

MINUTES
CITY OF GLENWOOD SPRINGS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 7, 2016
101 W. 8TH STREET
7:00 P.M.

7 Roll Call

Mayor Mike Gamba called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Present: Stephen Bershenyi, Matt Steckler, Todd Leahy, Steve Davis, Leo McKinney, and Kathryn Trauger.

Also present were Drew Gorgey, Acting City Manager; Karl Hanlon, City Attorney; Catherine Mythen Fletcher, City Clerk; Gary Tillotson, Fire Chief; Robin Millyard, Public Works Director; Dave Betley, Assistant Public Works Director.

8 Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Gamba led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

9 Citizens Appearing Before Council. (For items NOT on Agenda - comments limited to 3 minutes)

Marilyn Shettel, 2417 Palmer Avenue, claimed that electric smart meters are dangerous due to pulsed radiation and asked them to be barred from Glenwood Springs. She presented Council with a DVD on their dangers.

Gail Chapman, 1317 Grand Avenue, also spoke against the smart meters.

Councilor Leahy recognized Lisa Newman's contributions to the City. Lisa used this forum to make a difference.

Council agreed that Lisa Newman made a big impact on the designs of the parking garage and the Grand Avenue Bridge.

10 GAB UPDATE

Tom Newland, CDOT Public Information Manager, updated Council on the happenings for the month of April:

- Finish demolition of the pedestrian bridge
- The northwest abutment of the bridge will be poured
- Create the walls for the pedestrian tunnel
- Construction begins on piers for the pedestrian bridge
- Begin work on Exit 114 on/off ramps and roundabout improvements

11 Agenda Changes

There were no changes.

12 Council Comments

Councilor Bershenyi emphasized the importance of visiting the downtown shops and restaurants to help them through this construction.

13 Consent Agenda:

- A. Receipt of Minutes of the March 19, 2016 Regular Meeting, March 30 & 31, 2016 Special Meetings
- B. FAB – Recommendations to Award Tourism & Discretionary Grant Funds
- C. Appointment to Parks & Recreation, Planning and Zoning Boards
- D. Resolution 2016-12; A Resolution of the City of Glenwood Springs, Colorado, Authorizing the Solicitation of a Sealed Competitive Proposal for HVAC Maintenance Services
- E. Award of Bid 2016-015, 2016 Mid-Sized Extended Cab 4X4 Pickup
- F. Resolution 2016-13; A Resolution of the City of Glenwood Springs, Colorado, Setting the System Improvement Fees

Councilor McKinney and Councilor Leahy recused themselves from this item.

Councilor Bershenyi moved, seconded by Councilor Steckler to approve the Consent Agenda.

The motion passed.

Councilor McKinney and Councilor Leahy rejoined the meeting.

14 WeCycle - Update (FAB Discretionary Grant), Next Steps

Myrte Mallory, Co-Founder and Director of We Cycle Aspen, reviewed what will be necessary to implement a WeCycle program in Glenwood Springs: funding, grant opportunities, partnerships, stations, the time frame and community support. A feasibility study will be done between now and when they come back in June.

Drew Gorgey added the grant approved tonight will go to the WeCycle non-profit. They are the contracting party for this service.

Mayor Gamba asked for public comments, but received none.

15 Hanging Lake Rest/Parking Area and Trail Update

Aaron Mayville, Acting District Ranger for the Eagle/Holy Cross Ranger District, thanked Council for their funding and support for the last few summers at Hanging Lake. There will be a public meeting tomorrow at the Community Center at noon.

Ben Rasmussen, Volpe Center, reviewed the reasons for this transportation study and the various stakeholders involved. This summer they will implement a visitor survey to see if a charge is feasible and rate the current visitor experience. They will focus on bus and shuttle access as a possible solution to the traffic problems. On managed days they accommodate more people and it's more even throughout the day.

Mr. Mayville said the NEPA process will start this year with public scoping in the next few months and implementation next year.

Council discussed:

- Limited parking and a shuttle service
- Fee structures
- Fines for infractions
- The federal highway rest area designation
- Various management solutions
- EMS services

16 Ordinance No 7, Series of 2016; An ordinance of the city of Glenwood Springs, Colorado, Amending Section 080.060.020 and 070.040.090 of the Glenwood Springs Municipal Code Regarding Classifications for the Payment of System Improvement Fees

Karl Hanlon noted this ordinance was modified to include the 070.040.090 section.

