



MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

City Council Chambers
448 East 1st Street, Room 190
City of Salida, Colorado
Tuesday, September 1, 2015 7:00 p.m.

I. REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER –

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Mayor Jim Dickson

III. ROLL CALL

IV. PRESENTATION

- 1) Introduction of Danielle Campbell, Community Development Intern (Dan Osborn)

V. 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 spoke regarding the Aquatic Center and the proposed soaking pools. He stated that he is devoted to enhancing the community. Landon spoke in favor of the Soaking pools at the Aquatic Center. He felt Salida needs to be more of a destination rather than a stop along the way to other places. He felt that with some guidance it could be a money-making project and he would like to be involved.

Louise Fish of Salida spoke in regard to the Audit Committee. She stated that the majority of her career was auditing and working with audit committees. She did not feel that a consultant was needed, but an RFP could be done for the regular auditor.

Jeff Auxier of Salida spoke in regard to the minutes that were included in the Council Packet for Approval. He referenced employee compensation and what the benefit packages are costing. Auxier stated that he felt the disclaimers in the audit are not taking responsibility for anything.

Billy Carlisle of Salida referred to the survey of the public and stated that 56% of people felt that affordable housing is an important issue. He felt it would be a good idea to get the community together and discuss what needs to be done and what the community will support. Carlisle stated that maintenance and infrastructure is the second most important issue on the survey. He stated that the controversy in the community was also a large problem on the survey results.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Rogers reviewed some statistics from the GOTR Music Festival and thanked various officials and volunteers who made the festival possible. Rogers also spoke of the improvements that the City received from Madison House in preparation of the event.

VIII. SCHEDULED ITEMS

1. **Consent Agenda** (Christian Samora)

- a) Approval of Agenda
- b) Approval of Minutes: August 18, 2015
- c) Salida Races – 4th Annual Bike Fest

Baker motioned to approve items “a” through “c” on the consent agenda. With all in favor, THE MOTION CARRIED.

2. Allocation of Proceeds Received from 2% City Sales Tax, 2nd Reading and Public Hearing (Jan Schmidt)

Ordinance 2015-16 to provide for a change in the disposition of sales tax revenue and amending Chapter Four of the Salida Municipal Code

Schmidt introduced the agenda item and gave background.

Mayor Dickson opened a public hearing.

Jeff Auxier of Salida stated that in 2005 the voters approved the current language. He stated that he felt the spending has never been tracked. Auxier did not feel that the City was complying with the 2005 language. He referenced the statute that allows for the creation of a capital spending fund. Auxier referenced a Statute that allows for the use of funds on maintaining capital improvements. He felt that those who vote for it will be directly going against the will of the people.

Billy Carlisle of Salida stated that the ordinance has prejudicial language in it because it referenced the Carlisle-Farney initiative. He stated that there was not an initiative by that name, but he wanted to take full credit for it. He felt that the City was ignoring the survey completed. Carlisle felt that it is a false argument to say that the shortfall is a problem. He did not feel that anyone has stopped to take an accounting of the sales tax. He also felt that some large projects were approved without being in the budget. Carlisle felt that it is a serious error in judgement to vote for something that will change the will of the voters in 2005.

Mayor Dickson closed the public hearing.

Baker stated that the money can be used for anything, and the Council will be identifying that. Baker continued to state that they probably were not spending what they should have. He stated that he was appalled by the deferred maintenance. He stated that there was actually more budgeted in the 2015 budget that what the Carlisle-Farney initiative would have required.

Brown stated that he felt the ordinance is flawed in a number of ways, most significantly that it undoes language in the code that was passed by the voters in 2005. Brown referenced the allocations of the 2005 ordinance. He stated that it wipes out the language that created the funds referenced in the 2005 Ordinance.

Yerkey stated that the ordinance is a solution to the shortfall in the budget, so that the City may function. He stated that the City is in a much better financial position now than it was in 2008. But the City needs to be able to operate and be healthy financially and continue to be vibrant.

Hallett stated the City keeps expanding the capital assets, but does not maintain them and the ordinance falls short.

Baker made a motion to approve Ordinance 2015-16, and ordinance of the City Council, City of Salida to provide for a change in the disposition of sales tax revenue and amending Chapter Four of the Salida Municipal Code. Rogers seconded the motion.

