

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CREEDE, COLORADO – A TOWN
July 18, 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 2:00 p.m. There being present at the call of the roll the following persons:

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

ABSENT: Chuck Barnes

Mayor Myers, presiding, declared a quorum present:

Those members of staff also present were as follows:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Items added to the agenda included: new business (c) Willow Creek rock storage and reports and presentations (f) Special Events permit for Creede Historical Society.

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

CITY MAINTENANCE NEEDS

Clyde asked the board what he needed to do or what forms he needed to fill out to get approval of some supplies the maintenance department are needing to complete some jobs and do their everyday work. He was told that anything five hundred dollars or less, as long as it is within the budget, didn't require the board's approval.

TRASH DUMPSTERS

Some people from out in the County even from Hinsdale County come in and use the dumpsters at the ball park and behind the Chamber of Commerce to avoid having to pay to have their trash picked up or pay to take it to the County landfill. These dumpsters are for visitors to the area and day trippers. There is additional dumpster space at the Tomkins Gifts & Gas for the summer. The City splits this expense with Muley's Trash Service. The Chamber had the dumpster removed behind their building because of the reason above as well as the smell it created for the visitor's to the park. Also, some contractors would leave paint cans, etc. in that dumpster. Jon Graham of Muley's removed the dumpster at the ballpark because he was dumping it up to five times a week this summer. It was discussed that the City bear the expense and put a dumpster at both the RV dump and the ball park for this summer and check with Lake City, Gunnison and Saguache to find out what their programs are for handling public trash disposal for future summers. We will ask Jon to report back to us on how that is going and we will look up the ordinance outlining fines and penalties for misuse. Trustee Alexander moved and Trustee Dooley seconded to put a dumpster at the ball park restrooms and the dump station with signs stating their purpose and any fines associated with misuse of them. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Myers declared the motion carried.

WATER SHUT OFF ENFORCEMENT

Clyde wanted to clarify what the procedure is for shutting off water to those residents's that let their utility bill become delinquent. The Council explained past procedures to be after two months past due the resident will receive a letter and after three months past due, if they haven't come to the City office to make other arrangements, their water will be shut off.

FIRE RESTRICTIONS (RIO GRANDE NATIONAL FOREST & BLM)

This was an FYI to the Council. Stage one fire restrictions are in place as of July 10, 2003. There is not a camping restriction and fires can still be built in designated fire rings.

COVERCOLORADO PROGRAM

Pamela shared with the board an invoice she received from the City's health insurance carrier SLVHMO. This is a mandatory expense that the state legislature previously approved and was being paid by delinquent taxes. With the state's budget in distress these monies are now being used to cover shortfall and are no longer available to pay the CoverColorado Program. Therefore, this expense is becoming the responsibility of the Insurance Companies and they are passing it along to the members. Pamela's question to the board was if the City will bear this expense or if it will be passed on to the employees in their contribution of the premium each month. After some discussion, Trustee Alexander moved and Trustee Goss seconded that the City pays this assessment and not pass it on to the employees to pay. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Myers declared the motion carried.

SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT – CREEDE MUSEUM/CREEDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

This permit is for a special events liquor license for August 30, 2003. Trustee Dooley moved and Trustee Alexander seconded to approve this permit. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Myers declared the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