Councilor McKinney and Councilor Leahy recused themselves from this item.

Drew Gorgey informed Council this is a response to the 2 hour work session on March 17th. Tonight the action was formalized through adoption of Resolution 2016-13. Council can adopt the SGM schedule as is, or focus just on multi-family residential by changing the attachment. The goal of these changes is to incentivize development of attainable and multi-family housing.

Mayor Gamba opened public comments.

Chad Lee, Balcomb & Green, stated if incentivizing developers is the goal, then his clients need it to be lower.

Mayor Gamba closed public comments.

Council discussed:

- ✓ EQRs based on bedrooms versus square footage
- ✓ Calculations for irrigation
- ✓ Tiny single family homes assessed based on square footage

Drew Gorgey advised Council of an error in both Exhibits.

Mayor Gamba would like to use a formula rather than a tiered schedule.

Karl Hanlon suggested Council adopt this on first reading with either Exhibit A or B. Mike's calculations can be reviewed and, if necessary, the Ordinance changed on second reading.

Councilor Bershenyi moved, seconded by Councilor Steckler, to approve Ordinance No 7, Series of 2016; an ordinance of the City of Glenwood Springs, Colorado, Amending Section 080.060.020 and 070.040.090 of the Glenwood Springs Municipal Code Regarding Classifications for the Payment of System Improvement Fees, including only Exhibit B, as amended.

AYES: Davis, Gamba, Steckler and Bershenyi

NAYS: Trauger

The motion passed.

Councilor McKinney and Councilor Leahy rejoined the meeting.

17 4th of July Celebration Update

Drew Gorgey informed Council that an event coordinator has been retained to solicit sponsorships and Symphony in the Valley has promised to play for an hour. There is a lot of good momentum for this first year.

Fire Chief Tillotson added that with the low proximity fireworks you must be near the park to see them.

18 Wing St. Water Connection Budget and Agreements

Councilor Davis recused himself from this item.

Robin Millyard stated all properties along the Grand Avenue wing streets between 7th and 8th will have service upgraded to 4" that will stop outside the foundation walls. Property owners must decide whether to bring it into their building. This will be challenging considering the age of the buildings. This project is currently budgeted at \$94,000, but based on what he's seen recently, more money may be needed. These utility funds will be recouped over time.

Councilor Davis rejoined the meeting.

19 2016 Spring Cleanup and Alternatives

Drew Gorgey said the future of this program is at stake, either in its current form, some other form or not at all. It may be too late to discontinue the program this year. Garfield County uses a coupon for disposal of items at the Garfield County Landfill. The City's current program is abused by citizens and non-residents, plus the town looks terrible for at least 6 weeks. He recommended ending the program after this year and spending the funds on a voucher system.

Mayor Gamba asked for public comments.

Pat Graddis, 1317 Walz, spoke in favor of the current Spring Cleanup because it makes it easier to beautify your property. If you discontinue this service, think about the elderly and people without vehicles.

Randi Henry, 820 Palmer, said she benefits from this service, but it can be improved so people don't abuse it.

John Stroud, Carbondale, added Carbondale charges citizens and out-of-town residents to bring their items to an in-town site to be removed.

Drew Gorgey added this program would include help for anyone unable to take their refuse to the landfill.

Dave Betley reviewed the rules. They're difficult to enforce. Non-residents dumping things over night and community piles are a big problem. The entire street crew does nothing but Spring Cleanup until it is all picked up.

Council discussed:

- The cost of the current program
- A voucher program
- Impacts of discontinuing this program
- The actual amount of abuse
- A realistic pickup schedule
- Enforcement of the rules and fines

Council decided to continue with this year's scheduled Spring Cleanup and have a work session to discuss other options.

20 Report From City Administration:

A. City Manager

Drew Gorgey announced the City received a \$40,000 GOCO grant for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The north/south connector shuttle will start May 16th. Due to the land swap with RE1, the recycle center must move so Staff is exploring alternate locations.

B. City Attorney

RFTA will consider the IGA and attachments for the 8th Street connection. City Council interviewed 6 City Manager semi-finalists. 3 will be brought in for live interviews and a public reception.

Correspondence: Incoming/Outgoing

A letter from the National Register of Historic Places indicates the Western Hotel was placed on the official register.

21 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.