



MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
City Council Chambers
448 East 1st Street, Room 190
City of Salida, Colorado
Tuesday, March 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 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.*

Monika Griesenbeck of Salida felt that the remarks made in the McCormick Mountain Mail ad were similar to statements made by Tom Yerkey. She asked that McCormick and Yerkey to step down. She felt that McCormick equated constitutional rights to playing hardball.

George Andrews of Salida pointed out that lighting over the bike path on Sackett, Second Street, and Hollman Avenue are virtually nonexistent and would like for lighting to be improved.

Jane Whitmer of Salida spoke in support of the work force housing in the City of Salida. She stated that she works in human services and they are concerned that the citizens have a safe and affordable place to grow up. She encouraged the Council to think family friendly when considering this. She suggested perhaps a community space to have classes as well.

Vern Davis of Salida stated that a guest opinion by Eileen Rogers stated that neither the Council or staff has said City staff will be cut if 2014-28 passes. Davis referenced that there were two meetings when it was stated that eight police officers or fire men could be cut.

Ray Kitson of Chaffee County stated that Jim Miller is not a City Official, he is a volunteer. He stated that whether anyone agreed with the ad, he felt that Billy had an excellent memory even when they disagree on virtually everything.

Billy Carlisle of Salida stated that he had some questions and passed out papers to the City Council. He stated that his original comments are in complete agreement with 85% of what everyone would like to see on the Vandaveer Property.

Robert Loew of Salida stated that the human mind loves to complain and criticize even in a dream come true. He stated that Salida is a dream come true, but yet the human mind thrives on resentment and complaint. Robert listed many attributes that he felt were wonderful to have in Salida.

V. PRESENTATION

1. Paul Brandt Appreciation (Terry Clark)

Chief Clark presented Paul Brandt with a plaque of appreciation for a suspect that was apprehended after Brandt called in with a tip.

VI. SCHEDULED ITEMS

1. Consent Agenda (Christian Samora)

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes: March 3, 2015
- Walden Music Society Special Event Liquor License

Yerkey motioned to combine and approve the items on the consent agenda. Brown seconded the motion. With all in favor, THE MOTION CARRIED.

2. Solar License Agreements, 2nd Reading and Public Hearing (Dara MacDonald)

Ordinance 2015-03 approving license agreements with SS MUSA VI, LLC, SS MUSA VII, LLC, SS GARCO, LLC, and SS MUSA IX, LLC for solar power generating facilities

MacDonald introduced the solar lease agreement item.

Mayor Dickson opened the Public Hearing.

Kurt Shrive of Salida stated that the company had low-balled a local vendor. He felt the numbers were based on including locals.

Billy Carlisle did not feel that there was a reasonable effort to use local vendors.

Vern Davis of Salida stated that solar panels from China are not of the same quality of those in the USA.

MacDonald stated that Tim Cloe indicated to her that the job was too large for his crew to handle. She reminded the Council that there were no locals that bid, but both corporations want to use locals.

Rogers Motion to approve Ordinance 2015-03, an ordinance if the City Council, City of Salida, approving license agreements with SS MUSA VI, LLC, SS MUSA VII, LLC, SS GARCO, LLC, and SS MUSA IX, LLC for solar power generating facilities. Keith seconded the motion.

Hallett asked who will be doing the maintenance and what the cost of the installation or maintenance would be.

MacDonald stated that the cost of installation and maintenance would not be the responsibility of the City to pay.

Bowers asked what the cost difference would be to use USA panels. Hanlon stated that the City does not own the panels, so it is not a part of the power purchase agreement.

In a 4-2 roll call vote, THE MOTION CARRIED. Bowers and Hallett had the dissenting votes.

3. Creation of Public Art Commission, 2nd Reading Public Hearing (Michael Varnum)

Ordinance 2015-04 to establish a Public Art Commission

Varnum introduced the agenda item.

Mayor Dickson opened the public hearing.

Monika Griesenbeck of Salida asked if the purpose of the commission can be found on the City's website.

Varnum stated that the purpose is for the commission to research and recommend art to the City Council.

The public hearing was closed.

Rogers motioned to adopt Ordinance 2015-04, an ordinance of the City Council, City of Salida, to establish a Public Art Commission. Yerkey seconded the motion. With all in favor, THE MOTION CARRIED.

4. Intergovernmental Agreement with CDOT for striping of HWY 50 (Dan Osborn)

Resolution 2015-24 authorizing the City Administrator to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with Colorado Department of Transportation Concerning the Restriping of US 50 through Salida

Osborn introduced the CDOT Intergovernmental Agreement resolution.

Mayor Dickson opened the public hearing.

Tom Pokorny of Salida stated that he has read different articles and newspapers about this issue. He stated that HWY 50 is already a part of an interstate bike route. He encouraged the Council to include the bike lanes when considering the restriping of the highway.

