

**CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF CREEDE, COLORADO – A TOWN  
January 13, 2003**

**REGULAR MEETING**

The City Council of the City of Creede – a Town, County of Mineral, State of Colorado, met in regular session in the Creede Town Hall at the hour of 7:300 p.m. There being present at the call of the roll the following persons:

COUNCIL MEMBERS: JB Alexander, Chuck Barnes, Gene Dooley, John Goss,  
Jennifer Homsher, Merle Knous,  
ABSENT: BJ Myers

Mayor Pro-tem Barnes, presiding, declared a quorum present:  
Those members of staff also present were as follows:

Robin Crites, City Attorney  
Sandra Wright, City Manager

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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The agenda was accepted as presented.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR December 9 and 20, 2002**

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Councilman Dooley moved, and Councilman Knous seconded, to approve the minutes of December 9<sup>th</sup>. Unanimous. Mayor Pro-tem Barnes declared the motion carried. There were some typo's in the minutes of December 20<sup>th</sup>. Councilman Dooley moved, and Councilman Knous seconded, to approve the minutes of December 20<sup>th</sup> as corrected. Unanimous. Mayor Pro-tem Barnes declared the motion carried.

**ACCEPT AND PAY BILLS**

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Councilman Knous moved, and Councilman Alexander seconded, to accept and pay bills as presented. Unanimous. Mayor Pro-tem Barnes declared the motion carried.

**REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

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**ARTS and RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Recreation Director, Eloise Hooper, reported that the Heritage Workshop on candle making will be held this weekend, and the workshop schedule for the spring and summer is being compiled. She also reported that she is beginning to prepare for the Days of '92 vendors and asked about the procedure the Council would like followed regarding Shank. They advised her that as the time get closer, to send him a letter advising him that there will be vendors in connection with the mining events July 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.

Hooper complimented the City Maintenance Crew on the fantastic job they have done with the ice skating rink at the ballpark, and also with the pond up the canyon. The Council questioned Hooper regarding her comment in her report about teachers and officials not supporting the *Christmas Carol* performances this year, and said that there were several other things going on at that time and they felt people's budget were tight. The Council said they had heard comments about having seen *Christmas Carol* the prior years, and felt perhaps a different play would help attendance. Hooper said they had thought about that, but the problem is finding a play with enough characters so they can get the 30 plus cast members involved.

Mayor Pro-tem Barnes asked Maintenance Supervisor Basham to share with the Council the discussion they had earlier in the day about ice climbing. Basham told the Council that Ouray has an ice park, and this weekend there would be a gathering of ice climbers from all over attending the various workshops, competitions and other activities. He told the Council that this could be a terrific winter draw for Creede as well, giving the businesses an extra punch during the winter. He said there are groups that can assist with the details of setting up an ice park in Creede, dealing with the liability issues and getting the word out about Creede having these type of facilities. Basically, the officials in Ouray have said that if Creede builds an ice park, the people will come. Basham said that as an ice climber, the sport is not only physically demanding, but requires intense mental concentration as well due to the complexity of each climb. There were several questions from the Council, who for

the most part were interested in the concept. They asked Basham to gather more information about this project, and to see if there is a group who would be willing to make a presentation to the Council.

#### CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

There were a few questions regarding the report of past due amounts for utility bills. There were no other questions regarding the presented report.

#### SHERIFF'S REPORT

Sheriff Leggitt reported 1283 miles and 390 hours patrolled in the City, with 27 incidents and complaints, 4 citations and 1 accident.

The Council asked Leggitt about the report of a minor in possession and drinking on the streets, but Leggitt said the case was still under investigation, and would go before the Municipal Judge on the 15<sup>th</sup> and invited any Council members interested to attend that court date. In response to the report of propane smell in Amethyst Heights, Leggitt reported that Cheri Waters propane tank became empty while she was out of town, and technicians from Monte Vista Coop had to be called to check out the smell. He said that by the time they got to Creede and the source of the smell was identified, he had spent more than three hours at the residence. Other questions about the report were also answered.

#### MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

There were no additional questions on Maintenance Supervisor Shaun Basham's report. Basham reported that there had been numerous water shut offs during the past couple of weeks. He said he was also becoming concerned about the ice build-up at the curve going up Third Street, and that he is keeping an eye on that situation. There were some comments and additional questions about the manhole problem on New Years Eve day, and how the Crew went about solving the problem. It was after 6:00 p.m. that evening before they had it cleared and were able to go home in time to get ready for their individual celebrations.

#### BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Building Inspector Fred Eastland said there was really nothing going on at the present time.

#### WRITTEN REPORTS

There were no questions or comments regarding the written reports. Mayor Pro-tem Barnes pointed out the printout of the Chamber of Commerce's web site they submitted this week, and the Council agreed that it was really impressive.

#### CREEDE MESA MANAGEMENT

Representing Creede Mesa Management were Bo Freedle, Dick DePriest, and Bill Hayden. Councilman Knous had prepared several additions and corrections he would like to see on the proposed contract. There was a lengthy discussion about these suggestions and the proposed contract in general. The representatives explained to the Council that because of the drought, they are only able to purchase one acre foot of water this year, and will purchase water rights for two or three more acre feet over the next couple of years.

The representatives and the Council also discussed obtaining specs from McLaughlin to connecting their development to the existing water mains, and the added cost of pumping water uphill and how these cost and associated tap fees would be affected by annexation. Whether it was best to use one meter for the water used for the eight proposed homes vs. eight individual water meters was discussed, with no solution determined at this time.

The Representatives will take the changes to the contract back to their lawyer for revisions, and will get a copy of the revised contract to the Council when it is ready.

#### 2003 COUNTY FUNDING TO CITY

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The County provided a copy of their Resolution spelling out the details of how the amount of funding to the City is determined. Councilman Alexander moved, and Councilman Goss seconded, to accept the amount and to approve the 2003 in-kind amount as adequate for the goods and services the County provides for the City. Councilman Knous abstained, all others voted yea. Mayor Pro-tem Barnes declared the motion carried.

#### LOCATION FOR NEW PUBLIC RESTROOMS

Councilman Dooley reported that after measuring the area on the north side of the Kentucky Belle, there is not sufficient room to place the proposed new public restrooms. It was suggested that perhaps they could be placed on Second Street east of Main, west of the flume and north of the Hot Dog stand. Crites is to check the legality of the City placing a building on a platted street, even if that street is not a through street and not used as a street.

#### RESOLUTION 03-01

Resolution 03-01 spelling out appointment of personnel and designation of official status was reviewed. Councilman Alexander moved, and Councilman Dooley seconded, to add water tap fee for outside the City at \$1,200. Unanimous. Mayor Pro-tem Barnes declared the motion carried. Councilman Alexander moved, and Councilman Dooley seconded, to increase the mileage to 35¢ per mile. Unanimous. Mayor Pro-tem Barnes declared the motion carried. The fee for backhoe use was increased to \$77 per hour. Councilman Alexander moved, and Councilman Goss seconded, to adopt Resolution 03-01 as corrected. Unanimous. Mayor Pro-tem Barnes declared the motion carried.

#### FRIDAY'S MEETING

One of the items scheduled for Friday's Council meeting is to write a response letter to Mike Kolisch regarding his concerns about the City using Virginia Christensen Funds in 2003 for capital improvements. City Manager Wright advised the Council that she has notified the members of the Virginia Christensen Advisory Committee about the meeting, and invited them to attend.

#### ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Councilman Alexander moved, and Councilman Goss seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. Unanimous. Mayor Pro-tem Barnes declared the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved by City Council

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Sandra S. Wright, City Manager

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Charles G. Barnes, Mayor Pro-tem