



**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL**  
City Council Chambers  
448 East 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Room 190  
City of Salida, Colorado  
Tuesday, February 4, 2014 7:00 p.m.

**I. REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Led by Mayor Jim Dickson

**III. ROLL CALL**

Present at roll call were Mayor Jim Dickson and City Council members Eileen Rogers, Melodee Hallett, Mike Bowers, Keith Baker, and Hal Brown. Also present were City Clerk Betty Schwitzer, City Administrator Dara MacDonald, City Attorney Karl Hanlon and Deputy City Clerk Audrey Gilpin.

Absent was City Treasurer Cheryl Brown-Kovacic.

**IV. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION** – 3 minute time limit

Monika Griesenbeck of Salida asked to have the budget task force meetings public.

Billy Carlisle of Salida agreed with Griesenbeck.

David Larcum of Salida spoke regarding his mural that he wants to paint on a building on Highway 50.

Jeff Auxier of Salida agreed with Griesenbeck. He also asked for Planning Commission members to have City e-mail addresses. He said he did not file his latest summons.

Rusty Graves of Salida referenced Larcum's mural.

Jenifer Fowler of Salida said the Colorado Department of Revenue visited her business after an apparent complaint was filed by the City Administrator and City Finance Director. She said she is fighting for change.

Vern Davis of Salida said the City is retaliating against Fowler.

**V. PRESENTATION**

**1. Colorado Department of Local Affairs – Christy Culp**

Christy Culp referenced a presentation provided in the city council packet for the record.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

Brown said he would like to pursue the feasibility of alternate legal services and would like to see that on the next agenda.

**Brown motioned to have a discussion on legal services and pursuing alternatives on the next agenda. Hallett seconded the motion.**

Hallett said the Natural Resource Center Development Corporation has a whistle blower and conflict of interest

policy.

Brown said Hallett's comment is not related to the motion.

**Brown amended his motion to allow for a work session. Hallett seconded the motion. With all in consensus, THE MOTION CARRIED.**

## VII. SCHEDULED ITEMS

### 1. Consent Agenda (Audrey Gilpin)

- a. Approval of Agenda
- b. Approval of Minutes: January 21, 2014
- c. Property Requests & Special Event Liquor Permits: (1) Salida Senior Citizens Special Event Liquor Permit February 14 (2) Salida Elks Club Special Event Liquor Permit February 15 and (3) Walden Chamber Music Society Special Event Liquor Permit March 8.
- d. Fee Waivers: (1) Application Fee Waiver of \$200 for Mural of Model A at Crawford AutoParts and (2) Fee Waiver of \$100 for rental of Chisholm Park Pavilion for Greater Arkansas River Nature Association (GARNA)

Gilpin referenced a memo provided in the city council packet regarding Larcum's application.

David Larcum said there is not a procedure or an application for sculptures, which is why there are so many nice sculptures in town. He would like the same for murals.

**Brown motioned to remove fee waivers from the consent agenda. Hallett seconded the motion. With all in consensus, THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**Brown motioned to approve a, b, and c on consent agenda. Baker seconded the motion. With all in consensus, THE MOTION CARRIED.**

Brown said he would like to move those items to the end of the agenda and Council agreed.

**Bowers made a motion to go past 8:00 p.m. but not past 10:00 p.m. Baker seconded the motion. With all in consensus, THE MOTION CARRIED.**

### 2. H Street Project Discussion

MacDonald referenced a memo projected during the council meeting for the record.

Chuck Rose of Salida said Felice Larson would like bigger print for the agenda. He spoke in favor of wider parkways.

Linda Taylor of Salida spoke in favor of creating a long term tree plan that does not include small, ornamental trees.

Ed Berg of Salida said he serves on the Upper Arkansas Conservancy District and is favor of large, canopy trees because they retain water.

Bob Grether of Salida handed out informational material to council regarding narrowing the street. He said this plan will not slow people down in an unreasonable way.

Phil Sansas of Salida said to budget more for trees.

Andy Reimenscheider of Salida spoke in favor of bump outs.

David Park of Salida said the plan for bump outs presented by the City Administrator was designed to fail. He suggested smaller bump outs. He referenced several options.

Monika Griesenbeck of Salida spoke in favor of having large, canopy trees.

Katia Jolley of Salida said the trees are a part of the City's historic district and will be here for future generations.

Sarah Gates of Salida asked Council to do the right thing.

Felice Larsen of Salida introduced her walker Tinkerbell and said her main concern is being able to safely walk down H Street.

Jan Sebastian of Salida said it would be a travesty to cut down the trees as they were planted not for those that

planted them but for the present generation.

Rob Jolley of Salida favored narrowing streets and referenced a petition with 250 signatures.

Diana Smith of Salida spoke in favor of expanding the City's right of way.

Billy Carlisle of Salida said he is in favor of delaying construction of the project.

Mary Hay of Salida referenced the Lorax by Dr. Seuss and said that the environment is all connected.

Ariana Pappenfort said she would hate to see the trees on H Street come down because she has many memories of them during her elementary school years.

Rogers said she is in favor of narrowing the street to allow for larger parkways and to cut down the really sick trees but leave the others.

Baker said administration made the recommendation to narrow the streets and create larger parkways. He said the bump outs in this case is not a good option and a plan for trees needs to be developed.

Bower said he has safety concerns regarding narrowing the street. He said save as many trees as can be saved but keep the width of the street the same.