Ken Berndt of Salida was confused and concerned that the bicycle lanes will make people think it's safe to use. He stated that his biggest concern was whether the speed could be reduced.

Billy Carlisle of Salida stated that there were conversations about different ways of addressing safety issues along HWY 50. He felt there are a variety of ways that the safety can be addressed along highway 50.

Harry Brull stated that he crosses highway 50 every day. He stated that he is associated with the League of American bicyclists and spent the week in DC with experts. He stated that studies support protected bike lanes with barriers. In every case, protected bike lanes lowered the crash rates. Retail sales go up because people slow down and they shop. It also makes the crossing distance shorter for crossing the highway. He stated that just using paint can be done inexpensively and can be done quickly.

Dan Wienshnickner of Howard spoke out with unconditional support for the project because it will benefit cyclists and motorists. He stated that the City is fortunate that there is space on the highway to accommodate the bike lanes. He suggested that maybe a rumble strip would be beneficial or perhaps add the flexible posts periodically along the bike lane.

Layton Eddy of Salida applauded the City for hopefully moving towards this project and could be a part of a larger collaboration to make the roads safer. She stated that with the changes in Poncha Springs, she is more vigilant when driving through the area.

Shawn Gillis of Salida stated that there have been two very good presentations and he felt the bike lanes would be an easy solution. He felt the idea made sense. He felt that most people utilize the back routes through town. He stated that the concept is widely supported.

Lisa Maldy, Director of Live Well Chaffee County stated that Salida is a large biking and walking community. She stated that there is a 17% increase in students commuting to school by bike.

Ron Mazzeo of Salida asked for clarification of what kind of bike lane it would be. Keith stated that the posts will not be installed at this time, but can be at a later time.

Osborn stated that there is not intent to install the posts

Grieg Justin of Pinon Hills stated that if HWY 50 does not feel safe, then people have the choice to not ride it.

He felt that it would be much safer to have the bike lanes.

Monika Griesenbeck of Salida stated that she thought it was the concern to make HWY 50 seem safer and tamer. She urged the council not to support the IGA until there is assurance that the speed limit will be reduced.

Jeff Porter, President of the Salida Cycling Club, stated that there is unanimous support of the Salida Cycling Club.

Ray Kitson of Chaffee County stated that CDOT has assured the Council that the speed limit will go up. The Public Hearing was closed.

Baker motioned to approve Resolution 2015-24, a resolution of the City Council, City of Salida, authorizing the City Administrator to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with Colorado Department of Transportation Concerning the Restriping of US 50 through Salida. Rogers seconded the motion.

Rogers thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She continued to state that the Pueblo Chieftain reported that most bicycle fatalities happen where there are not designated pathways. She continued to report various statistics that she found online. She said that her daughter has never had any problems in Denver using bike lanes.

Brown stated that a lot of statistics have been presented to the Council. He felt there was a lot of emphasis on protected bike lanes rather than buffered bike lanes.

Yerkey felt it was the right direction to go.

Bowers was opposed to the restriping of the highway.

Hallett stated that she was concerned about the cost sharing. Hanlon stated that in the agreement, it stated he was comfortable that the amount would not exceed the \$18,000. He continued to state that the amount could not exceed the \$18,584 maximum amount.

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

5. Workforce Housing Developer (Dan Osborn)

Resolution 2015-25 authorizing the selection of Housing Options, LLC for the purpose of developing a workforce housing neighborhood within the Vandaveer Ranch planned development district in Salida, Colorado

Osborn introduced the agenda item.

Wendell Pryor applauded the staff for bringing this forward.

Mark Zander of Ute Heights just outside of Salida stated that the housing needs to be efficient and affordable.

Billy Carlisle thanked the Council and the NRCDC Board for bringing this forward.

Bowers motioned to approve Resolution 2015-25, a resolution of the City Council, City of Salida, authorizing the selection of Housing Options, LLC for the purpose of developing a workforce housing neighborhood within the Vandaveer Ranch planned development district in Salida, Colorado. Rogers seconded the motion.

Baker pointed out that this would help get infrastructure on the Vandaveer property.

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

6. Pre-Annexation Agreement for Triple T Ranch, Deb York-Thomas (Dan Osborn)

Resolution 2015-26 approving a pre-annexation agreement with Triple T Ranch, LLC for 6953 County Road 105

Baker motioned to approve Resolution 2015-26, a resolution of the City Council, City of Salida, approving a pre-annexation agreement with Triple T Ranch, LLC for 6953 County Road 105. Bowers seconded the motion. With all in favor, THE MOTION CARRIED.

