

**OURAY CITY COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETING  
SUMMARIZED MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2021, 1 PM**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Mayor Greg Nelson - present  
Mayor Pro Tem John Wood - present  
Councilor Glenn Boyd – present  
Councilor Ethan Funk - present  
Councilor Peggy Lindsey - present

Also present were Finance and Administration Director Melissa Drake, Community Development Coordinator Aja Tibbs, Police Chief Jeff Wood, and City Attorney Carol Viner.

**3. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**a. Ordinance 1, 2021 – Updates to Chapter 10 and Chapter 14 of the Ouray Municipal Code including 2020 Model Traffic Code Adoption and Changes to Parking, Traffic, and Animal Regulations**

Mayor Nelson opened the floor for public comments.

Jen Donovan asked for clarification about why the animal control changes were being made. Attorney Viner explained that the off-leash hours were only in certain locations during certain hours, and otherwise leash laws would not be changing.

Mayor Nelson closed the hearing.

**b. Environmental Public Hearing Regarding the Ouray Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Project.**

Cooper Best and Janet Hausmann from JVA presented about the project, including approval processes, timelines and cost.

Councilor Lindsey asked about the prior plan for solids handling, since Mr. Best mentioned it was added to the original plan. Mr. Best said the original plan was to hold solids and haul offsite for treatment, but a cost analysis showed a savings to the city over the life of the addition to the treatment facility vs. hauling costs.

Mayor Pro Tem Wood asked about the improvement of discharge quality from the new facility compared to the current facility. Mr. Best said there would be a very large improvement in the water quality that would be released back into the river.

Mayor Pro Tem Wood also asked what the potential bottlenecks for the timeframe of the project so they can focus on those and stay on target. Mr. Best highlighted the milestones and sequence of events.

Mayor Nelson opened the floor for public comment.

Since there were no comments, Mayor Nelson closed the floor.

#### **4. CEREMONIAL/INFORMATIONAL – Update on WWTP Project - JVA**

Mr. Best from JVA said they are currently getting price quotes on equipment that will be a part of the treatment facility, and overall the project is going well.

#### **5. CITIZENS' COMMUNICATION**

Mayor Nelson opened the floor for public comment.

Since there were no comments, Mayor Nelson closed the floor.

#### **6. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS/INFORMATION**

- a. **Glenn Boyd** – Continuing to administer vaccines, given 300 so far, 150 more scheduled this week. Policy Group Meeting will be on Thursday evening. MAC group meeting next week.
- b. **Ethan Funk** – Economic recovery work group meeting, working on report format for subjects and summaries. Ice Fest starts Thursday through Sunday. Councilor Funk thanked OurayNet and Clearnetworx for the internet access to the Ice Park. Councilor Funk asked the public to watch online, not in person. The Mt Sneffels Energy Board meeting is this afternoon at the same time as the scheduled work session, so he will not be at the board meeting.
- c. **Peggy Lindsey** – Beautification committee meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am via Zoom; committee will be discussing spring projects. Christmas decorations will start coming down this week.
- d. **John Wood** – CEDC had a work session to review community plan; have recommendations coming to Council soon. TAC has recommendations they want Council to consider. IPAT meeting last week; discussion on makeup of IPAT committee and the at-large members' terms and number of members. Limited clinics happening for Ice Fest, but clinics are full. Councilor Boyd asked who makes the IPAT committee appointments. Mayor Pro Tem Wood said the core members of the committee, being a City Council member, the City Administrator, an OIPI board member and OIPI executive director, make the appointment decisions.
- e. **Greg Nelson** – Attended a tourism group meeting, including City of Montrose, City of Ouray, and Town of Ridgway, to work on cross-promotional opportunities. Attended MAC meeting last week, as well as TAC meeting. Participated in State COVID Dial meeting to discuss potential changes to the dial, no conclusive feedback for State to pursue. OIPI water meeting looking at sustainability for the Park. Mayor Nelson

received a positive email from visitors about Chief Wood stopping to help a family from Washington State learn more about the area and different recreational activities and wanted to thank Chief Wood. Lastly, Mayor Nelson wanted to thank Aja Tibbs for her hard work, and wished her best of luck in her move.

**7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**a. City Administrator**

Update in packet

**b. Finance and Administration Director**

**i. Sales Tax – November Activity**

Up 42% from last year, will present 2020 year end information next month.

**ii. LOT – November Activity**

Up 12.5% on rooms, and 41% on revenue; have sustained an upward trend since June.

**iii. Pool Visitation and Revenue**

Mayor Pro Tem Wood asked if council should be rethinking their pool strategies in order to not deplete reserves while we remain at restricted visitation levels. Ms. Drake felt a new strategy was not needed at this time, but should be monitored closely for the next 6 months or so.

**c. Community Development Coordinator**

Making improvements on code enforcement. Received submittal for Wanakah Estates housing project, will be reviewed and come before planning commission and council after that. Notice of CDPHE backflow violation will be posted and mailed to residents. Staff are working with noncompliant property owners and managers to bring all buildings into compliance.

**8. CONSENT AGENDA – Liquor License Renewal – JTP Incorporated dba Ouray RV Park & Café**

Mayor Pro Tem Wood made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilor Lindsey seconded the motion.

