

**GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**

May 20, 2009

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction convened into regular session on the 20th day of May 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Auditorium. Those present were Councilmembers Bonnie Beckstein, Teresa Coons, Tom Kenyon, Gregg Palmer, Bill Pitts, Linda Romer Todd, and Council President Bruce Hill. Also present were City Manager Laurie Kadrach, City Attorney John Shaver, and City Clerk Stephanie Tuin.

Council President Hill called the meeting to order. Devin Winstanley, Boy Scout Troop 384, led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition

Recognition of Lena Elliott for receiving the 2009 Individual Citation Award

Parks and Recreation Director Rob Schoeber described the awards presented at the recent Parks and Recreation Conference. Two of the three awards went to Grand Junction recipients. The Individual Citation Award went to local Parks and Recreation supporter Lena Elliot. He detailed her commitment and many of her efforts especially in the area of tennis.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Pitts read the Consent Calendar and then moved to approve items #1 through #3. Councilmember Coons seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote.

1. **Setting a Hearing on Amendments to the Code Regarding Wastewater and Industrial Pretreatment Programs**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) conducted an audit of the City's industrial pretreatment program in July of 2008. The resulting audit report included recommendations and some required actions. Staff prepared and submitted amendments to the Code in February, 2009, to incorporate some of the changes required by the EPA audit. The EPA has requested some supplemental changes to the Code because of an oversight by the EPA during the audit.

Proposed Ordinance Amending Portions of Article II of Chapter 38 of the Grand Junction Code of Ordinances Pertaining to Pretreatment Regulations, to Incorporate Required Changes to the City's Legal Authority Requested by the United States Environmental Protection Agency through an Audit

Action: Introduction of a Proposed Ordinance and Set a Hearing for June 3, 2009

2. **Public Safety Interoperability Communications Grant Acceptance**

The North West All Hazards Region has received grant award through the Public Safety Interoperability Communications (PSIC) Grant. The PSIC grant will provide 800 MHz Digital Trunked Radio (DTR) equipment to upgrade six existing sites and add 800 MHz equipment to an additional site. This equipment will be a key for local public safety agencies to transition from the current VHF system to 800 MHz DTR.

Action: Authorize the Purchase of the 800 MHz DTR Equipment in the Amount of \$657,025 and Request \$505,775 Reimbursement through the PSIC Grant

3. **Vacating an Easement at 2770 Crossroads Blvd.** [File #SPR-2008-210]

Request to vacate a 20' wide drainage easement located at 2770 Crossroads Blvd. that is no longer needed. The vacation will better facilitate commercial development (hotel facility) on the property.

Resolution No. 50-09—A Resolution Vacating an Easement Located at 2770 Crossroads Blvd.

Action: Adopt Resolution No. 50-09

ITEMS NEEDING INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

Public Hearing—2009 State Revolving Loan Fund for Preliminary Engineering Report of the Water Distribution System Line Replacement Projects

The City of Grand Junction has applied for a Drinking Water Revolving Fund loan for various water line projects. A requirement of the loan application process is that the public have opportunity to comment on the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) for the proposed projects at a public hearing.

The public hearing was opened at 7:12 p.m.

Tim Moore, Public Works and Planning Director, introduced this public hearing by explaining the enterprise funds and how they function. All of the enterprise funds have business plans in place and that includes needed expansions. This project and the next project on the agenda have been planned for some time. By applying for these loans these projects can move forward now and help stimulate the economy.

Councilmember Kenyon thanked Mr. Moore for moving this project forward on the calendar to help stimulate the economy even though it means additional work load for Staff.

There were no public comments.

The public hearing was closed at 7:15 p.m.

Bret Guillory, Utility Engineer, advised that the City had to apply to be on the eligibility list. The City did get approved for the eligibility list which is a criterion for the loan. He then described the areas where the water distribution lines will be replaced.

Council President Hill asked if the process is to first secure the loan and then put the project out to bid. Mr. Guillory responded affirmatively and reviewed the calendar for the project. They are trying to move forward quickly but will not know about the loan until August.

Council President Hill asked if there is a plan to use any of the excess funds due to lower bids and are there other projects the funds can be applied to. Mr. Guillory said the bids being used are under the current economic conditions but if there is extra money, they can change order the contract and do more replacements.

Councilmember Pitts asked how downsizing the line improves the water quality. Mr. Guillory said the line is oversized and so the water is not “turned over” enough to keep the water fresh. At present, crews flush water through hydrants to keep the lines flushed out.

Council President Hill asked if the line was installed prior to the agreement with Ute Water and now that Ute Water serves much of that area, the larger line is not needed and will never be needed. Mr. Guillory confirmed that to be true.

Councilmember Kenyon moved to ratify the City Manager’s Signature on loan application of \$3.8 million for the Water Distribution System Line Replacement Projects from the State Drinking Water Revolving Fund. Councilmember Todd seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Hearing—2009 State Revolving Loan Fund for Preliminary Engineering Report for Interceptor Sewer Line Replacement and Septic System Elimination Program Projects

The City of Grand Junction Persigo Waste Water System has applied for a State Revolving Fund Loan for various sewer projects. A requirement of the loan application

process is that the public have opportunity to comment on the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) for the proposed projects at a public hearing.

The public hearing was opened at 7:22 p.m.

Bret Guillory, Utility Engineer, presented this item. The sewer projects are a little different. A preliminary engineering report was reviewed and the project was downgraded to a category three since there were no catastrophic failures. The septic elimination project was for a neighborhood that circulated a petition that did not succeed. The neighborhood came back to the City and asked to try again. The petition was again voted down, so it is not likely there will be another neighborhood ready in time. However, they are still moving forward with the loan application. He described the two locations for the sewer line replacements. One will allow for a system expansion to serve Pear Park without tearing up asphalt as it will be in Las Colonia Park.

Councilmember Beckstein referred to the North Avenue replacements; she has heard of backups along Belford Avenue. Mr. Guillory said unfortunately that is a storm drainage problem and not eligible for these funds.

There were no public comments.

The public hearing was closed at 7:28 p.m.

Councilmember Todd moved to ratify the City Manager's signature on loan application of \$3.2 million for the Interceptor Sewer Line Replacement/SSEP Projects from the State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund. Councilmember Coons seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Non-Scheduled Citizens & Visitors

There were none.

Other Business

There was none.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Stephanie Tuin, MMC
City Clerk