



**MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL**  
**City Council Chambers**  
**448 East 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Room 190**  
**City of Salida, Colorado**  
**Tuesday, May 19, 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 Attorney Karl Hanlon, City Administrator Dara MacDonald 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.*

Alisa Pappenfort of Salida shared a message from Merrell Bergin stating that the way people have recently treated each other has gone nowhere. She continued to read that everyone needs to focus on what we have in common, not on our differences. She stated that we have all overreacted and need to call a cease fire. Planning ahead makes events happen instead of letting events happen to us. Pappenfort quoted Robert Frost: "Two roads diverged in a wood, and I-I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference."

Billy Carlisle of Salida stated that the intended consequence of the initiative was to have a spirited debate about the budget moving forward. He continued to state that the unintended consequence was some of the divisiveness that it has created.

Nancy Dominick of Chaffee County stated that what she has seen between the citizens and the Council is very disturbing. She felt it was outrageous and felt that the City workers and the Citizens are playing tug of war. She felt it was disgraceful.

Dwight Cocovinis of Salida stated that he felt it was necessary to be at the meeting. He felt the current so-called budget crisis created by the Carlisle Farney measure was an appropriate action to take. He continued to state that there is an infrastructure crisis that needs to be tended to. He felt that there was a high rate of City employee pay increases and bonuses. He stated that the average City income is over \$50k while the average in the County is \$40k or less. He stated that there were lots of problems throughout the City and it is necessary to fix the 2016 budget and fix the crisis today by going into reserves.

Monika Griesenbeck of Salida stated that the US Census reported the median annual income in Salida to be \$38,000 and she believed the Salida Payroll was heavy with the top 25% of the City's payroll being over \$72,000. She stated that all City employees received raises in January ranging from 3% to 20%.

**V. PRESENTATION**

- a. Boys & Girls Club – Effects of Smoking Ban in Parks and on Trails

The Boys and Girls Club thanked the City Council for the Ordinance that allowed for the community to have smoke free parks and trails.

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

## **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

## **VIII. SCHEDULED ITEMS**

1. **Consent Agenda** (Christian Samora)
  - a. Approval of Agenda
  - b. Approval of Minutes: May 5, 2015
  - c. Salida Wine Festival
  - d. Salida Brewer's Rendezvous
  - e. Salida Rotary 4<sup>th</sup> of July
  - f. Poncha Springs Manhole Project Bid Award  
Resolution 2015-41
  - g. Pool Sewer Line Bid Award  
Resolution 2015-42
  - h. Block Party Street Closure

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

2. **Salida River Lofts Easement, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Public Hearing** (Dan Osborn)  
Ordinance 2015-08 approving an easement agreement with River Lofts of Salida LLC

Osborn introduced the Agenda Item.

Mayor Dickson opened the public hearing.

Mayor Dickson closed the public hearing.

**Rogers motioned to approve Ordinance 2015-08, an ordinance of the City Council, City of Salida, approving an easement agreement with River Lofts of Salida LLC. Bowers seconded the motion. With all in favor, THE MOTION CARRIED.**

3. **Block 19 Alley Vacation, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Public Hearing** (Dan Osborn)  
Ordinance 2015-09 vacating a portion of the alley right-of-way in Block 19 Between First and Second Streets and Southeast of I Street

Osborn introduced the Agenda Item.

Mayor Dickson opened the Public Hearing.

Mayor Dickson closed the Public Hearing.

**Bowers Motioned to approve Ordinance 2015-09, and ordinance of the City Council, City of Salida vacating a portion of the alley right-of-way in Block 19 between First and Second Streets and Southeast of I Street. Brown seconded the motion. With all in favor, THE MOTION CARRIED.**

4. **KCK Ventures, INC DBA Seasons Hotel & Restaurant Liquor License Application and Public Hearing** (Christian Samora)

Samora introduced the agenda item.

Mayor Dickson opened the public Hearing.

Mayor Dickson closed the public hearing.

