

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CITY OF CREEDE, COLORADO – A TOWN
October 14, 2008**

REGULAR MEETING

The Board of Trustees 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 5:30 p.m. There being present at the call of the roll the following persons:

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Evelyn Gant, Debbie Wylesky, Joe Keller, Rex Shepperd,
Dana Brink (arr. 5:35 p.m.)
ABSENT: Kathleen Lehman

Mayor Shepperd, presiding, declared a quorum present:
Those members of staff also present were as follows:

Benjamin Gibbons, City Attorney
Pamela Wilson, City Clerk/Treasurer
Clyde Dooley, City Manager

REVIEW AGENDA

The Board acknowledged Monte Vista City Councilwoman, Rose Wilson and the nice ‘thank you’ note she wrote to Creede for hosting the 2008 CML District Eight Meeting earlier this month.

Items (a) and (b) of Reports and Presentations were reversed to accommodate Connie Scidmore of CIA Leavitt Insurance Agency who has to travel back to Alamosa yet this evening. A Visitor Center update from John Bruce was added as (c) of Old Business. Trustee Gant moved and Trustee Wylesky seconded to approve the agenda as amended. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Shepperd declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 9 AND 29, 2008

Trustee Keller moved and Trustee Gant seconded to approve the minutes of September 9, 2008 as corrected. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Shepperd declared the motion carried.

Trustee Keller moved and Trustee Wylesky seconded to approve the minutes of September 29, 2008 as presented.

MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS

Questions were asked and answered. Trustee Keller moved and Trustee Gant seconded to approve the monthly disbursements as presented on the September 2008 check detail report. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Shepperd declared the motion carried.

Trustee Brink arrived now at 5:35 p.m. just before the vote on this item.

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

CIA-LEAVITT INSURANCE AGENCY

Connie Scidmore of CIA-Leavitt Insurance Agency in East Alamosa addressed the Board of Trustees. Scidmore provided literature to the Board outlining the services that would be available to the city were she to be selected as the broker for the city’s health and related insurance plans. Scidmore asked the Trustees to consider signing a letter of engagement for her services through CIA-Leavitt Insurance Agency. The Board told Scidmore they would consider her request and thanked her for coming.

DISCUSS 2009 LAW ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENT

Mineral County Commissioner Marvin “Zeke” Ward was available to discuss the agreement. After a brief discussion the Board chose to move this item to a work session.

KENTUCKY BELLE PROPERTY UPDATE

Ron Fief Jr., Owner of Kentucky Belle Market, was present to give the Board a verbal update of the status of his property expansion project.

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Mike Kolisch was not available to present his report. The City Manager answered the Board's questions to the best of his ability.

WRITTEN REPORT

This includes the Recreation Report to be read at the Board's leisure.

OLD BUSINESS

BASLER PROPERTY

Dave and Amanda Basler presented their request for the Board to accept the survey of their property located at 123 East First Street and to accept their proposal to clear up their title of any encroachments. Trustee Wylesky moved and Trustee Keller seconded to accept Basler's offer of a land swap free and clear. By roll call vote EG yes, DW yes, JK yes, DB yes, KL absent. Mayor Shepperd declared the motion carried.

The survey will be signed and recorded and deeds will be exchanged, signed and recorded.

CONSIDER COMMUNITY INPUT FROM SEPTEMBER PUBLIC MEETING FOR FINAL APPROVAL OF CREEDE RESOURCES PROPERTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Eric Heil, appointed planner for the Creede Resources, Inc. (CRI) property, provided a draft of the community survey to the Board of Trustees. Questions were asked and answered. Trustee Keller moved and Trustee Wylesky seconded for the administrative staff to distribute copies of this survey to registered voters within the city and to post and publish the survey is available to Mineral county residents outside the town limits to have at their request. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Shepperd declared the motion carried.