Council Member	For	Against	Abstain	Absent
Mayor Nelson	X			
Mayor Pro Tem Wood	X			
Councilor Boyd	X			
Councilor Funk	X			
Councilor Lindsey	X			

**9. ACTION ITEMS**

**a. Ordinance 1, Series 2021 – Updates to Chapter 10 and Chapter 14 of the Ouray Municipal Code Including 2020 Model Traffic Code Adoption and Changes to Parking, Traffic, and Animal Regulations – Second Reading**

Councilor Funk asked if there were already copies of the 2020 Model Traffic Code at City Hall. Chief Wood said there are multiple copies.

Mayor Pro Tem Wood made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 1. Councilor Boyd seconded the motion.

Council Member	For	Against	Abstain	Absent
Mayor Nelson	X			
Mayor Pro Tem Wood	X			
Councilor Boyd	X			
Councilor Funk	X			
Councilor Lindsey	X			

The motion passed on unanimous roll call vote.

**b. IGA – 2021 Shared Victim Advocate Services**

Councilor Funk asked if the City has been receiving the monthly reports mentioned in the agreement. Chief Wood said he has not received a report, nor did Ms. Drake in her tenure as Acting City Administrator. Staff will address that with the group.

Councilor Funk made a motion to approve the agreement. Councilor Lindsey seconded the motion.

Council Member	For	Against	Abstain	Absent
Mayor Nelson	X			
Mayor Pro Tem Wood	X			
Councilor Boyd	X			
Councilor Funk	X			
Councilor Lindsey	X			

The motion passed on unanimous roll call vote.

**c. Appoint Councilor Ethan Funk to the Economic Recovery Working Group**

Councilor Boyd made a motion to appoint Councilor Funk. Mayor Pro Tem Wood seconded the motion.

Council Member	For	Against	Abstain	Absent
Mayor Nelson	X			
Mayor Pro Tem Wood	X			
Councilor Boyd	X			
Councilor Funk	X			
Councilor Lindsey	X			

The motion passed on unanimous roll call vote.

**d. Recommendations from the Tourism Advisory Committee**

Propose creation of a Media house that holds all locally-based media to promote the City, protected by password and accessible to third parties by permission. The recommendation includes an ongoing agreement with Mike Boruta for drone footage. Councilor Boyd asked if drone regulations have been explored in relation to Ouray specifically, since there are heavy regulations in Telluride, for example. Ms.

Viner reminded council that each content creator the City works will need to be a registered business since the City won't enter into contracts with Individuals. Creators will also have to understand that anything they create for the media house will copyrighted and owned by the City and not the creator. Councilor Funk also brought up the use of copyrighted songs/audio paired with original visual content, saying anything submitted should not have an audio overlay to prevent any potential copyright infringement issues for internal or third party use.

Mayor Pro Tem Wood made a motion to adopt the recommendation to establish a Media house with Mr. Van Meter, Ms. Peterson and Mr. Boruta; and to direct them, along with legal counsel, to create policies for licensing, access and submission, and engage Mr. Boruta on an on-call basis for drone footage. Ms. Drake requested that Mayor Pro Tem Wood use Administrator Clarke instead of Ms. Peterson. Mayor Pro Tem Wood agreed, and decided using position tiles was a better alternative. Councilor Funk said he would second the motion if it is noted that those people are only initially in those roles, and could be swapped out in the future. Mayor Pro Tem Wood agreed, and so Councilor Funk seconded the amended motion. The motion does not approve any policies, it only serves to adopt TAC's recommendations. Staff will bring policies back for review and approval later.

Council Member	For	Against	Abstain	Absent
Mayor Nelson	X			
Mayor Pro Tem Wood	X			
Councilor Boyd	X			
Councilor Funk	X			
Councilor Lindsey	X			

The motion passed on unanimous roll call vote.

**e. Resolution 3, Series 2021 – Closing the Lower Viewing Bridge and Surrounding Area at the Ice Park for the 2021 Ice Fest**

Council discussed implementation strategies with Chief Wood.

Councilor Boyd made a motion to approve the resolution, adding that a WENS notification should be sent out for pedestrians on Box Canon Road. Councilor Funk seconded the motion.

Council Member	For	Against	Abstain	Absent
Mayor Nelson	X			
Mayor Pro Tem Wood	X			
Councilor Boyd	X			
Councilor Funk	X			
Councilor Lindsey	X			

The motion passed on unanimous roll call vote.

**10. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**a. Parks and Recreation Master Plan**

Mayor Pro Tem Wood would like to see a Parks/Recreation-specific actionable Master Plan for the City. Council would like a list from Administrator Clarke of the next steps needed for creating this.

**b. Future Agenda Items**

Councilor Lindsey wants to discuss an affordable housing project. Council decided to schedule the topic as a work session.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Pro Tem Wood made a motion to adjourn at 1:40 pm, Councilor Boyd seconded the motion. The motion passed on unanimous vote.

ATTEST:

  
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Greg Nelson, Mayor

  
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Date

  
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Melissa M. Drake, City Clerk

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CERTIFICATION

I, Melissa M. Drake, do hereby certify that I am the City Clerk of the City of Ouray, Ouray County, State of Colorado, and that the above minutes are a true and correct summary of the meeting of the Ouray City Council held on January 19, 2021. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021

  
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