

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CREEDE, COLORADO – A TOWN
February 8, 2005**

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 6:32 p.m. There being present at the call of the roll the following persons:

COUNCIL MEMBERS:	John Goss, Debbie Wylesky, Henry Brink, Chuck Barnes, Gene Dooley
ABSENT:	Eldon Seime (Medical-illness), Martha Owens (Medical-surgery)

Mayor Pro-Tem Barnes declared a quorum present:

Those members of staff also present were as follows:

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

REVIEW AGENDA

There were no additions or corrections to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR January 11, 2005

Trustee Dooley moved and Trustee Goss seconded to approve the minutes of January 11th as presented. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Pro-Tem Barnes declared the motion carried.

ACCEPT AND PAY BILLS

After a discussion about the payment to B & B Construction to thaw the water pipes at the Day Care for yet another January, Trustee Brink moved and Trustee Goss seconded to approve the bills to be paid as submitted on the check detail report for the month of January 2005. There were three yeas and one nay (Dooley). Mayor Pro-Tem Barnes declared the motion carried.

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

CITY MANAGER'S/MAINTENANCE REPORT

City Manager Dooley was available to answer questions concerning his Manager's Report. In a discussion about the City's water, a letter from Perry Alspaugh of Colorado State water Division 3 was referenced. City Manager Dooley had informed the Board that a flow meter had been purchased so the City can keep a record of how many gallons of water is being taken from that location. It was explained that some of the water taken from the stand pipe in the past came from permission from Dannie Rogers at Mineral County Road and Bridge Department. Rogers is the only one with a key to the stand pipe, even the City does not have a key. Dooley reminded the Board that they authorized the gallons over the agreed upon one million gallons used last year by the County and there would be no charge. It was mentioned by some of the Board members at this meeting that 1.3 million was one thing, but for example, 1.9 would bring a different response. Anything over one million is to be considered in-kind. After further discussion Dooley was directed to talk to Rogers and work out an arrangement that something along the lines of anything over possibly 1.5 million gallons would constitute a charge. The current rate being charged for untreated water is one cent per gallon.

A discussion about the waste water permit prompted mention of the work session with Ron McLaughlin of McLaughlin Rincon LTD held Monday February 7th. The water and Sewer ordinance that McLaughlin had previously written was the main topic of discussion at the work session and it is expected to be ready for the first reading at the March Council meeting.

Dooley explained that the City had received three responses to the request in the newspaper for letters of interest for a building inspector. He explained that of the three, not only was Mike Kolisch the only local person, but he appears to have the best qualifications as well. Kolisch is not yet certified and this is one of the qualifications for this position. After consulting the city attorney Gibbons and discussing the verbiage for the contract between the City and Kolisch, Trustee Dooley moved and Trustee Brink seconded to direct the City Manager to contract for one year with Kolisch with the stipulation that Kolisch must have received his International

Building Code certification within six months of the contracted period otherwise deeming the contract null and void. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Pro-Tem declared the motion carried.

The Board overwhelmingly agreed that a neighborhood watch program in Creede was not necessary, as they felt the people in Creede, for the most part, already keep a pretty good eye on each other's property. Therefore, a presentation before Council by Leroy Chacon with Volunteer Connections of the San Luis Valley was not necessary.

Dooley informed the Board that the City now owns the property of the proposed Visitor Information Center. The property has been added to the City's insurance policy and Dooley reminded Council that a lease will need to be drawn up between the City and the Creede/Mineral County Chamber of Commerce, as the Chamber will be running the center.

Past due utility accounts were discussed as well as the General Fund revenues and the rest of the Manager's/Maintenance Report.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

This report was reviewed and discussed. Sheriff Leggitt's report reflected 1,300 miles and 360 hours had been patrolled in the City during the month of January. This report also reflected twenty-five incidents and complaints, two citations and one accident.

CHAMBER REPORT

Pat Richmond was available to answer questions about her report. Richmond explained the Chamber's plans for phase II of the Visitor Information Center as well as the status of the grant process for this remodel. After reviewing this report further, a Council member brought to the attention of the rest of the Board that Jimmy Collins has scheduled to officially dedicate the Creede Silver Ice Climbing Park during the events of Whistle Pig Days. This is a City Park and the news about the dedication has taken some of the Council members by surprise. Trustee Goss asked if this is maybe just a symbolic gesture at this point. The Trustees discussed that they had offered their support to the ice park at a past meeting, but felt they were not ready to give it the go ahead. Since that meeting when Collins was approved to move forward, Council has not been updated by Collins as they expected to be. Some of the issues the Board feels need to be addressed yet are water rights, the safety of the rock, and the system for flooding the rock. Trustee Goss had proclaimed himself the "Safety Dog" on the ice park committee. Goss added he had not been notified for some time to attend any meetings. There is no doubt, as they were previously told by Collins that neither the insurance nor the funding would be a problem. Because of the upcoming dedication, it was suggested by the Board that Collins should come before them at the March meeting with an update. City Manager Dooley told Council that Collins still has some legal issues to address with the City as well as the permit to obtain. Dooley did explain to Council that he had talked with the Water Conservancy about the water issue and was told that since it is surface water and there will be a delay there is no real need for it to be reported.

WRITTEN REPORT

This includes the Recreation report. This report is to be reviewed at the Council's leisure.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 05-02 (CABLE COMPANY TRANSFER OF HOLDINGS)

Trustee Brink moved and Trustee Dooley seconded to pass and approve resolution 05-02. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Pro-Tem Barnes declared this motion carried.

PARADE PERMIT – WHISTLE PIG DAYS

The Chamber of Commerce hosts Whistle Pig Days scheduled for February 19th and 20th, 2005. Trustee Goss moved and Trustee Brink seconded to approve the parade permit to close, each day, a portion of the street for the festivities. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Pro-Tem Barnes declared the motion carried.

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ANNEXATION PLAN

Trustee Goss moved and Trustee Dooley seconded to table this discussion until sometime after the Planning and Zoning Commission has reviewed this document. 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 Goss moved, and Trustee Wylesky seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Pro-Tem Barnes declared the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved by City Council:

Pamela Wilson, City Clerk/Treasurer

Charles G. Barnes, Mayor Pro-Tem