



MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

City Council Chambers
448 East 1st Street, Room 190
City of Salida, Colorado
Tuesday, August 1, 2017 6:00 p.m.

I. REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER –

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Mayor Jim LiVecchi

III. ROLL CALL

All Elected Officials and staff were present with the exception of the City Treasurer.

IV. PRESENTATION

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.*

Ron Mazzeo of Salida stated that, while the SNRCDC was planning the utility looping, they discovered the Palmer Street right of way had been closed. He stated that Rabe made the decision that the right of way is to remain intact for public use. He stated that the City could not vacate because it would cut off access to the lot. Mazzeo stated that the letter from Rabe indicated that the fences must be removed when the SNRCDC requests the City to do so. Mazzeo continued to state that the owner has asked for a right-of-way vacation. Mazzeo stated that on July 20th the adjacent property owner attempted to buy that lot from the SNRCDC. The SNRCDC rejected the offer on July 24th. The plans are that the lot will be a park and it was blocked off illegally years ago. The property is still in the City's name. He requested that the City Council take action, so that the SNRCDC can have access.

Monika Griesenbeck of the City of Salida. She stated that she watched the discussion regarding the ballot language at the last Work Session. She understood there would be a question before the voters regarding TABOR. Griesenbeck did not believe that having the text in the packet is not the same as publishing the ballot options in the mountain mail. She stated that it would help the public to be informed.

VI. SCHEDULED ITEMS

1. **Consent Agenda** (Christian Samora)
 - a) Approval of Agenda
 - b) Approval of Meeting Minutes – July 18, 2017

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

2. **Elected Official Salaries, 2nd Reading & Public Hearing** (Guy Patterson)
Ordinance 2017-19 to amend Article II of Chapter 2 of the Salida Municipal Code pertaining to the compensation of the Mayor and Council Members

Patterson gave an introduction and provided background information.

Mayor LiVecchi opened the public hearing.

Monika Griesenbeck of Salida stated that she has been an advocate for increasing the compensation of the elected officials. She stated that she has had a change of heart. She stated that one portion of the council will be receiving a higher rate of pay than the others. She stated that she agreed with Mayor LiVecchi and hoped her input would be considered.

Mayor LiVecchi closed the public hearing.

Brown-Kovacic motioned to approve Ordinance 2017-19, an ordinance of the City Council, City of Salida, to amend Article II of Chapter 2 of the Salida Municipal Code pertaining to the compensation of the Mayor and Council Members. Rogers seconded the motion.

Granzella clarified when the raise can go into effect. The increase in compensation would be effective after new members are elected to the Council.

Bowers stated that he was in favor until the Mayor stated it was a position that should be a volunteer position. He stated that he was not in support and was willing to give up his monthly pay to help pay for a human resource officer.

Brown-Kovacic stated that the compensation can help when people need to leave work or need child care.

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

3. Elected Official Salaries, 1st Reading (Guy Patterson)

Ordinance 2017-20 to amend Article III of Chapter 2 of the Salida Municipal Code pertaining to the compensation of the City Clerk and City Treasurer

Patterson gave an introduction and provided background information.

Hallett stated that the duties of the two positions need to be looked at before the compensation can be addressed.

Rogers asked Hallett if she was initially in support of the increase.

Hallett stated she would rather not state her reasoning.

There was no action taken by the City Council.

4. Salida Community Center Grinder Pumps (Guy Patterson)

Patterson gave an introduction and provided background information.

Bowers asked if the pump was related to the sewage. Patterson confirmed that the pumps are for pumping sewage into the wastewater system.

Bowers asked if failing to replace the pump if there would be an issue.

Patterson stated that it would be effect the downstairs area.

LiVecchi asked how much was in the budget.

Patterson stated that there are funds to cover it, but would go over the line item by approximately \$2k.

Brown motioned to approve the proposal for the replacement of the equipment in the amount of \$14,104 Rogers seconded the motion. With all in favor, THE MOTION CARRIED.

**5. Allemang Community Center Reimbursement Request (Guy Patterson)
Patterson gave an introduction and provided background information.**

Patterson stated that it is unclear as to whom would be the owner of all of the equipment.

Bowers was in favor of providing the reimbursement to Allemang..

Hallett asked if it was for the full amount.

Rogers was in agreement with providing the reimbursement.

Brown asked if the items would be picked up on the list of assets. Patterson stated that there needs to be clarification if the City is buying the equipment or if they would belong to the Senior Center.

Brown motioned to approve the payment to Elaine Allemang in the amount of \$6,466. Rogers seconded the motion. With all in favor, THE MOTION CARRIED.

Brown-Kovacic stated that Elaine has done an incredible job at the Community Center. She stated that she hopes it does not set a precedent.

6. Administrator/Deputy City Clerk

- City Administrator Report –Guy Patterson
- Deputy City Clerk Report – Christian Samora

Samora presented a fee waiver request that was submitted by Chaffee County Crime Stoppers and the Alliance Against Domestic Abuse.

The Council was in favor with providing the waiver of fees.

7. Elected Official Reports

- City Clerk – Betty Schwitzer
- City Treasurer – Theresa Cortese
- City Council- Michael Bowers, Hal Brown , Cheryl Brown-Kovacic, Rusty Granzella, Melodee Hallett and Eileen Rogers.

Rogers thanked Guy Patterson for all of his help and guidance he has provided.

Brown-Kovacic stated that they have met with the School District and they have been very supportive. Brown-Kovacic also reported that they are working on parking and will be reporting back soon. She also wished Guy the best and thanked him for his service.

- Mayor – Jim LiVecchi

LiVecchi thanked Patterson for his service for the City.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

LiVecchi stated that on July 24th there was a planning commission and there was not a quorum. He stated that he ran into the hospital administrator and he was not sure if it would impact their costs. He stated that a special meeting would save a week of time. He stated that the gentleman flew in from Texas to speak on an item and was not terribly happy.

LiVecchi stated that he looked at the attendance on the Planning Commission and listed the absences within the past few years.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

Granzella asked when the work session will be scheduled for the protocol for assignments to the City Attorney. The discussion will be on the August 14th work session agenda.

Granzella asked if there was a title search on the Palmer right of way. Mayor LiVecchi will check with counsel to see what information they may have.

Granzella suggested having Lee Phillips take a look at the situation.

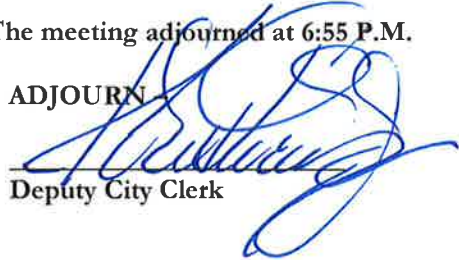
Bowers asked if it was determined who the owner of the Senior Citizen Center. Patterson stated that it is so muddled that there may need to be some sort of agreement. Brown-Kovacic stated that they were fine with assuming the building is owned by the City.

Brown felt the answer should be fairly straight forward.

Bowers stated that the dedication for the Lowry park just needs some loose ends tied up.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

IX. ADJOURN


Deputy City Clerk

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James LiVecchi, Mayor

