

**CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF CREEDE, COLORADO – A TOWN  
September 12, 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 1:00 p.m. There being present at the call of the roll the following persons:

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

Mayor Myers, presiding, declared no quorum present:

Those members of staff also present were as follows:

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

**INTRODUCTION**

Mayor Myers shared her concerns of why she feels Creede needs to look at preparing a business plan. She explained her thoughts of some potential situations that may arise for the City where a business plan may be helpful to have in place. The Mayor told Council when and where she met the HDR Group and turned the meeting over to them.

**HDR PRESENTATION**

Chris Fabian and Mike Freeman of HDR were present to explain the purpose of this company and what they would do for the City of Creede as far as a business plan goes. They explained, to Council, how they would gather and compile the necessary information to accomplish this. Copies of the presentation were given to the Council for them to refer to as needed.

HDR is a consulting/engineering firm based in Omaha, Nebraska. They have had a presence in Colorado since 1957 with their office in Colorado Springs. The firm still has an office in Colorado Springs as well as in Denver and in Ft. Collins. The range of services offered include: water and waste water services; transportation; environment and resource management and management consulting. The latter, is Mike Freeman's specialty. They also offer architecture, but not in Colorado.

Mr. Fabian and Mr. Freeman each explained their background and qualifications to the Council. They reviewed examples of other business plans they have worked up for both municipalities as well as utility companies. They answered questions and concerns for the Trustees. Mr. Freeman expressed that this plan can become a long term tool that the City can use year after year without paying to re-write it each year. This plan is designed to address future needs and goals as well as the present. This plan, perhaps, may reduce the need for very many outside engineers or consultants for the City. By implementing this plan there is a possibility, although no guarantee, of saving the City some, all or even more money than this plan will cost.

After the presentation, Council thanked Mr. Fabian and Mr. Freeman for their time and information. Council then discussed, briefly, some of what they learned about a business plan for Creede.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved by City Council

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Pamela Wilson, City Clerk/Treasurer

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Betty Jean Myers, Mayor