



**MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL**  
**City Council Chambers**  
**448 East 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Room 190**  
**City of Salida, Colorado**  
**Tuesday, February 17, 2015 6:00 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, Council Members Keith Baker, Tom Yerkey, Eileen Rogers, Mike Bowers, Melodee Hallett and Hal Brown. Also present were City Treasurer Cheryl Brown-Kovacic, City Clerk Betty Schwitzer, City Administrator Dara MacDonald, City Attorney Karl Hanlon and Deputy City Clerk Christian Samora.

**IV. 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.*

Shark Landon of Salida reminded the City Council that everyone is watching what's going on and how the City will manage the events of the summer. He referenced the bridge for the music festival and had reminded the Council that there are qualified personnel watching and ready to help.

Jim Miller of Salida stated that in the interest of transparency he wanted to know if some of the Council Members attended any of the meetings concerning the 2A initiative. Hallett stated that she is friends with the proponents and had been in and out of meetings, but did not participate in discussions related to 2A. Miller asked if Auxier was present. Hanlon did not feel that the questions were appropriate.

Monika Griesenbeck of Salida felt it was the second time that Miller cross-examined Hallett.

Vern Davis of Salida stated that Auxier was in Kentucky for most of the summer.

Billy Carlisle of Salida stated that he is aware of the work session the following night and did not feel anything should be used that will interfere with the ascetics or enjoyment of the property and to consider how it will affect the value of the property. Hoped that the project would be a part of the city and a part of the City's published budget in the future.

Ron Mazzeo of Salida stated that he is one of the baseball coaches and the weeds have taken over Marvin Park. He requested that the City Council work with Public Work to see if there is a solution to the goat-head weeds. He stated that the coaches would be willing to assist as well.

Jeff Auxier of Salida asked what the square-footage of the Forest Service Building is. MacDonald stated that the building is about 16,000 Sq. Ft. He referenced the janitorial services were over \$400 to clean the building. He felt the City is paying for the Janitor. Auxier read a report in regard to limited government and felt that to develop the NRCDC and would like to see the City government become more of a legislative body and less of a real estate development organization.

## V. PRESENTATION

### 1. 2014 Preliminary Financials (Jan Schmidt)

Schmidt stated that a preliminary financial report was included in the City Council Packet and continued to state that almost 43% of the city-wide expenditures were for capital last year.

She continued to state that there may be some adjustments, but it is not expected that there will be any large changes and the 2014 budget did reflect the use of reserves because of large projects that the City had previously planned.

## VI. SCHEDULED ITEMS

### 1. Consent Agenda (Christian Samora)

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes: February 3, 2015 and February 10, 2015
- KHEN Special Events Liquor License

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

### 2. Ordinance Creating an Audit Committee – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading & Public Hearing (Jan Schmidt)

Ordinance 2015-01 Replacing Article XV and creating a new Article XVI in Chapter 2 of the Salida Municipal Code in order to establish an Audit Committee

Schmidt gave a brief background and overview of the Ordinance.

Mayor Dickson opened the public hearing.

Jeff Auxier of Salida asked if the intent was for the audit committee was to do the hiring of the Auditor. Brown stated that the intent was to have the Audit Committee select the auditor. He asked if the auditors would report to the committee instead of the Finance Director or the City Administrator. Auxier asked if in the future the committee will tender the audit instead of the administration. Brown stated that under Title 29 it requires the auditor to report to the governing body. MacDonald clarified that the auditors present their audit to the City Council. Auxier felt that the audit was prepared with input from staff, and there needs to be more accountability with the audit.

Monika Griesenbeck of Salida asked if the Audit Committee meetings will be public. Brown stated that the best practices document recommends the audit committee meet in private. Brown stated that by definition it would need to be an open meeting. Brown stated that the short answer is yes.

Billy Carlisle stated that he appreciated the cooperation and the information that was shared.

Shawn Gillis of Salida stated that the audit committee is a waste of time and a waste of money and there is so much more that could be solved.

Mayor Dickson closed the Public Hearing.

**Yerkey motioned to adopt Ordinance 2015-01, an ordinance of the City Council, City of Salida, replacing Article XV and creating a new Article XVI in Chapter 2 of the Salida Municipal Code in order to establish an Audit Committee. Brown seconded the motion.**

Hallett asked about the phrase about members not having managerial authority over staff. Hanlon stated that the Clerk could sit on the committee. Brown felt that the Mayor would be excluded, Hanlon stated that he would check the statute on the matter.

