

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CREEDE, COLORADO – A TOWN
December 8, 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 7:30 p.m. There being present at the call of the roll the following persons:

COUNCIL MEMBERS: John Goss (arrived late-8:40 p.m., school program), Merle Knous, Jennifer Homsher, Gene Dooley, JB Alexander, Chuck Barnes
ABSENT: BJ Myers (medical)

Mayor Pro Tem Barnes declared a quorum present:

Those members of staff also present were as follows:

Robin Crites, City Attorney
Clyde Dooley, City Manager
Pamela Wilson, City Clerk/Treasurer

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

City Attorney Crites requested an Executive Session at the end of the meeting to discuss City law enforcement issues.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR November 10 and 21, 2003

Trustee Knous moved and Trustee Dooley seconded to approve the minutes of November 10 and 21, 2003 as presented. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Pro-Tem Barnes declared the motion carried.

ACCEPT AND PAY BILLS

Trustee Alexander moved and Trustee Dooley seconded to accept and pay bills as identified on the cash disbursements journal including the Davis Engineering invoices in the amount of one thousand eighty-six dollars. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Pro-Tem Barnes declared the motion carried. Trustee Alexander moved and Trustee Knous seconded to give City Manager Dooley the approval to negotiate with McLaughlin Water Engineers to pay up to twenty-five percent of their outstanding invoices from the Drainage account. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Pro-Tem Barnes declared the motion carried.

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

CITY MANAGER'S/MAINTENANCE REPORT

These two reports were combined this month.

City Manager Dooley included information on the law enforcement contract; CDOT bridge inspections; a railroad update; restroom cleaning and the upcoming Creede Mesa Estates public hearing. These items were discussed. Mayor Pro-Tem Barnes requested that City Attorney Crites draft a letter to the Mineral County Commissioners, before the public hearing for the Creede/Mesa Group, informing them that the City is in the process of developing a three mile annexation plan and the City would appreciate the County taking this into consideration before approving Creede/Mesa Group's plans. City Manager Dooley asked the Trustees a question about a pipe running down Cliff Street that continuously flows into Willow Creek. It was confirmed. Dooley will check further on what can or should be done to correct this if anything.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Sheriff Leggitt was available to answer questions about his report. His report included the number of City miles patrolled in the month of November was nine hundred; hours patrolled were four hundred; there were eleven incidents and complaints; no tickets were issued and there were no accidents within the City.

WRITTEN REPORTS

These include both, the Recreation report and the Chamber of Commerce report. These reports were read and reviewed.

OLD BUSINESS

2004 BUDGET

City Manager Dooley is asking the Board of Trustees to certify the mil levy so he can get it turned in to the County by the deadline of December 15, 2003. Dooley answered Council's and City Attorney Crites' questions about the mil levy versus the historical high. Dooley also provided a working draft of the 2004 budget for the Board to review and discuss. Questions were asked and answered. There was discussion about the water and sewer fund and associated fees. Several of the Trustees offered their input to Dooley and he asked to schedule time with any of them to further hear what they have to say about the budget.

NEW BUSINESS

WILLIAMS LAND COMPANY

Herb Williams was available to answer questions about his request for a re-zoning of the Silver Moon Trailer Park property. The Planning and Zoning Committee included their recommendation to City Council. There were questions asked and answered and Ordinance Number 332 was read. The Trustees asked City Attorney Crites talk to Williams and re-write portions of the ordinance. The addition, which the zoning change becomes effective upon transfer of title within ninety days of final approval of the ordinance, is to be included in the ordinance as well. It was requested of Council to make certain that the City always knows who the *agent of service* is and how to contact that person as needed. Herb Williams said that he would be that person as long as he is representing the current owners of the property or the potential buyers of the property. He is the project manager. He said he would make certain that the City Office had his current phone number(s) and address at all times. Also, Trustee Knous wants the City Administration to send letters notifying all the residents in the current trailer park, of the upcoming public hearing. Trustee Knous moved and Trustee Dooley seconded that Ordinance number 332 as amended be passed, approved and adopted on the first reading. There were four yeas and one nay. Mayor Pro-Tem Barnes declared the motion carried.

After Pamela receives the corrected ordinance, she will get it published in the *Mineral County Miner* and the public hearing can be scheduled on a date at least fifteen days following that publication. The public hearing will allow for public input on this issue.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Dooley moved and Trustee Knous seconded to go into executive session to address City law enforcement issues. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Pro-Tem Barnes declared the motion carried and Council went into executive session at 10:00 p.m.

Trustee Dooley moved and Trustee Goss seconded at 11:00 p.m. to come out of executive session. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Pro-Tem Barnes declared the motion carried.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Trustee Alexander moved, and Trustee Homsher seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Pro-Tem Barnes declared the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 11:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved by City Council

Pamela Wilson, City Clerk/Treasurer

Betty Jean Myers, Mayor