

**OURAY CITY COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETING
SUMMARIZED MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2020, 1 PM**

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- Notice is hereby given that a majority or quorum of the Planning Commission, Community Development Committee, Beautification Committee, and/or Parks and Recreation Committee may be present at the above noticed City Council meeting to discuss any or all of the matters on the agenda below for Council consideration

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 Acting City Administrator Melissa Drake, Public Works Director Joe Coleman, Community Development Coordinator Aja Tibbs, Police Chief Jeff Wood, City Attorney Carol Viner and Administrative Accounting Clerk Julie Lancaster.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge was not recited since the meeting was entirely virtual.

4. PUBLIC HEARING – Ordinance 12, 2020 – Regarding 2021 Utility Rates

Ms. Drake reported that a water tank loan was paid off early and the rate was decreased appropriately, and language was changed in the ordinance from the last meeting.

Mayor Nelson opened the floor for the public hearing. Since there were no comments, Mayor Nelson closed the public hearing.

5. PUBLIC HEARING – 2021 City Budget

Mayor Nelson opened the floor for the public hearing. Since there were no comments, Mayor Nelson closed the public hearing.

6. CEREMONIAL/INFORMATIONAL

a. Mayor's Proclamation – Native American Heritage Month

Mayor Nelson read the proclamation.

b. Mayor's Proclamation – Annual Pardon of Tina the Turkey and her Family

Mayor Nelson read the proclamation.

c. LED Bulb Project

Rein Van West and Dave Jones presented the benefits from replacing bulbs around the city with LED bulbs. Mr. Jones presented the idea of having trained volunteers do the fluorescent to LED conversions, supervised and inspected by a local handyman.

Josh Smith asked if consideration of light temperature will be given before installation begins. Mr. Jones replied that they would work with each location to determine the appropriate light temperature for each building.

d. Ouray School Restrictions by Level – Tod Lokey

Mr. Lokey presented the goals of the school board regarding student cohorts that do not intermingle, remote learning, school sports, inter-school activities, and school-related meetings.

7. CITIZENS' COMMUNICATION

Bruce Gulde asked about the public restroom availability on the weekends. Ms. Drake said a plan will be presented later in the agenda.

8. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS/INFORMATION

- a. **Glenn Boyd** – Last week was community cares meeting. Healthy kids meeting. Strategic planning. 738 of 950 tests returned, 28 positive tests for county residents so far. MAC meeting on Wednesday
- b. **Ethan Funk** – nothing to report
- c. **Peggy Lindsey** – had to step out of meeting briefly, report after Acting City Administrator report.
- d. **John Wood** – CEDC meeting, minutes in packet. Tom Fedel appointed as new chair when Steve stepped down for professional reasons. Hoping to reinvigorate committee with new leadership in New Year.
- e. **Greg Nelson** – Thanked everyone for attending the Christmas tree celebration, and those who helped organize and participate.

9. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

a. Acting City Administrator / Finance and Administration Director

County moving to level orange "safer at home" at 5:00 pm tonight. Submitted first request for over \$31,000 for CARES Act reimbursement. Ventilation upgrades in city Hall will use the rest of the available funding. Sales tax from September is up 30% from last year again. October financials are included in packet. Mayor

Nelson said he has heard multiple questions on how the pool will operate in the orange level. Ms. Drake says the capacity will be limited to 50 at a time, but they will not be re-enacting the session windows unless necessary during Thanksgiving weekend.

Councilor Lindsey gave her council report: Michelle and the whole Beautification committee worked very hard to have the City decorated.

b. Community Development Coordinator

Working on community plan public draft and then final draft for adoption. Planning commission meeting. Backflow prevention report filed with state. Council asked when they would see the community plan draft next. Ms. Tibbs and Ms. Drake said they could receive a copy that the planning commission gets, and get a short presentation in a council work session as well.

10. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Liquor License Renewal – BPOE Elks Lodge #492

b. Liquor License Renewal – Gold Belt Bar & Grill

Councilor Funk 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 roll call vote.

11. ACTION ITEMS

a. Ordinance 12, 2020 – Regarding 2021 Utility Rates – Second Reading

Mayor Pro Tem Wood made a motion to approve Ordinance 12. 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.

Mayor Nelson moved item b (Clearnetworx request) to the end of action items.

b. Ratify Colorado Employer Benefits Trust Agreement

Ms. Drake reported on the health insurance search process, saying that because of the lack of time, it did not go before council to approve, so Ms. Drake is asking for ratification of her signature on the contract. The overall cost increase is 7.3%

Mayor Pro Tem Wood made a motion to ratify 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. Ratify Colorado Retirement Association Renewal

Ms. Drake said we've had a longstanding relationship, but since they have changed their name they would like a new contract in place, and new employees can start investing the first pay period after starting.

Mayor Pro Tem Wood made a motion to ratify the renewal. 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.

d. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding a Trigger Point for City Hall Closure Due to COVID-19

Other local municipalities are shutting down offices and providing services remotely as much as possible, and the City needs to decide on a trigger point to close down city hall. If city hall shuts down, there is a vendor interesting in cleaning the restrooms over the weekends. Ms. Drake is proposing that city hall be closed automatically when the county is in orange or red status.

Councilor Funk made a motion to close City Hall while the County remained on Level Orange on the Safer at Home dial. 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.

e. Request from Clearnetworx to Extend Digging Again in the City for Broadband Project

Mr. Coleman updated council on Clearnetworx’s progress, asking for an extension to keep digging for fiber customers to complete the network. Some solid rock was hit around the 4J campground, and digging there has taken longer than anticipated there. That piece would take about two or three more days to finish.

County Commission Tisdell spoke in favor of continuing to dig in order to complete the County Public Health project.

Jeff Bockes, Ouray County IT Manager said that finishing the project would alleviate congestion throughout the county, and he’d like to see it finished this fall.

Mayor Nelson asked for clarification that if Clearnetworx was granted the coming week to continue digging if that would be enough time to complete the project. Mr. Seacat agreed.

Mayor Pro Tem Wood made a motion to approve the extension until Friday, November 20th at 5pm for Clearnetworx to complete the bore project, and complete trenching at the condos at no more than 24 inches. Councilor Boyd seconded the motion. Mr. Coleman asked council to remember that if any utilities are damaged, response time will be limited.

| 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 3-2 roll call vote.

12. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Ice Rink

Mr. Coleman spoke to members of PARC committee, no large interest in broomball this year or location to rent skates. Councilor Lindsey would like to close the ice rink down for the winter. Councilor Funk spoke with Mr. Kingery at Public Health, who felt that the ice rink and ski hill are low risk activities if the warming hut is closed. Councilor Boyd agreed with Councilor Lindsey. Mayor Nelson determined that council had sufficient reservations about opening the ice rink and the cost of hiring an ice rink maintenance position for the season to put it off this winter.

b. Parking and Wayfinding Strategic Plan

Mayor Pro Tem Wood believes the city needs to have a strategic parking plan. To that end, Mayor Pro Tem Wood would like to add money in the budget to hire an engineering company to come up with a plan. Julie Dixon, from Dixon Resources Unlimited, a parking and traffic management expert, presented how her firm can alleviate parking issues unique to Ouray. Mayor Nelson asked Ms. Drake to add a placeholder for this issue in the budget.

c. Future Agenda Items

Schedule next work sessions after Mr. Clarke starts work.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Wood made a motion to adjourn at 3:30 pm, Councilor Lindsey seconded the motion. The motion passed on unanimous vote.

ATTEST:



Greg Nelson, Mayor

12/24/2020

Date



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 November 16, 2020. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 3rd day of December, 2020.



Melissa M. Drake, City Clerk