7. 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

After a brief discussion, the Council decided to vote by ballot and cast the following votes:

First Vote to determine NRCDC appointments

| | Brown | Rogers | Yerkey | Baker | Bowers | Hallett | Dickson | Total | |
|----------------------|-------|--------|--------|-------|--------|---------|---------|-------|------|
| Jim Miller | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | 3 | Tied |
| Jeff Auxier | | | | | | 1 | | 1 | |
| Susan Dempsey Hughes | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 6 | ◀ |
| Jim McConaghy | 1 | | | | 1 | 1 | | 3 | Tied |
| Rusty Granzella | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 6 | ◀ |
| Bob Grether | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | 5 | ◀ |
| Tim Glenn | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 6 | ◀ |

Second Vote to determine fifth NRCDC appointment

| | Brown | Rogers | Yerkey | Baker | Bowers | Hallett | Dickson | Total | |
|---------------|-------|--------|--------|-------|--------|---------|---------|-------|---|
| Jim Miller | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | 3 | |
| Jeff Auxier | | | | | | | | 0 | |
| Jim McConaghy | 1 | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | ◀ |

Rogers motioned to approve Resolution 2015-11, a resolution of the City Council, City of Salida, appointing Grether and Granzella to serve terms to expire in 2016 and appointing Hughes, Glenn and McConaghy to serve terms to expire in 2017 on the board of directors of the Salida Natural Resource Center Development Corporation. Bowers seconded the motion. With all in favor, THE MOTION CARRIED.

8. "H" Street Phase II Bid Award (Bob Salmi)

Resolution 2015-27 approving the award of an agreement for the H Street rehabilitation project Phase II and authorizing the City Administrator to enter into a construction services agreement

Salmi introduced the H Street agenda item.

Brown motioned to approve Resolution 2015-27, a resolution of the City Council, City of Salida, approving the award of an agreement for the H Street rehabilitation project Phase II and authorizing the City Administrator to enter into a construction services agreement. Bowers seconded the motion. With all in consensus, THE MOTION CARRIED.

9. 2015 Slurry Seal Project Bid Award (Bob Salmi)

Resolution 2015-28 approving the award of an agreement for the 2015 Slurry Seal Project and authorizing the City Administrator to enter into a construction services agreement between the City and Intermountain

Slurry Seal INC.

Salmi introduced the Slurry seal item.

Baker motioned to approve Resolution 2015-28, a resolution of the City Council, City of Salida, approving the award of an agreement for the 2015 Slurry Seal Project and authorizing the City Administrator to enter into a construction services agreement between the City and Intermountain Slurry Seal INC. Bowers seconded the motion. With all in favor, THE MOTION CARRIED.

10. City Hall Entrance Bid Award (Kevin Crowley)

Resolution 2015-29 approving the award of an agreement for the Toubert Building (City Hall) Entrance Project and authorizing the City Administrator to enter into a construction services agreement between the City and Bejwas Construction

Crowley introduced the City Hall Entrance agenda item.

Baker motioned to approve Resolution 2015-29, a resolution of the City Council, City of Salida, approving the award of an agreement for the Toubert Building (City Hall) Entrance Project and authorizing the City Administrator to enter into a construction services agreement between the City and Bejwas Construction. Yerkey seconded the motion. With all in favor, THE MOTION CARRIED.

11. Administrator/City Attorney/Deputy City Clerk

- City Administrator Report – Dara MacDonald
MacDonald reported that the HWY 50 project is under construction and will be wrapped up in early June.
The County would like to expand the Airport Board to nine members
The 2015 Survey is now available online and will be mailed out to registered voter households.
MacDonald followed up on the bucket truck for \$26,000 that was discussed at the work session. She said that if it is purchased, then the expense can be included on the next budget amendment.

Yerkey motioned to add the bucket truck to the agenda. Baker seconded the motion. With all in favor, THE MOTION CARRIED.

- City Attorney Report – Karp, Neu, Hanlon, PC
Hanlon gave a brief update on the oral arguments that he had earlier in the day.
- Deputy City Clerk Report – Christian Samora
Samora gave an update on the number of mail ballots that had been received back from voters.

12. 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.

Bowers requested that the mayor look into one Council Member that has been in contact with Tami with CIRSA. He stated that he was concerned. He was also concerned is that Jan Schmidt is a certified CPA in California.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION –

Baker motioned to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and/or instructing negotiators, under

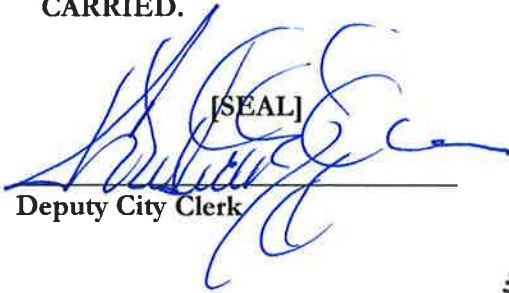
C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(e). Brown seconded the motion. AND THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL DETAILS ARE PROVIDED FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES: Colorado Parks and Wildlife

VIII. REPORT/ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

Hanlon reported that there was no action taken in Executive Session and no direction was given.

IX. ADJOURN –

Brown motioned to adjourn. Yerkey seconded the motion. With all in favor, THE MOTION CARRIED.


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Deputy City Clerk



Mayor

