



AGENDA
CITY OF GLENWOOD SPRINGS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 21, 2021
101 W. 8TH STREET
6:15 PM

MEETING MINUTES

Note: Official meeting minutes are located on the City website via YouTube video at the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/user/GlenwoodSprings1885/videos>. The times indicated in agenda items indicate approximately where the item can be found on the YouTube video timeline.

Roll Call

All Councilor present. Also present were Debra Figueroa, City Manager; Steve Boyd, COO, Jenn Ooton, Asst City Manager and Karl Hanlon, City Attorney.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Godes led the Pledge.

7:14 Agenda Changes & Conflicts

7:20 Citizens Appearing Before Council

Mayor Godes made a statement regarding a picture he posted on social media of Congresswoman Boebert and apologized to the individuals in a photo posted of her with several supporters making a hand gesture.

Sherona Bishop from Garfield County commented that she appreciated Mayor Godes' apology but condemned his comments on social media.

17:00 Council Comments

Councilor Hershey asked that the Code of Conduct include a provision that Councilor comments be held to 3 minutes and other questions/comments also be timed in certain instances.

Councilor Willman said the Rules and Procedures document addresses this with a three-minute limit that the Mayor can then extend. Also asked P&Z to evaluate and make recommendations on storage units being placed in town.

Councilor Stepp said a citizen missed an electric bill and received a notice. Was concerned that there was not a Spanish translation, instead just a note to ask a friend to translate. Councilor Stepp asks that a translation be included. Resident also mentioned there is no way to ask for financial assistance and that an avenue for help be communicated. Also wants a method of automatic payment. Councilor Stepp would like a timeline to open restrooms and communicate it to the community. Debra mentioned some of them cannot be winterized.

Councilor Davis stated that there is in fact an autopayment option the City has for water, wastewater and electric payments.

25:10 Consent Agenda

Councilor Hershey moved and Mayor Pro Tem Kaup seconded a motion to approve consent agenda.

Passed unanimously.

25:50 South Midland Progress Report

Kathleen Wanatowiz updated Council on South Midland progress. Phase 1 through July 2021. Hotline has been quiet. Said expect 4-5-minute waits throughout the project and expressed appreciation for motorist patience. Black Hills project is also underway. There is a 27th Street project that will close the bridge for parts of the weekend unrelated to the South Midland project.

Mayor Godes opened it to public comment, none were offered.

33:10 Spring Cleanup Options and Discussion for 2021

Matt Langhorst stated the pandemic is again impacting a full spring clean-up and offered two alternatives:

1. Same as we did in 2019, hired a couple of trucks to help haul things to the landfill, do extra maintenance and clean-up work in public right of ways.
2. Provide a Thurs-Sat period where we bring in big containers and staff to a site for people to bring metal, branches, trash, etc. Combine it with hazardous waste day and make it a community event. For people that cannot haul we could get community volunteers and clubs to pre-schedule residential pick-ups for the City. This option would be much more efficient and eliminate the problem of people piling things that are not allowed to seep into the storm system.

52:35 Motion by Kaup motioned to do a voucher similar to last year and hazardous waste day in the fall, revisit in 2022. Second by Hershey.

Motion passed unanimously.

54:00 Broadband Budget and Construction Update - Approval of Lightworks Change Order to Extend Construction to Phases 1 through 5 per CO # to Bid 2020-007 FTTH

Matt Langhorst described a change order to continue construction of the broadband build-out in 2021. Michael Gardner and Dave Stockton from Uptown Services presented a budget update for the project that included approximately a \$55,000 underage in operating expenses and a \$387,000 underage in the capital project budget. Expects bond proceeds to be reduced to about \$1.5 million at the peak of our capital needs. Councilor Kaup asked that the presentation be sent to Council.

1:03:55 Councilor Willman moved to approve change order #1 to increase contract amount per the staff report. Second by Councilor Stepp.

Ayes: Godes, Kaup, Davis, Willman, Stepp, Wussow

Naye: Hershey

Motion passed 6-1

1:05:20 Middle Colorado Watershed Council Presentation

Doug Winter from Middle Colorado Watershed Council presented an overview of projects coming up in the next year and asked for a letter of support for grants that include Colorado Conservation Board for water plan grant for integrated water management plan, a CWCD grant related to fire restoration, and a non-point source grant through the State of Colorado.

1:18:30 Motion by Councilor Willman, second by Councilor Kaup to sign appropriate support letters to assist in our watershed areas.

Approved Unanimously through Voice Vote.

1:20:25 Fee Waiver Agreement for Affordable Housing

Councilor Willman recused himself from the discussion on fee waivers for an affordable housing project in West Glenwood because he represents a neighboring property owner and it would be a conflict for him to participate in this item. City Planner Hannah Klausman provided an overview of the project that contains several AMI threshold rental units that would not participate in the voluntary deed-restriction program that is already in place in the City. Mike Surak and Jeff Ryan described the project in more detail. Ronda Weybright from Real America, the builder, outlined their experience in the area with similar projects.

1:47:45 Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Kaup, second by Councilor Stepp to approve fee waiver agreement for as outlined in staff reports.

Ayes: Godes, Kaup, Davis, Stepp, Hershey, Wussow

Nayes: None

Recused: Willman

Passed 6-0

1:52:00 Resolution 2021-2 DOLA Grant Application for Comprehensive Plan

Assistant City Manager Jenn Ooton asked Council for support in seeking grants through application from DOLA for financial assistance for a comprehensive plan.

Mayor Godes opened it to public comment, none offered.

1:54:00 Mayor Godes moved, second by Councilor Davis to approve Resolution 2021-2.

Motion carried unanimously through voice vote.

1:57:00 Resolution 2021-3 Adopting Recreation Economy for Rural Communities Community Action Plan

Matt Nunez presented overview of the Recreation for Rural Communities Action Plan. Jim Neu expressed appreciation for everyone's efforts.

2:07:00 Councilor Stepp moved, second by Mayor Pro-Tem Kaup to adopt Resolution 2021-3.

Passed unanimously through voice vote.

2:09:00 Report from City Administration

Manager Figueroa said there will be overnight work on the 27th Street Bridge.

City Attorney Hanlon said he was hopeful to have a conversation in the next month or so regarding where we are going with the RMI issue.

Mayor Godes adjourned meeting in record time at 8:22 pm. Total time 2:11:00.