

MINUTES
EVANS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 20, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Morris called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

PLEDGE

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Morris, Mayor Pro-Tem Schaffer, Council Members Brown, Finn, Homann, and Rudy

Absent: Council Member Clark

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Steve Bernardo, 3213 Grenache Street, Evans, thanked the City Council for their work on the Wastewater Treatment Plant, but expressed concerns about notices sent to residents of the east side of the City concerning the options for the Riverside Park area. Mr. Bernardo stated that City staff should solicit input from all City residents concerning the future of the Riverside Area.

Fred Neal, 1614 38th Street, Evans, thanked the City Council for their work on revitalizing the Riverside Park area that was destroyed during the 2013 flood. He also thanked Council for having several options presented for the Riverside Area Master Plan and for the open process that has allowed residents to hear all of the future options for the park.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Pro-Tem Schaffer made the motion, seconded by Council Member Rudy, to adopt the Agenda. The motion passed with all voting in favor thereof.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 6, 2015**
- B. Ordinance No. 615-15 Affirmation of Ordinances (2nd Reading)**

Council Member Homann recused himself from voting on the Consent Agenda.

Mayor Pro-Tem Schaffer made the motion, seconded by Council Member Rudy, to adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion passed with all voting in favor thereof.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Approval of CDBG-DR Grant Applications**

i. Resolution No. 03-2015 Authorizing the Application for a Watershed Coordinator Grant from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs

Chad Reischl, City Planner, discussed three possible grant applications to the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) to receive funds from the Community Development Block Grants for Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR). Mr. Reischl spoke to Resolution No. 03-2015 which authorizes the City to apply for a CDBG-DR Watershed Coordinator Grant. He explained that specific grant funds have been made available to support watershed coalitions and resiliency planning to assist local governments that were impacted by the 2013 flood.

Mr. Reischl explained that the City of Evans was awarded a grant from the Colorado Water Conservation Board in 2014 to assist the Middle South Platte River Alliance to draft a River Restoration Master Plan. According to Mr. Reischl, the CDBG-DR funds will provide a Watershed Coordinator position for the Alliance to be self-sustaining in implementing a wide range of flood resiliency initiatives. The Resolution would authorize the City to apply for \$97,000 to cover the position for 18-months.

Mayor Morris asked about the members of the Middle South Platte River Alliance.

Mr. Reischl explained that several local government entities, including Greeley, Milliken, Evans, and Weld County have representation on the Alliance, as well as representatives from local landowners and the oil & gas industry.

Mayor Pro-Tem Schaffer clarified that the position was temporary and would free up time for current City staff.

Mr. Reischl explained that the position was for 18 months and would free up his staff time to focus on more City-specific projects.

Mayor Morris discussed his support for the Resolution.

Mayor Pro-Tem Schaffer made the motion, seconded by Council Member Brown, to adopt Resolution 03-2015. The motion passed with all voting in favor thereof.

ii. Resolution No. 04-2015 Authorizing the Application of a Planning Grant for a Stormwater Management Plan from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs' CDBG-DR Program

Mr. Reischl summarized the need for Resolution No. 04-2015 which authorizes City staff to apply for a \$275,000 grant from the CDBG-DR Program for a new City Stormwater Management Plan. He discussed the importance of revising the Stormwater Management Plan, which was last amended in 1997 by a drainage study.

Mayor Pro-Tem asked if the revision to the Stormwater Plan would be a structural study of current City assets.

Mr. Reischl explained that the update would examine the City's current storm water assets as well as the City's future needs.

Mayor Pro-Tem Schaffer expressed concerns about upcoming regulations that may require the City to treat storm water runoff.

Mr. Reischl stated that the new plan would take point-source pollution into consideration.

Mayor Morris voiced his support for revising the City Stormwater Plan, especially to address problem areas identified in the 1997 drainage study.

Mr. Reischl discussed drainage needs in the Riverside area and the Highway 85 Corridor that were identified in the 1997 study.

Mr. Fred Neal approached Council to ask if the study would consider the southern boundary of the City.

Mayor Morris confirmed that the study for the new plan would consider areas south of the South Platte River.

Mayor Pro-Tem Schaffer made the motion, seconded by Council Member Homann, to adopt Resolution No. 04-2015. The motion passed with all voting in favor thereof.

iii. Resolution No. 05-2015 Authorizing the Application of a Planning Grant for a Transportation Master Plan from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs' CDBG-DR Program

Mr. Reischl talked about Resolution No. 05-2015 which authorizes City staff to apply for a \$165,000 grant from the CDBG-DR program to update the City's Transportation Plan. Mr. Reischl discussed the importance of an updated transportation plan and stated that the grant does not require matching funds.

Mayor Morris asked how often a City Transportation Plan is updated.

Mr. Reischl explained that plans should be updated about every decade and the City's last revision to the transportation plan was completed in 2004. He talked about the changes that the City has undergone since 2004 and why the City Transportation Plans needed to be updated.

Mayor Pro-Tem Schaffer, made the motion, seconded by Council Member Brown, to adopt Resolution 05-2015. The motion passed with all voting in favor thereof.

B. Request for Increase in FTE Count By .25

Julie Roeder, Human Resources & Risk Management Director, addressed City Council to request their consideration regarding the staffing levels in the Human Resources & Risk Management Department with an increase of a .25 FTE.

She summarized the current staffing situation for the Human Resources and Risk Management Department. According to Ms. Roeder, a request in the 2015 budget was made to transition the current temporary Safety & Risk Management position to a 30-hour per week position on a long term basis to primarily focus on safety and risk management functions. She explained that Section II.C.a. of the Financial Policies outlines that the City Council must approve the number of full time positions and dollar amount for total regular staff. She explained that staff was recommending this increase due to the new development and timing with her Department, instead of waiting for the 2016 budget process.

Mayor Morris discussed his support for the request to increase the FTE by .25 to a full time position.

Mayor Pro-Tem Schaffer made the motion, seconded by Council Member Rudy, to approve the increase in full time positions in the City's Human Resources and Risk Management Department by .25. The motion passed with all voting in favor thereof.

REPORTS

A. City Manager

Aden Hogan, City Manager, updated the City Council about meeting with officials from the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) concerning the State's property near Riverside Park. He explained that the State may be willing to clean up the property and convey the property to the City.

B. City Attorney

Nathan Krob, legal counsel, stated there was nothing to report.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

There was no audience participation.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.


Raegan Robb, City Clerk