Rogers stated that it is a representative government. She stated that all people need representation, whether they have voted or not.

Bowers stated that he took the position to represent the people. He stated that he has made suggestions and everyone should dwell on the good things. He felt that the .5% tax on the ballot for Chaffee County could solve most of the problem.

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

3. Adoption of Reserves Policy (Jan Schmidt)
Resolution 2015-70 adopting a reserves policy

Schmidt gave an introduction and gave background on the agenda item.

Rogers made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-70, a resolution of the City Council, City of Salida adopting a reserves policy. Baker seconded the motion.

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

4. Certification of Ballot Language for November 3, 2015 Coordinated Election (Betty Schwitzer/Christian Samora)
Resolution 2015-71 certifying ballot language for the Regular November 3, 2015 Coordinated Election

Schwitzer introduced the agenda item and gave a brief background.

Rogers motioned to approve Resolution 2015-71, a resolution of the City Council, City of Salida certifying ballot language for the Regular November 3, 2015 Coordinated Election. Baker seconded the motion. With all in favor, THE MOTION CARRIED.

5. Amendment to Agreement with Sarah Whittington for Addition of Outdoor Soaking Pools (Theresa Casey)

Resolution 2015-72 approving an agreement to the professional services agreement for architectural services and authorizing the City Administrator to enter into a professional services agreement amendment between the City of Salida and Sarah F. Whittington Architectural Services for architectural services for the addition of an outdoor soaking pool and a spray feature to the Salida Hot Springs Aquatic Center Locker-Room Project 2015

Casey introduced the agenda item, provided a background and presented a pro forma to illustrate increased revenue if the soaking pools are added to the project.

Rogers asked Hanlon if it would be legal to amend the agreement.

Hanlon stated that he felt it was more of a sole source and it would need to come back to Council because the change is over 10%. He stated that there are good justifications for a sole source and it would be helpful to have documented cost savings. He suggested approving the Whittington contract to have the design in place and taking a look at sole source after that if time would allow.

Brown stated that he was not comfortable with approving the contract. Brown felt it would be an imprudent decision to approve this project as this time with such a large budget amendment.

Rogers referenced the master plan that did include the soaking pools.

Brown stated that this project was not a part of the plan in the 2015 budget.

Yerkey was in favor of the project if there is a limit set on the project cost that cannot be exceeded.

Bowers stated that he believed the project needed to go out to bid.

Yerkey motioned to adopt Resolution 2015-72, a resolution of the City Council, City of Salida approving an agreement to the professional services agreement for architectural services and authorizing the City Administrator to enter into a professional services agreement amendment between the City of Salida
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and Sarah F. Whittington Architectural Services for architectural services for the addition of an outdoor soaking pool and a spray feature to the Salida Hot Springs Aquatic Center Locker-Room Project 2015 not to exceed \$38,370. Baker seconded the motion.

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

6. Amendment to Agreement with Diesslin Structures, Inc for Addition of Outdoor Soaking Pools
(Theresa Casey)

Resolution 2015-73 approving an agreement to the construction services agreement for construction services and authorizing the City Administrator to enter into a construction services agreement amendment between the City of Salida and Diesslin Structures, Inc for construction services for the addition of an outdoor soaking pool and a spray feature to the Salida Hot Springs Aquatic Center Locker-Room Project 2015 Casey introduced the agenda item and provided a background.

Baker motioned to approve Resolution 2015-73, a resolution of the City Council, City of Salida approving an agreement to the construction services agreement for construction services and authorizing the City Administrator to enter into a construction services agreement amendment between the City of Salida and Diesslin Structures, Inc for construction services for the addition of an outdoor soaking pool and a spray feature to the Salida Hot Springs Aquatic Center Locker-Room Project 2015 not to exceed \$555,066.58. Yerkey seconded the motion.

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

7. Administrator/City Attorney/Deputy City Clerk

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

8. 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.

IX. ADJOURN –

Yerkey motioned to adjourn at 9:44 p.m. Rogers seconded the motion. With all in favor, **THE MOTION CARRIED**.

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Deputy City Clerk

Mayor

