

**OURAY CITY COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETING  
SUMMARIZED MINUTES  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 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 City Administrator Silas Clarke, Finance and Administration Director Melissa Drake, Public Works Director Joe Coleman, City Resources Director Rick Noll, Police Chief Jeff Wood, Administrative Accounting Clerk Julie Lancaster, and City Attorney Carol Viner.

**3. CEREMONIAL/INFORMATIONAL**

**a. COP Update**

Troy Bernberg from Northland Securities gave an update of the COP process throughout the last year with the uncertainties that the pandemic created, and now that time has passed and unknowns have been determined, 2 banks are currently considering refinancing the loan, and it should be finalized and closed by March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

**b. Ridgway Ouray Community Council (ROCC) Update on Dispersed Camping issues within Blue Lakes Park Trail and Ironton Park**

Dee Williams from ROCC asked for City cooperation in publishing backcountry etiquette on the Visit Ouray Website, as well as other locations to reach as many people as possible. Mayor Nelson updated Ms. Williams that Visit Ouray and the Forest Service will be partnering to publish information this summer. Councilor Boyd mentioned that the Sheriff's office and other organizations have put together a new brochure on backcountry safety and usage for distribution this summer to make ROCC of the efforts already in place so that all the groups can coordinate.

**c. Waste Water Treatment Facility Building Materials (JVA)**

Cooper Best and Kate Benton presented masonry vs. metal building pros and cons for the City's treatment plant design. Administrator Clarke and Mr. Coleman will bring a recommendation to council for which building material to move forward with.

**4. CITIZENS' COMMUNICATION**

Mayor Nelson opened the floor for public comment.

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

**5. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS/INFORMATION**

- a. Glenn Boyd** – Policy group meeting on Thursday. 962 vaccines, looking to administer 400 more this week. Mayor Nelson asked for clarification on the process for people on the waiting list for a vaccine. Councilor Boyd confirmed the Public Health Office will call individuals when they are ready to schedule their vaccine appointment.
- b. Ethan Funk** – Requested Economic Recovery Group comments from other councilors ahead of meeting. No other meetings to report on.
- c. Peggy Lindsey** – Beautification committee is meeting next week. New property owner of land north of Biota building wants to develop it for mixed use including affordable housing.
- d. John Wood** – TAC meeting tomorrow. CEDC is looking at a satellite program to the Main Street Program focusing on designating and preserving historic buildings; working with Historical Society on that.
- e. Greg Nelson** – Nothing to report

**6. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**a. City Administrator**

Interviews for Community Development Coordinator position to happen next week. Current Building Inspector will work on Fridays until a new permanent building inspector is hired. Dan Reardon from Colorado Code Consulting will also be brought back in the meantime.

Pool Manager Position is still open for applications until February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Water source is likely under influence of contamination from surface water, once official determination is made by the state, the City has 60 days to implement a temporary solution, and 18 months to have a new treatment plant online. Administrator Clarke and Public Works Director Mr. Coleman will be working on creating plans for a treatment plant right away.

**b. Finance and Administration Director**

**i. Sales Tax – Year-end Report**

2020 Sales tax was up 17% over 2019 overall. Ms. Drake presented charts showing trends for different categories between the two years.

ii. **LOT – Year-end Report**

Lodging Occupation Tax is up 2.87% even though occupied rooms was down 3.35% for the entire year over 2019.

**7. CONSENT AGENDA**

**a. Liquor License Renewal, Brickhouse737**

**b. Liquor License Renewal, Colorado Boy South, Inc. dba Colorado Boy Southwest**

Councilor Lindsey made a motion to approve the consent agenda. 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 vote.

**8. ACTION ITEMS - none**

**9. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**a. Noise Ordinance Revision**

Other municipal noise ordinances are included in the packet for examples, all with similar decibel levels and times of day that were determined at the work session. Council wants to err on the side of too high a decibel level that could be reduced if needed, and instructed Attorney Viner to draft an ordinance with elements from other municipalities, and other considerations such as duration of noise, zoning differentiations and fair and equitable application across all activities in the city (music, commercial trucking, construction, playground noise, etc.)

**b. Future Agenda Items**

Councilor Boyd would like to see Administrator Clarke’s current list of council and work session topics to ensure nothing has fallen off the radar.

**10. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Executive Session under C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(b) and (e), for a conference with the City attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions concerning City easements and contractual rights for private use of City geothermal water from the Box Canyon pipeline and Vinegar Hill Spring and for the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, and/or instructing negotiators, concerning agreements for private geothermal uses.

Mayor Pro Tem Wood made a motion to move into executive session after a short break at 3:35 pm. Councilor Boyd seconded the motion.

