

**MINUTES
CITY OF VICTOR
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 17, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.
IN-PERSON**

- I. **CONVENE REGULAR MEETING:** Mayor Brandon Gray called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and led the assembly to recite the Pledge of Allegiance followed by invocation by Mr. Watson.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Present were Mayor Brandon Gray, Mayor Pro tem Buck Hakes, Councilor Mark Gregory and Councilor Barbara Manning. Also, present was City Clerk, Clark Eastin.
- III. **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 Regular City Council Meeting: January 20, 2022

B. Financial Statement: None

A motion by Councilor Manning to approve the Consent Calendar was seconded by Councilor Gregory. All were in favor and the motion carried.

IV. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA: None

V. PUBLIC PRESENTATION:

- A. **TELLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS: Bob Campbell, Chairperson; Dan Williams, Vice-Chairperson; Erik Stone Commissioner:** Mr. Williams provided data on Teller County COVID statistics and the effects on businesses, the Commissioner's willingness to work with the city for economic recovery, rise in crime, continued efforts to fight for rural values and kindness. Mr. Stone discussed the continued partnership and support between Teller County and the City of Victor. Mr. Campbell thanked Council for their work in the community and expressed their support of local control and fighting for individual rights in small communities.
- B. **DOLA: Greg Winkler, Regional Manager:** Mr. Winkler stated he has been assigned recently retired Mr. Brown's territory temporarily until the position is filled and interviews are planned for March. Mr. Winkler offered his assistance on current grants and grant development. Mayor pro tem Hakes thanked DOLA for the work they have done with the city.
- C. **SA PASSE LLC: Ernie Granville – Longest Homerun Project:** Mr. Granville discussed the details of his proposed project, his research, logistics and requested support from the city to coordinate this event. Mayor Gray asked Mr. Granville to explain the concept of this project. Mr. Granville explained various aspects of who he is targeting and why Victor would be a good location. Mr. Hakes asked if this would be his first attempt at this and Mr. Granville said it is. Councilor Gregory asked if this would be an annual event and would there be media coverage. Mr. Granville said he had planned for a one-time event but said if the city enjoyed, it could become an annual event with possible more interest in players moving forward. Mayor Gray asked what he needs from the city. Ernie said he would like a Memorandum of Understanding or the like, showing support and cooperation from the city. The Mayor and Council liked the idea.

VI. REPORTS

- A. **Mayor and Councilor Reports:** Mayor Gray reported on the resignation of Richard Mann, the hiring of a city accountant, the loss of our Public Works Director and our water plant operator, the hiring of a new water plant operator and City Administrator and are in the process of hiring a new public works laborer. Mayor Gray also reported that Nathan Henderson has been promoted to Public Works Supervisor. Mayor Gray stated the budget has been approved and the city has awarded Meridiam to complete the Dam #2 project. Councilor Dodrill gave an update on the Council's upcoming training with the city attorney. Mr. Gray reported the city is working on the Gold Rush Days event and explained the points of contact.
- B. **Mainstreet – Kim Lottig:** Ms. Lottig thanked the Mayor and Council for their work. Ms. Lottig presented the current 2022 voting Board of Directors for the Main Street Commission and explained they still have two open positions. As this was not on the agenda, the approval by Council will be moved to the March 2022 Council Meeting agenda.
- C. **City Clerk/Treasurer – Clark Eastin:** Mr. Eastin reported that he and Glori Thurston have been working on and organizing grants and that he is continuing his City Clerk/Treasurer training.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT WITHOUT PRIOR APPOINTMENT:

- A. Mary Bielz presented ideas for changes to the historical Vicci Center. She would like to see the pictures replaced with artwork about the district and headframe photos and believe it would help with the acoustic issues. She would also like to see a framed historic biography of the Swedish Lutheran Church and additional pews added to the center. Mary Bielz explained her history with the building and requested a timeline from Council to get improvements done. Council stated they would discuss further and put a plan together.

- B. Kim Smith thanked Council for her water but stated she did not understand why it took so long to get it fixed. She stated there was a discussion between her, city workers and her neighbor and stated nobody discussed with her neighbor what they were going to do with her water and the open pit that was left over night with no cones or tape. Ms. Smith felt the repair took too long and Mayor Gray agreed.
- C. Beth Hoover at 323 S. 5th St. provided updates on the mountain renaming project, changing from Squaw to Mt. Bristlecone. As of 11/21/21 an official decree was made by the Secretary of the Interior in which over 600 names on federal lands will be changed by the end of this year with assistance from a federal task force. Ms. Hoover stated that over 250 names have already been changed.
- D. Shawn Frazill stated there has been a proclamation by Deb Holland in which the mountain name has been deemed derogatory and has been an offensive name to indigenous people for a long time, especially indigenous women. Ms. Frazill has been in touch with many elders and tribes and stated they are relieved these issues are getting addressed.
- E. Adam Zimmerli at 301 Victor Ave. presented marketing proposals for Gold Rush Days from KILO 94.3, X103 Classic Rock and CS Indie Group which included military magazines and other print media. Mr. Zimmerli believes a larger media campaign will enhance the Gold Rush Days attendance, exposure and brand of Victor.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARING: None

IX. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: None

X. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **Fixed Encroachment - 412 W. Portland Ave** – Vera Pratt presented the agreement. A motion by Mayor pro tem Hakes to accept the agreement and was seconded by Councilor Dodrill. All were in favor and the motion carried.
- B. **2022 Water Main Replacement Project - SGM, Inc.** – Mayor Gray requested Mr. Hudson to speak. Mr. Hudson discussed the details of the project and engineering services. Mayor Gray explained the city is finding a massive amount of missing communication and lack of information on this project and stated the city will need to get with Mr. Hudson and discuss the details to determine how to move forward. Mr. Hudson said he would be happy to come up and meet with the city. A motion by Councilor Manning to postpone any decision on the 2022 Water Main Replacement Project with SGM until we have better information and was seconded by Councilor Gregory. All were in favor and the motion carried.
- C. **CDOT Sidewalk Project – Baseline** – Mayor Gray explained where the city currently stands with this project in regards to engineering and the CDOT grant. A motion by Mayor pro tem Hakes to reapply for the CDOT Sidewalk Project with Baseline and was seconded by Councilor Dodrill. All were in favor and the motion carried.
- D. **Intergovernmental Agreement – Teller County Public Works** – A motion by Councilor Dodrill to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement and was seconded by Councilor Manning. All were in favor and the motion carried.

XI. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

ATTEST:

Brandon Gray, Mayor

Clark Eastin, City Clerk/Treasurer