VISITOR CENTER UPDATE

John Bruce, Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Building Committee, was available to verbally update the Board of Trustees of the status of the Visitor Information Center building project. According to Bruce, he and the architect on the project, Avery Augur, took exception with the concrete in front, back seal on the door, the plumbing inspection and the heaters. They are still waiting on the okay from the contractor for the Chamber to occupy the building. The city attorney advised that since it is not a habitat, the city can issue a temporary certificate of occupancy if the Board is in agreement. This was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY REQUEST FOR SEWER TAP FEE WAIVER

Leslie Dustin, volunteer for the Mineral-Rio Grande Chapter of SLV Habitat for Humanity presented a request to the Board of Trustees for a sewer tap fee waiver for a habitat for Humanity home. John Parker of Creede Haven II has donated the property for the home. Dustin announced that they have meetings the first Tuesday of the month at 5 p.m. at the Creede Community Church Fellowship Hall. Construction of the home will begin next spring. There are five applicants for this home. A fundraiser held in August generated in excess of five thousand dollars to go toward this home. The home will cost between ninety and one hundred twenty thousand dollars and to date funding of forty-five thousand is available.

Trustee Wylesky moved and Trustee Brink seconded to waive the sewer tap fees of three thousand dollars for the Habitat for Humanity home that will be built in Creede Haven II next spring. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Shepperd declared the motion carried.

CREEDE REPERTORY THEATRE (CRT) REQUEST FOR SPONSORSHIP

Lynna Jackson, CRT Business Development Coordinator presented a request to the Board of Trustees for the city to consider full sponsorship of the upcoming Christmas production of *An Old West Christmas Carol*. The Board told Jackson they would consider the request at their work sessions for the 2009 city budget.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

At the October 7, 2008 Planning and Zoning Commission, they drafted the following recommendation to the Board of Trustees: The Planning Commission recommends to the Board of Trustees that the Planning Commission develops a master plan for the railroad right-of-way within the city limits as well as for North Creede. Trustee Brink moved and Trustee Wylesky seconded to approve the Planning Commission's recommendation and grant them their request. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Shepperd declared the motion carried. It was suggested that an ad-hoc committee be created to sort through issues associated with the potential expansion of the Kentucky Belle (K-Belle) Market and put together a plan to present to the Planning Commission to incorporate in the master plan. The committee members will be Creede citizen Stan Lentz, Trustee Evelyn Gant and K-Belle owner Ron Fief Jr. The Planning Commission can get started on a plan for the right-of-way once clarification of ownership is released to the city by the State Land Board (SLB).

ADDRESS VACANCY ON THE VIRGINIA CHRISTENSEN (VC) ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Clerk provided the Board of Trustees with a list of names of potential candidates to fill the vacancy on the VC Advisory Committee. The following names were suggested by the current VC Advisory Committee members: Renee Prince-Stynchula; Christine Funk; Perry Beltrame; Dave Toole and Cat Lynch. Dave Toole has declined. The Board directed the clerk to call for letters of interest to include with this list as well as invite interested persons from the letters and the list to attend the upcoming October advisory committee meeting. From whoever is still interested in serving on this committee, the Board will appoint someone to fill the vacancy.

RESOLUTION 08-12, RESOLUTION AMENDING 08-06 – APPOINTMENTS OF PERSONNEL, DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL STATUS AND FEE SCHEDULES

Trustee Brink moved and Trustee Keller seconded to adopt, pass and approve resolution 08-12. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Shepperd declared the motion carried.

2009 PROPOSED BUDGET

City Manager Dooley as the Budget Officer presented the Board of Trustees with a draft of the proposed 2009 budget for approval. Trustee Gant moved and Trustee Wylesky seconded to approve the proposed 2009 budget as presented. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Shepperd declared the motion carried.

The Board will approve and appropriate the final 2009 budget on December 9, 2008.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

The items discussed and the actions taken were as follows:

STREET SIGNS: City Manager Dooley requested that the city reconsider the use of "non-standard" street signs (i.e. 6x6 wooden posts) and consider the basic standard posts and signs as outlined by Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), C. R. S. §42-4-104. The Board agreed with what was originally proposed last year.

The Trustees agreed to hold their regular work session on Tuesday, October 28, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. to include discussions on the Law Enforcement Agreement; the 2009 Proposed Budget including the CRT sponsorship; the Trash Agreement and possibly the Municipal Code.

This report had other informational only items in it as well.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board of Trustees at this time, Trustee Brink moved and Trustee Keller seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 7:27 p.m. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Shepperd declared the motion carried.

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Respectfully submitted:

Pamela J. Wilson, City Clerk/Treasurer

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