**Bowers motioned to approve a new hotel and restaurant liquor license for KCK Ventures, DBA as Season located at 1110 E Hwy 50 in Salida. Baker seconded the motion. With all in favor, THE MOTION CARRIED.**

5. **Creation of the Downtown Entertainment District, 1<sup>st</sup> Reading** (Christian Samora)  
Ordinance 2015-10 creating an Entertainment District authorized by C.R.S. 12-47-301

Samora introduced the agenda item.

**Bowers motioned to table the agenda item. Hallett seconded the motion. In a 2-4 roll call vote, THE MOTION FAILED. Brown, Rogers, Baker and Yerkey had the dissenting votes.**

**Yerkey motioned to approve Ordinance 2015-10 creating an Entertainment District authorized by C.R.S. 12-47-301 and to set a public hearing for June 2, 2015. Rogers seconded the motion. In a 4-2 roll call, THE MOTION CARRIED. Hallett and Bowers had the dissenting vote.**

6. **Regulation of the Downtown Entertainment District, 1<sup>st</sup> Reading** (Christian Samora)  
Ordinance 2015-11 amending Chapter 6 of the Salida Municipal Code to add regulations respecting the creation of an Entertainment District in which common areas for consumption of alcohol may be operated by a promotional association

**Baker motioned to approve Ordinance 2015-11 amending Chapter 6 of the Salida Municipal Code to add regulations respecting the creation of an Entertainment District in which common areas for consumption of alcohol may be operated by a promotional association and to set a public hearing for June 2, 2015. Rogers seconded the motion. In a 4-2 roll call, THE MOTION CARRIED. Hallett and Bowers had the dissenting vote.**

7. **Agreement with Xcel Energy for Downtown Banners** (Dara MacDonald)  
Resolution 2015-43 approving a joint use agreement regarding street light poles owned by Public Service Company of Colorado

MacDonald introduced the agenda item.

**Rogers motioned to approve Resolution 2015-43, a resolution of the City Council City of Salida approving a joint use agreement regarding street light poles owned by Public Service Company of Colorado. Bowers seconded the motion. With all in favor, THE MOTION CARRIED.**

8. **Review Madison House Presents Event Plan** (Dara MacDonald)

MacDonald introduced the Agenda item and explained the various elements of the plan.

9. **Pedestrian Bridge Bid Award** (Dan Osborn)  
Resolution 2015-44 approving the award of an agreement for the South Arkansas Pedestrian Trail and Bridge Project and authorizing the City Administrator to enter into a construction services agreement between the City and Lowry Contracting, INC.

Osborn introduced the agenda item.

**Baker motioned to approve Resolution 2015-44, a resolution of the City Council, City of Salida approving the award of an agreement for the South Arkansas Pedestrian Trail and Bridge Project and authorizing the City Administrator to enter into a construction services agreement between the City and**  
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Lowry Contracting, INC. Rogers seconded the motion. In a 4-2 roll call, **THE MOTION CARRIED.** Hallett and Bowers had the dissenting vote.

**10. Operating Budget Discussion** (Dara MacDonald)

MacDonald introduced the agenda item.

The City Council was in agreement to move forward with a budget amendment at the June 2, 2015 City Council Meeting.

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

- City Administrator Report – Dara MacDonald  
MacDonald reported that there will be a budget class from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup> and a Scout Hut Fundraiser on May 21<sup>st</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Scout Hut Fundraiser.  
On June 30<sup>th</sup> there will be the Quarterly Intergovernmental Meeting in Poncha Springs at 6:00 p.m. in the park.  
MacDonald gave the sales tax report in the absence of the City Treasurer.
- City Attorney Report – Karp, Neu, Hanlon, PC
- Deputy City Clerk Report – Christian Samora  
Samora stated that there was a letter included in the packet in regard to a fee waiver for Integrate to transfer their liquor license. The City Council was not in favor of providing for a fee waiver.

**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.  
Rogers reported that Salida was mentioned in Summer Getaways in the Denver Post

**IX. ADJOURN –**

Brown motioned to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. Bowers seconded the motion. With all in favor, **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

[SEAL]

Deputy City Clerk

Mayor

