

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CREEDE, COLORADO – A TOWN
July 3, 2003**

SPECIAL MEETING

The City Council of the City of Creede – a Town, County of Mineral, State of Colorado, met in a special session in the Creede Town Hall at the hour of 2:15 p.m. There being present at the call of the roll the following persons:

COUNCIL MEMBERS: JB Alexander, Chuck Barnes Gene Dooley, John Goss,
Merle Knous
ABSENT: BJ Myers (out of town), Jennifer Homsher (unable to attend)

Mayor Pro-tem Barnes, presiding, declared a quorum present:

Those members of staff also present were as follows:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Pro-tem Barnes advised the Council that this meeting was to discuss the possibility of the Elks having their fireworks display for the public even though there is a fire ban in place in the County.

DISCUSSION TO HAVE A FIREWORKS DISPLAY OR NOT AND WHERE

Along with the above mentioned City Council members, there were representatives present from the Elks Lodge, Mineral County; and the Creede/Mineral Fire Department including, but not limited to Ron Carpenter, Phil Leggitt, Lonnie Rogers, Stephen Wardell and Dannie Rogers. Some interested citizens also made it to the meeting.

Phil explained his suggestion to move the fireworks from off the cliffs to an area south of town at the south end of the ballpark. He felt there would be less to burn down there and any fires that did start would be easier to get to and extinguish than up on the cliffs. In allowing the fireworks to go on, Phil also requested to be relieved of all liability should there be a fire from this display. There was then discussion about either the Elks or the Fire Department having liability insurance since they are the people hosting and setting off the fireworks respectively. It is thought that Elks carry liability insurance. There was concern about parking and the congestion it would cause at the ballpark and it was then mentioned to take the fireworks further south toward the old tailing ponds and shoot them off in the direction of the sewer ponds. The airport could then possibly be used for parking overflow as well as there being less of a chance of starting a fire by shooting them off over the sewer ponds. This idea was very well accepted. Even though the new location for this years fireworks display will be outside the City limits in the County, Trustee Goss moved and Trustee Dooley seconded that the City of Creede allow Sheriff Leggitt to write an exemption to the fire ban for the Creede Elks and the Fire Department to shoot off their public display of fireworks between the hours of 8:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. the night of July 4, 2003 (see attached). 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 Dooley seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Pro-tem Barnes declared the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved by City Council

Pamela Wilson, City Clerk/Treasurer

Betty Jean Myers, Mayor