

**Ouray City Council Regular Meeting  
Summarized Minutes  
Monday, July 15, 2019 at 6:00pm  
Massard Auditorium – Ouray Community Center**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Larson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Mayor Pam Larson - Present

Mayor Pro Tem Glenn Boyd – Present

Councilor Dawn Glanc – Present

Councilor Dee Hilton – Present

Councilor Bette Maurer – Present

Also present were City Administrator Justin Perry, City Resources Director Rick Noll, Acting Police Chief Gary Ray, Public Works Director Joe Coleman, Community Development Coordinator Chris Hawkins, Finance and Administration Director Melissa Drake, and City Attorney Carol Viner

**3. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS RECITED**

**4. CEREMONIAL/INFORMATIONAL – Ouray County Watershed Presentation**

Ashley Benbenik with the Ouray County Watershed group gave a presentation to council regarding the hydrodam, sediment release, and minimal impacts to the river. Tonya gave an update on the “Love Your Gorge” (September 28) event and the watershed guide which is currently being written.

**5. CITIZENS’ COMMUNICATION**

Danny Wesling, representing the Elks Lodge, spoke about concerns with a Huckstering Permit given to the Masonic Lodge on July 4<sup>th</sup>. He stated that the Masons have encroached on their property for years and did again this year. City Administrator Justin Perry will follow up on this issue.

Wayne Pandorf complimented Public Works and the Council for the improved situation at the sewer treatment plant.

Michael Bazin spoke about the need for an audit for OTO. Mayor Larson stated that City funds that went to OTO in 2018 will be audited this year. He also asked about Mineral Farms water rights negotiations. City Attorney Carol Viner stated that there is a contract in place and negotiations for a new one are currently at a standstill.

Tom Tyler asked Council to ban or request citizens to stop flushing “flushable” wipes into the sewer system. Council discussed a need to educate citizens and tourists about these issues. Don Wild stated that education regarding the consequences of flushing the wipes would be helpful.

## 6. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS/INFORMATION

- a. **Boyd** – CEDC met last week, only 2 members were there, Boyd was called out on an emergency, the committee wants to revisit commitment from members and meeting frequency, they also discussed involvement in Census2020
- b. **Glanc** – Forest Service Management Plan is under public review, there will be a comment meeting on July 17<sup>th</sup> at the Ouray County 4H Center
- c. **Maurer** – attended the Rural Prosperity meeting last week in Montrose, the Ouray business community should have been there to learn about CHFA grants and other grants available; on the housing front, the El Paso County Assessor is declaring short-term rental properties as commercial.
- d. **Hilton** – none
- e. **Larson** – worked as an ambassador at the Hot Springs Pool on the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend and stated that we need to budget for the splash pad

## 7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

### a. City Administrator

City Administrator Justin Perry stated that in addition to the information in the packet: we are joining with the County Multi-hazard Mitigation group and they would like to have a meeting during the week of August 19<sup>th</sup> to update the plan with the City. Mayor Pro Tem Boyd noted that this is a multi-jurisdictional plan which will be used by the whole area.

He also stated there were issues with trash service last week. Finance and Administration Director Melissa Drake stated that Waste Management (WM) reported that there were 2 mechanical failures that day but WM did not notify the City until the following day. She stated that while mechanical may not be preventable, communication issues are. We are working with WM to resolve the communication issues. Council directed staff to request compensation from WM.

2018 Audit presentation was cancelled tonight by the auditor.

Mr. Perry spoke about the Rural Prosperity meeting and grants which are available through DOLA for main street improvements.

### b. Finance and Administration Director

#### i. June Disbursements (Accept)

Mayor Pro Tem Boyd made a motion to accept the disbursements. Councilor Maurer seconded the motion and it was approved on unanimous vote.

**ii. June Sales Tax Report (Discussion)**

Finance and Administration Director Melissa Drake stated that Sales tax collected in April was up from 2018.