Brown said he did research on bump outs and said there are a lot of valid reasons why cities adopt those but they are not applicable to Salida and H Street. He said he thinks trees can be saved without bump outs. He said he would like to see sidewalks be addressed and to have a conceptual view of what City streets will look like.

Hallett said the City needs to create a budget to address trees and sidewalks.

**Rogers made a motion to except a street plan for H Street that includes widening the parkways from 4.6 feet to 6 feet and narrowing the drive lanes from 12 feet to 10 feet, 6 inches. Baker seconded the motion. In a 3-2 vote, THE MOTION CARRIED. Brown and Bowers had the dissenting votes.**

**3. Amendment to Ordinance 2013-31 Lowry Property Purchase 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Public Hearing**

(Dara MacDonald)

Ordinance 2014-02 amending Ordinance 2013-31.

MacDonald referenced a memo provided in the city council packet for the record.

Dickson opened the public hearing.

Jeff Auxier of Salida said he was grateful the City changed the language in the ordinance.

Dickson closed the public hearing.

**Rogers made a motion to approve Ordinance 2014-02, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Salida, Colorado, amending Ordinance 2013-31, and ordering the ordinance be published by title only. Baker seconded the motion. With all in consensus, THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**4. SteamPlant Rental Agreement (Michael Varnum)**

Resolution 2014-11 approving a form agreement and policies for rental of the SteamPlant Facilities.

Varnum referenced a memo provided in the city council packet for the record.

**Brown motioned to approve Resolution 2014-11, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Salida, Colorado, approving a form agreement and policies for rental of the SteamPlant facilities. Bowers seconded the motion. With all in consensus, THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**5. Amending Fee Schedule for SteamPlant Fees (Michael Varnum)**

Resolution 2014-12 adopting a revised fee schedule for the Salida SteamPlant Event Center.

Varnum referenced a memo provided in the city council packet for the record.

**Rogers made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-12, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Salida, Colorado, adopting a revised fee schedule for the Salida SteamPlant Event Center. Baker seconded the motion. With all in consensus, THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**6. Fee Waivers: (1) Application Fee Waiver of \$200 for Mural of Model A at Crawford AutoParts and (2) Fee Waiver of \$100 for rental of Chisholm Park Pavilion for Greater Arkansas River Nature Association (GARNA)**

Brown made a motion not to approve the fee waiver. No one seconded the motion.

**Baker made a motion to approve the application fee waiver of \$200 for Larcum and the \$100 rental fee waiver for Chisholm Park Pavilion. Hallett seconded the motion. In a 4-1 vote, THE MOTION CARRIED. Brown had the dissenting vote.**

Rogers gave staff direction to develop a fee waiver plan in order to deal with these requests.

**7. Administrator/City Attorney/Deputy City Clerk**

- a. City Administrator Report – Dara MacDonald

MacDonald referenced a memo in the city council packet regarding additional video of the wastewater collection system for the record.

Baker said he thinks this needs to be done in order to understand water and sewer rates and the condition of the system.

**Baker motioned to increase the operating expenditures in the wastewater fund by \$100,000 for 2014 to complete inspection of the system in Poncha Springs and the transmission line between Poncha Springs and Salida. Rogers seconded the motion. With all in consensus, THE MOTION CARRIED.**

MacDonald referenced a memo regarding creative district signs.

Council gave direction to take \$10,000 from the budget for wayfinding signs to go towards 3 signs for the Creative District specific signs.

MacDonald referenced a memo regarding an affordable housing field trip. Rogers and Brown volunteered to attend the field trip.

MacDonald referenced a memo regarding the proposed E-911 fee increase.

Council gave direction to move forward with the proposal.

MacDonald referenced a memo regarding a change of date for the summer swim meet.

MacDonald referenced an earlier comment made by Jenifer Fowler during citizen participation.

Council directed to have an additional work session on the third Monday of the month starting at 6:00 p.m.

Council called for a special work session Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. before the regular meeting.

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

Hanlon said he distributed an attorney/client privileged memo to Council.

- c. Deputy City Clerk Report – Audrey Gilpin – No report.

**8. Elected Official Reports**

- a. City Treasurer – Cheryl Brown-Kovacic

- b. City Clerk – Betty Schwitzer

- c. Mayor – Jim Dickson

- d. City Council- Keith Baker, Michael Bowers, Melodee Hallett, Eileen Rogers, Hal Brown and Tom Yerkey.

Bowers asked if the NRC board appointments had been advertised. He referenced the caboose proposal. He thanked Theresa Casey for the Super Bowl rally.

Brown said the budget task force meetings should be open to the public.

Baker said the NRC board interviewed five candidates for the attorney position. He said the board plans on limiting the candidates down to two and possibly awarding the contract at the next board meeting.

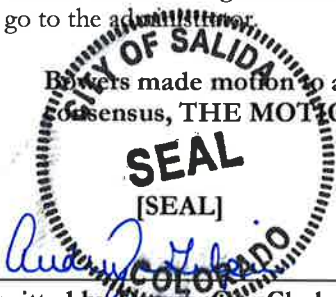
Hallett asked if the City had an anti-discrimination, whistle blowing and conflict of interest policy.

Hallett asked how Council can have more power over employees and go over the administrator.

Hanlon said there's a process for elevating complaints.

Bowers said there are disgruntled employees that keep coming to him, and they are worried about retribution if they go to the administrator.

**Bowers made motion to adjourn at 10:40 p.m. Baker seconded the motion. With all in consensus, THE MOTION CARRIED.**



Mayor

Submitted by Deputy City Clerk, Audrey Gilpin