Theresa Casey)

Resolution 2011- 64 approving use fees for the private soaking pools at the Salida Hot Springs Aquatic Center.

Recreation Manager Theresa Casey presented written materials that are included in the packet for the record. Salida City Council approved remodeling of three Private Soaking Pools in March of 2011. The pools are now ready for use and the opening day has been selected. It is Council's charge to set fees for city related services. Council reviewed three staff proposed options for fees at the September 20 worksession. Resolution 2011-64 includes the selected fee schedule.

Yerkey made a motion to approve RESOLUTION 2011- 64 APPROVING USE FEES FOR THE PRIVATE SOAKING POOLS AT THE SALIDA HOT SPRINGS AQUATIC CENTER. Moore seconded the motion. With all in consensus, THE MOTION CARRIED.

4. Las Girasoles H & R Liquor License application-

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

Mayor Rose opened the public hearing. No one spoke either for or against the liquor license application. Mayor Rose closed the public hearing, and requested a discussion by Council. There was none.

Stewart made a motion to approve the Hotel & Restaurant License with concurrent review for Girasoles, Inc. dba Los Girasoles, 7595 West US Highway 50, Suite B., Salida, CO. 81201. McCormick seconded the motion. With all in consensus, THE MOTION CARRIED.

5. Habitat for Humanity tap transfer – (Jan Schmidt)

Resolution 2011-65 authorizing the transfer of a water tap from Lot 4, Railroad Hospital Subdivision to Lot 2, Railroad Hospital Subdivision in accordance with Section 13-2-190 of the Salida Municipal Code.

Finance Director Jan Schmidt presented written materials that are included in the packet for the record. This is a request for council to authorize the transfer of a water tap between lots of the Railroad Hospital Subdivision.

Stewart made a motion to pass RESOLUTION 2011-65 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALIDA, COLORADO AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF A WATER TAP FROM LOT 4 RAILROAD HOSPITAL SUBDIVISION TO LOT 2 RAILROAD HOSPITAL SUBDIVISION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 13-2-190 OF THE SALIDA MUNICIPAL CODE. Yerkey seconded the motion. With all in consensus, THE MOTION CARRIED.

6. Presentation of the 2012 Budget –

Finance Director Jan Schmidt presented a draft budget to City Council as required by State Statute. Several worksessions will be held during October and November to revise and finalize this budget. The first budget worksession was scheduled for Tuesday, October 18, 2011 at 8:30 a.m.

7. Administrator/City Attorney/Deputy City Clerk

a. Administrator's Report –

Administrator Lewis noted that a proposal came to Council during a recent worksession requesting partial funding of \$1500, about 1/3 of the total cost, from the City to update the sign on the side of Roxy's Bottle Shop directing people to downtown Salida.

Baker made a motion to pay \$1500 for sign upgrades on the side of Roxy's Bottle Shop. Stewart seconded the motion. With all in consensus, THE MOTION CARRIED.

Administrator Lewis said a proposed feasibility study has been discussed for Fire and EMS services within Chaffee County. The shared cost from the City comes to \$10,000. All of the involved entities have yet to commit to funding the study. Lewis recommends approval of funding the study with the caveat being contingent on participation by all other involved entities.

Yerkey moved to approve funding a feasibility study for Fire and EMS contingent on participation of funding by all involved entities. Baker seconded the motion. With all in consensus, THE MOTION CARRIED.

Administrator Lewis reported that following Council direction he has negotiated with the owner of Salida Café and Absolute Bikes for a ramp/stairway that serves as a personal access into the business. Sean Gillis agrees that the construction of the access and adding a sidewalk will improve the entrance of the businesses. The cost to the City for approximately \$2500 that can be absorbed into the budget should cover our part of the improvements.

Administrator Lewis stated that he truly appreciated working with this Council and he looks forward to continuing a relationship with the good leaders they are and look at Council members as great friends. Councilor Baker noted that Lewis will be greatly missed. Mayor Rose presented Administrator Lewis with a plaque and thanked him for all of the training of Council.

Lewis requested one last motion by Council to appoint Dara MacDonald as Interim Administrator until the vacancy has been filled.

Moore moved to appoint Dara MacDonald as Interim City Administrator for the City of Salida. Stewart seconded the motion. With all in consensus, THE MOTION CARRIED.

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

City Attorney Karl Hanlon expressed his appreciation to Administrator Lewis as a consummate professional, one of the best managers he has met and that Lewis is a good friend to him.

c. Deputy City Clerk -

Deputy Clerk, Janella Martinez, had nothing to report.

12. Elected Official Reports -

a. Treasurer-

City Treasurer, Eileen Rogers, had nothing to report.

b. Mayor –

Mayor Rose stated that the process for seeking a new City Administrator would begin, and expressed appreciation to Dara MacDonald for stepping in as Interim Administrator during the transition.

Mayor Rose informed citizens that Bresnan Channel 10 has recently been updated to include a schedule for showing meetings and worksessions.

c. City Council-


Council Members expressed their gratitude and appreciation for the time Administrator Lewis served the City of Salida.

A motion was made by Moore to adjourn the meeting at 9:36 p.m. The motion was seconded by Stewart. With all in consensus, THE MOTION CARRIES.



Mayor

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Deputy City Clerk

Respectfully submitted by Janella Martinez, Deputy City Clerk