RALLY THE TROOPS MEMORIAL

Teresa Powell, Danny Arnold and Ernie Thompson came to the meeting with a new draft of the memorial with new, smaller dimensions. There was some discussion about the new information the board was given. The previous request of sixty foot diameter took too much of the park for the board to approve. The Rally The Troops Committee thought this was too much to ask as well. Trustee Knous shared with the committee the opinion of some people he has talked to around town that would like to see the memorial in a different location than Basham Park that is more quiet and serene. There was a discussion whether or not there should be a public hearing. It was decided that it was not necessary to have that type of forum, but the City Council should make this decision. The board members went to Basham Park to walk off the new measurements for approximately twenty minutes between 3:20 p.m. and 3:40 p.m. Trustee Alexander moved and Trustee Homsher seconded that for the purpose of this memorial the City dedicate a space in Basham Park surrounded on the south side by the Kentucky Belle Market and on the east side by the sidewalk, thirty five feet perpendicular to the sidewalk by forty two feet parallel to the sidewalk. The vote was four yeas and one nay. Mayor Myers declared the motion carried. There was then a discussion about changing the park's name back to what it was prior to *Jim Basham Park*. Trustee Knous moved and Trustee Dooley seconded to change the name of the park back from *Jim Basham Park* to *Veteran's Memorial Park*. The vote was two yeas and three nays. Mayor Myers declared the motion defeated. Trustee Goss moved and Trustee Alexander seconded that the area of the park dedicated to the memorial be called *Veteran's Memorial Park* and the remainder of the existing park remains *Jim Basham Park*. The vote was four yeas and one nay. Mayor Myers declared the motion carried.

CONTRACT WITH COUNTY ON CITY WATER WELLS

Trustee Knous spoke with William Danks about striking paragraph eight. Danks explained why the paragraph was in the contract to begin with. Merle decided he was okay with this. Trustee Knous moved and Trustee Alexander seconded to approve the contract between the City and the County on our water wells. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Myers declared the motion carried.

SIGN RESOLUTION 03-06

Mayor Myers reminded everyone that this is the resolution charging the residents ten dollars each to turn off and to turn on their water. This resolution has already been approved. The Board signed this resolution.

NEW BUSINESS

MANAGEMENT STRATEGY FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS AND MAINTENANCE

Mayor Myers met with Fred Eastland about helping to schedule and supervise the City's maintenance department on a part time temporary basis. Fred made it clear that he was not looking for full time work. He would consider this proposal. Some of the Board wanted to know how much Fred would need to do this. Mayor Myers said they had not discussed that yet. The Board agreed that this is a good idea and will probably save the City money in the long run. The overtime will be cut back. Shaun will also be supervised by Fred as well as Robert and Ben. This will reduce the responsibility and stress to Shaun. Mayor Myers will meet with Fred again to determine the details and length of his new duties and responsibilities and write them up. A short meeting will then be scheduled to share the results of her meeting with Fred with the Board.

FIEF LEASE AGREEMENT

There was considerable discussion about this lease. The City will be taking back just over four percent of the leased property with the agreement of Ron Fief. The lease should have gone from six hundred dollars per year to twelve hundred dollars per year some time ago when he built structures on the leased property, but it did not increase and the City did not enforce this. The City will waive the transgression of not receiving the higher amount like it should have been receiving (at least five hundred seventy five dollars of the transgression) as it will recoup a portion of the additional six hundred dollars over a lengthy period of time. Trustee Alexander moved and Trustee Homsher seconded to keep the rent at six hundred dollars per year unless he builds something new, at which time it will go to twelve hundred dollars and in consideration he give the City the use of land necessary for the restrooms with no change in the lease agreement. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Myers declared the motion carried.

WILLOW CREEK ROCK STORAGE

Willow Creek has the opportunity to get some big rocks from the construction project down Hwy 149. The County will haul the rocks for them, but they will need some place to store them until they can use them. They will be getting them next week. They were hoping to use the HECLA property, but that hasn't been agreed to. WCRC should definitely get their rocks and the City will find a place for them to be stored. Mr. Parker has some property that the Fairgrounds committee will be getting and if he will agree to have the rocks stored there Trustee Alexander will let Leigh Ann Vradenburg of WCRC know. It was suggested that possibly Jenny Inge could get someone from the Board in touch with Parker for his approval.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Goss moved and Trustee Alexander seconded to go into executive session at 4:22 p.m. for the purpose of talking about the Sheriff's contract with the City. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Myers declared the motion carried.

Trustee Dooley moved and Trustee Alexander seconded to come out of executive session at 5:05 p.m. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Myers declared the motion carried.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday August 11, 2003 at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Trustee Dooley moved, and Trustee Homsher seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Myers declared the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

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Respectfully Submitted:

Pamela Wilson, City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by City Council

Betty Jean Myers, Mayor