**With all in consensus, THE MOTION CARRIED.**

MacDonald asked when the appointments want to be made.

Hanlon suggested that the pool be narrowed to members that will be on the Council after November.

- 3. Ordinance Proposing an Alternate Ballot Measure – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading & Public Hearing** (Jan Schmidt)  
Ordinance 2015-02 To provide for a change in disposition of the sales tax fund capital spending, and submitting this ordinance for approval of the registered voters of the City of Salida at a special election on March 24, 2015

Schmidt gave a brief introduction to the Ordinance.

Mayor Dickson opened the public hearing.

Ken Berndt of Salida asked if there is a sunset. Baker clarified that the sunset was removed from the language of the ordinance. He stated that he is concerned that there is less money going towards streets. He did not feel that a lot of Streets have curb, gutter and sidewalk. He felt that the City should spend as much as they can on streets and sidewalks.

Monika Griesenbeck of Salida felt that either ballot question will address the quality of life for the residents of Salida. She felt that to have safe streets and a city that citizens can be proud of is very important. She felt the initiative was the better measure. She did not feel it was a waste of time to account for the way money is being spent.

Jeff Auxier of Salida stated that he did not feel audits are a waste of time because they are the law to safeguard revenues.

Shawn Gillis of Salida thanked the City Council for drafting an alternate ballot measure. He stated that in the last sixteen years he has seen the City greatly improved, which is from the hard work of the City Council, City Administrator, and the Finance Director. Gillis stated that 51% of the streets have been completed since 2008 when in the last 30 years there was not a lot that had been completed. In closing he thanked the City Council.

Jim Miller of Salida stated that the grade of the road and adjacent properties would not allow for curb and gutter to streets close in proximity to HWY 50. He felt that sidewalks could go everywhere as well as a drainage pan, but not curbs.

Mayor Dickson closed the public hearing.

Baker stated that the pans are totally necessary, but adding curbs and gutters would add large costs. It had to do with the developer and the City Council that allowed streets be built without the curbs and gutters.

**Yerkey motioned to approve Ordinance 2015-02, an ordinance of the City Council, City of Salida, to provide for a change in disposition of the sales tax fund capital spending, and submitting this ordinance for approval of the registered voters of the City of Salida at a special election on March 24, 2015. Rogers seconded the motion.**

Brown asked if there was a requirement for a contingency to be held at a certain level.

Hallett asked what the difference in the dollar amount; Schmidt and MacDonald referenced the information that has been included in the packet.

**In a 4-3 roll call vote, THE MOTION CARRIED. Brown, Bowers and Hallett had the dissenting votes.**

- 4. Setting of Ballot Language for March 24<sup>th</sup> Special Election** (Betty Schwitzer/Christian Samora)  
Resolution 2015-12 certifying ballot language for a special election to be held on March 24, 2015, regarding

the 2A Initiative and an additional measure being submitted by the City Council to the electors of Salida

Ms. Schwitzer introduced the item.

Hallett asked if it was a yes or no vote. Hanlon stated that the measure with the most affirmative votes is passed.

**Baker motioned to approve Resolution 2015-12, a resolution of the City Council, City of Salida, certifying ballot language for a special election to be held on March 24, 2015, regarding the 2A Initiative and an additional measure being submitted by the City Council to the electors of Salida . Yerkey seconded the motion.**

Hallett felt it was confusing for the public and what has happened is that it is adding more confusion.

Bowers was in agreement that it will confuse people and asked if there will be a third measure in case the voters don't like the first two.

Hallett addressed Millers question, she felt in the past she has recused herself.

**In a 4-3 roll call vote, THE MOTION CARRIED. Brown, Bowers and Hallett had the dissenting votes.**

**5. First Budget Amendment of 2015 and Public Hearing** (Jan Schmidt)

Resolution 2015-16 appropriating additional sums of money to defray expenses in excess of amounts budgeted for the 2015 Budget Year

Schmidt Introduced.