**iii. June LOT Report (Discussion)**

Ms. Drake noted that occupied rooms were up 10% over 2018 and dollars collected were up 12.5%.

**iv. June Waste Management Reports**

Council discussed.

**c. Community Development Coordinator**

Community Development Coordinator, Chris Hawkins, gave a brief update on the Community Plan project. Councilor Glanc asked community to participate.

Councilor Maurer and Mayor Pro Tem Boyd complimented the Police Department and the Fire Department on management of the July 4<sup>th</sup> events.

**8. CONSENT AGENDA**

**a. Special Events Permit Application – BPOE Lodge #492, Pig Roast, August 17<sup>th</sup>**

**b. Huckstering Permit Application – Swim Team, August 2, 3, and 4**

Councilor Maurer recused herself since she is listed as the applicant on the application for the Pig Roast. Councilor Hilton made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Boyd seconded the motion and it passed on unanimous vote.

**9. ACTION ITEMS**

**a. Road Closure for the FJ Summit – 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Between Tuesday Night (July 16) and Saturday Night (July 20)**

City Administrator Perry stated this is the 100 Block of 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue.

Mayor Pro Tem Boyd made a motion to approve the road closure with the condition that PD contacts the County for a WENS message. Councilor Hilton seconded the motion and it passed on unanimous vote.

Glanc stated that the FJ Summit donates to the community as well as eats and shops here.

**b. Resolution for Short-term Rental Fees**

Community Development Coordinator Chris Hawkins stated that these rates are in line with other communities and the County.

Councilor Maurer made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilor Hilton seconded the motion.

Council discussed with Hawkins and citizens.

The motion passed on unanimous vote.

**c. Appointment of City Staff, Chris Hawkins, to CEDC**

Mr. Perry stated that Rick Noll used to be the staff member on the CEDC. It doesn't fit in his job description but does fit with Mr. Hawkins' responsibilities.

Mayor Pro Tem Boyd made a motion to appoint the Community Development Coordinator position to the CEDC. Councilor Glanc seconded the motion and it passed on unanimous vote. Chris Hinkson, CEDC member, stated that the committee seems to be floundering and needs a direction. Mr. Perry and Mr. Hawkins stated that they are working on a new direction.

**10. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Mayor Larson spoke about a new geology video for Box Cañon.**

**a. Possible Ballot Measure for Long-term Housing**

Mayor Larson asked Council about the possibility of a new tax on short-term rentals to fund long-term rentals. Council discussed this item amongst themselves, with the City Attorney, staff, and citizens (Don Wild, Linda Tyler, Chris Hinkson, Danny Wesling, Wendy Bazin, and Mike Bazin). Council would like to have a work session on this topic on August 1, 2019 at 5pm, tentatively at Ouray School.

**b. Employees Serving on Committees and Planning Commission**

Council discussed this item with the City Attorney, Tom Tyler (employee currently serving on the Planning Commission and PARC), and other staff.

**c. Future Agenda Items**

ADU code changes.

Cap on Short-term Rentals discussion in September.

**Councilor Maurer asked Chris Hinkson (OTO) about the Jeep Raffle. She said they are waiting on the state.**

**11. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**For the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and/or instructing negotiators, under C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(e) concerning an insurance claim.**

At 8:07pm Mayor Pro Tem Boyd made a motion to go into Executive Session following a short break. Councilor Glanc seconded the motion and it passed on unanimous vote.

Council took a break and then entered Executive Session.

At 8:33pm, Council exited the Executive Session.

There was no public announcement nor action taken.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:33pm, Mayor Pro Tem Boyd made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Maurer seconded the motion and it was approved on unanimous vote.

Pamela J. Larson 8-5-19  
Pamela J. Larson, Mayor Date

ATTEST:

Melissa M. Drake  
Melissa M. Drake, City Clerk

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 July 15, 2019. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 1<sup>st</sup> day of August 2019.

Melissa M. Drake  
Melissa M. Drake, City Clerk