

**MINUTES
CITY OF VICTOR REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 21, 2019 – 6:00 P.M.**

- I. **CONVENE REGULAR MEETING:** Mayor Bruce Davis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the assembly to recite the Pledge of Allegiance followed by an invocation by Councilor Terry Akins.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Present were Mayor Bruce Davis, Councilors Buck Hakes, Michelle Wirtz, Mark Gregory and Terry Akins. Also present were City Administrator, Debra Downs and City Clerk/Treasurer, Glori Thurston
- III. **OATHS OF OFFICE AND SEATING OF NEW ELECTED OFFICIALS:** Krystal Brown, Teller County Clerk and Recorder, administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected officials: Mayor Bruce Davis, Counselors Barbara Manning and Mark Gregory, and City Clerk/Treasurer Glori Thurston. All officials immediately joined the Council following the oath. Buck Hakes thanked Terry Akins, who completed his term, for his service to the City.
- A motion by Barbara Manning to appoint Buck Hakes as Mayor Pro-tem was seconded by Mark Gregory. The motion passed with four ayes and one abstention.
- IV. **CONSENT CALENDAR:** *(These items will be acted on as a whole, unless a specific item is called for discussion by a Council member or Mayor)*
- A. **Minutes of City Council Meeting: October 17, 2019**
- B. **Financial Statement: October 2019**
- A motion by Buck Hakes to approve the Consent Calendar was seconded by Michelle Wirtz. All were in favor and the motion carried.
- V. **REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS**
- A. **Mayor and Councilor Reports/Presentations:** Bruce Davis reported jobs are available for the 2020 census. Volunteers are needed to represent Victor on the PPACG Citizens Advisory Committee. Tax refund monies may be donated to nonprofit organizations; such as, the Gold Belt Scenic and Historic Byways. BLM is requesting people report trash on their properties to them or to a local law enforcement agency. Mr. Davis stated the Ag and Mining Museum is not closing. Milford Ashworth, Ag and Mining Museum Chairperson, is selling his excess inventory of tractors and equipment in order to pursue his future endeavors. Buck Hakes stated the Ag and Mining Museum is a vital part of Victor. The city supports the Ag and Mining Museum, charges a \$1.00 lease per year and maintains the building. Mr. Hakes reiterated that Milford Ashworth is selling his own equipment at will. Volunteers are needed at the Ag and Mining Museum, sign-up sheets were set out, but no one signed up. Barbara Manning introduced herself. Buck Hakes introduced Mark Gregory.
- B. **Fire Chief – Chivas Groves:** Fire Chief Groves welcomed the new council, reported on emergency calls, agency assists, training, Bison mitigation, helipad project and other safety matters.
- C. **Sheriff – Jason Mikesell:** Not present.
- D. **City Administrator – Deb Downs:** Debra Downs reported on the meeting held with History Colorado regarding the Miners Union Hall building. Ms. Downs stated Becky Frank, Victor Main Street Representative, is working with the Main Street Board to classify Victor Main Street to a graduate status. This will allow additional funding for projects.
- VI. **PUBLIC COMMENT WITHOUT PRIOR APPOINTMENT:** Fred Herzog, Victor resident, requested the housing project development on 1st Street remain within the character of Victor. Jim Watson, Victor resident, voiced his concern about a notice sent to Milford Ashworth to vacate city property adjacent to the Ag and Mining Museum. Adam Zimmerli, Black Monarch business owner, stated the exterior of the business' building needs to be repainted and cover placed on top of outside stair well leading to basement which will affect the World War II Memorial. Mr. Zimmerli requested the memorial be placed at another location. Terry Akins, Victor resident, asked if a decision had been made on the affordable housing project and if it could be put on hold.
- VII. **ADDITIONS, DELETIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA:** Council added one item under New Business as follows:
- Item D:** Engage Law Firm of Connie H. King, LLC – Water Quality Issues.
- VIII. **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTION**
- A. **RESOLUTION NO. 2019-11-21.01 – A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING COMPLETION AND ACCEPTANCE OF OWNERSHIP OF PHASE 4 DOWNTOWN STREET AND DRAINAGE PROJECT:** Ms. Downs reported the project has been signed off by the architect as completed and a notice for final payment published. This is the final piece to close out the CDBG grant with the State of Colorado, Department of Local Affairs.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. PUBLIC HEARING: PLANNING COMMISSION – DAVIS/SHAUVIN VARIANCE REQUEST:

Bruce Davis explained the variance request is to move the house five feet to the south to create an improved setback. At this time Mr. Davis removed himself from Council chambers. Mayor Pro Tem Buck Hakes opened a public hearing. Becky Frank reported the variance provides a better fire zone between Mr. Davis' property and adjacent property and allows ongoing historic preservation work. Ms. Frank stated all neighbors within 300 feet of the property have been notified of the project. No further public comment was presented to council. Mayor Pro tem Buck Hakes closed the public hearing. A motion by Michelle Wirtz to accept the Planning Commission's Davis/Shauvin variance request was seconded by Mark Gregory. The motion passed with four ayes. Mr. Davis returned to the dais.

B. PUBLIC HEARING: SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT – VICTOR MAIN STREET – COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS EVENT AT PINNACLE PARK PLAZA ON 12/13/2019:

Mayor Bruce Davis opened a public hearing. Main Street Representative, Becky Frank, explained the Victor Main Street is requesting an issuance of a special events permit for the community Christmas Celebration in the plaza on December 13th. No public comment was presented to council. Mayor Davis closed the public hearing. A motion by Buck Hakes to grant the special events permit to Victor Main Street for the community Christmas event at Pinnacle Park Plaza on 12/13/2019 was seconded by Michelle Wirtz. All were in favor and the motion carried.

C. RATIFY AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES - GILLETTE GATEWAY SIGN PROJECT-HIGH COUNTRY WELDING AND CONSTRUCTION, LLC - \$23,892:

Ms. Downs explained High Country Welding and Construction is locally owned by Sean Huffman. Mr. Huffman submitted the lowest bid. A motion by Michelle Wirtz to ratify agreement for services for the Gillette Gateway Sign Project to High Country Welding and Construction, LLC in the amount of \$23,892.00 was seconded by Barbara Manning. All were in favor and the motion carried.

D. ENGAGE LAW FIRM OF CONNIE H. KING, LLC – WATER QUALITY ISSUES:

Ms. Downs explained compliance issues from the State of Colorado needs to be addressed regarding the wastewater treatment plant water quality issues. After further discussion, a motion by Buck Hakes to engage with the Law Firm of Connie H. King, LLC regarding water quality issues was seconded by Mark Gregory. All were in favor and the motion carried.

X. ADJOURN: A motion by Buck Hakes to adjourn was seconded by Barbara Manning. All were in favor and the motion carried. Mayor Bruce Davis closed the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

ATTEST:


Bruce Davis, Mayor


Glori Thurston, City Clerk

