

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
CITY OF CREEDE, COLORADO – A TOWN  
March 29, 2010**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

The Board of Trustees of the City of Creede – a Town, County of Mineral, State of Colorado, met in a special session at the Creede Underground Community Center at the hour of 7:07 p.m. There being present at the call of the roll the following persons:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Rex Shepperd, Evelyn Gant, Joe Keller, Larry Lewis Debbie Wylesky  
ABSENT: Dana Brink

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

Pamela Wilson, City Clerk/Treasurer  
Clyde Dooley, City Manager

**INTRODUCTION**

At the request of the Mineral County Commissioners at the March 25, 2010 City-County Retreat held at Town Hall, the Board of Trustees agreed to call this special meeting to receive public input about future use of the old railroad right-of-way in section thirty-six. Mayor Shepperd said to the crowd of more than fifty people this is more complex than simple ATV usage. The city's right to plan and zone within its own boundaries and to properly seek public input on all of the issues that are involved and to try to figure out what is the best and highest use of the land that the city already has or will get. Shepperd told the crowd that the Planning and Zoning Commission for the Town has been tasked with drafting a master plan for the right-of-way from north Creede down through town. A multi-use trail will be considered by the Planning Commission. Public meetings will be held to receive public input. Shepperd read a comment explaining the history of the right-of-way issues over the past several years. Shepperd reminded the crowd that the city does have a deed for this property that Mineral County has put a bid on with the State Land Board (SLB).

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**RECEIVE PUBLIC INPUT ON ALLOWING ALL TERRAIN VEHICLES (ATVs) ON THE OLD RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY**

Mayor Shepperd opened the meeting up to public comment and asked the speakers to step forward to the podium and microphone to speak so they could be heard.

Seventeen people signed up to offer comments to the Board of Trustees concerning the old railroad right-of-way. Each person was asked to limit comment to three minutes. The people commented on everything from supporting ATVs in town and on the railroad right-of-way; not wanting ATVs in town at all to commenting on the city's and county's working relationship and asking the county commissioners to withdraw their bid. These citizens were a mix of Creede, Mineral County and South Fork residents. Some emails were provided to the mayor from persons not in attendance.

Mayor Shepperd closed the public comment period.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**CONSIDER A POSSIBLE DECISION ON ALLOWING ATVs ON THE OLD RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY**

The Board answered questions from the crowd of why the ATVs/OHVs were not approved at the June 25, 2004 meeting. Manager Dooley explained that the main reason the city chose not to allow them was because of the input of the town manager and the insurance company. Mayor Shepperd asked the Board if they feel enough exploration has been done for a decision to be made tonight. Trustee Keller moved and Trustee Gant seconded to wait until planning and zoning present their findings to the Board so that a decision can be made based on what they present. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Shepperd declared the motion carried.

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ADJOURN

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There being no further business to come before the Board of Trustees at this time, Trustee Keller moved and Trustee Wylesky seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Shepperd declared the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

          /s/ Pamela J. Wilson            
Pamela J. Wilson, City Clerk/Treasurer