Jeff Auxier of Salida thanked staff for preparing the budget amendment and stated that at the NRCDC meeting there was discussion about moving the recycling center and a multi-departmental building to be built on the NRCDC land. He felt the first time this had been discussed was when the Council packet was issued on the previous Thursday. Brown asked if it was in the Budget Amendment. Auxier stated that it was not. Rogers stated that it will be discussed at the Work Session. Auxier stated that the issue is that the City has already expended funds on the project. MacDonald stated that the study was included in the 2014 budget and the balance left over was used for the recycling center study. MacDonald continued to state that the City Council agreed to use the remaining balance on the recycling center study. Auxier felt that it was not disclosed and it is for infrastructure that is not needed.

**Rogers motioned to approve Resolution 2015-16, a resolution of the City Council, City of Salida, appropriating additional sums of money to defray expenses in excess of amounts budgeted for the 2015 Budget Year. Yerkey seconded the motion.**

**In a 4-3 roll call vote, THE MOTION CARRIED. Bowers, Brown and Hallett had the dissenting vote.**

**6. NRCDC Board Member Appointments** (Dara MacDonald)

Resolution 2015-11 appointing members to serve on the Board of Directors of the Salida Natural Resource Center Development Corporation

MacDonald introduced the agenda item.

**Yerkey motioned to appoint the three existing NRCDC members who have expired terms and to appoint Mr. Grether and Mr. Granzella to fill the remaining two slots. Baker seconded the motion.**

**Bowers motioned to table the item and leave the current board member makeup until it could be discussed further at a work session and to interview the two new members. Hallett seconded the motion.**

**In a 4-3 roll call vote, THE MOTION MADE BY BOWERS CARRIED. Yerkey, Rogers and Baker had the dissenting votes.**

**7. Marvin Park Bid Award (Kevin Crowley)**

Resolution 2015-17 approving the award of an agreement for Marvin Park Playground replacement project and authorizing the City Administrator to enter into a construction services agreement between the City and Made in the Schade

Kevin Crowley introduced the agenda item.

**Baker motioned to approve Resolution 2015-17, a resolution of the City Council, City of Salida, approving the award of an agreement for Marvin Park Playground replacement project and authorizing the City Administrator to enter into a construction services agreement between the City and Made in the Schade. Rogers seconded the motion.**

**In a 5-1 roll call vote, THE MOTION CARRIED. Bowers had the dissenting vote.**

**8. Hwy 50 Phase III Bid Award (Bob Salmi)**

Resolution 2015-18 approving the award of an agreement for Salida HWY 50 Sidewalks Project Phase III and authorizing the City Administrator to enter into a construction services agreement between the City and ACA Products, INC.

Salmi introduced the agenda item.

**Rogers motioned to approve Resolution 2015-18, a resolution of the City Council, City of Salida, approving the award of an agreement for Salida HWY 50 Sidewalks Project Phase III and authorizing the City Administrator to enter into a construction services agreement between the City and ACA Products, INC. Baker seconded the motion.**

**With all in consensus, THE MOTION CARRIED.**

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

- a. City Administrator Report – Dara MacDonald
- b. City Attorney Report – Karp, Neu, Hanlon, PC
- c. Deputy City Clerk Report – Christian Samora

**10. Elected Official Reports**

- City Treasurer – Cheryl Brown-Kovacic
- City Clerk – Betty Schwitzer
- Mayor – Jim Dickson
- City Council- Keith Baker, Michael Bowers, Melodee Hallett, Eileen Rogers, Hal Brown and Tom Yerkey.

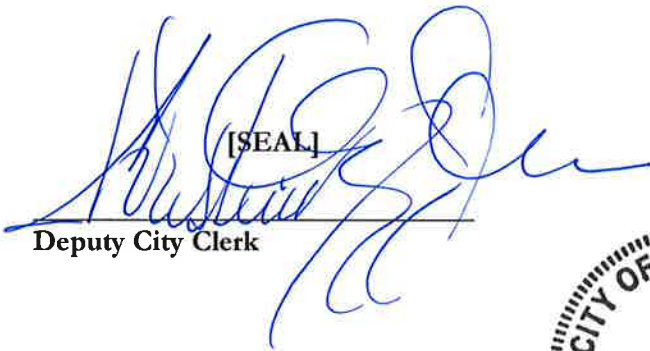
**VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION –**

There was not an executive session.

**VIII. REPORT/ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS**

**IX. ADJOURN –**

**Rogers motioned to adjourn at 9:47 p.m. Baker seconded the motion. With all in favor, THE MOTION CARRIED.**

  
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Deputy City Clerk

  
Mayor

