

**MINUTES**  
**EVANS CITY COUNCIL**  
**May 03, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Morris called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

**PLEDGE**

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Council Members Clark and Schaffer

**PROCLAMATIONS**

**A. Small Business Week**

Mayor Morris read the proclamation and presented it to Lisa Hudson and Kyla Benson, from the East Colorado Small Business Development Center (SBDC).

**B. Economic Development Month**

Mayor Morris read the proclamation and presented it to Sheryl Trent, City Economic Development Director.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Kelly 815 40<sup>th</sup> Street, commented about the low salary of City Council Members, and expressed his support for a pay increase to raise the importance and gravitas of the position.

Mayor Morris thanked him for his comments.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 19, 2016**

**B. Ordinance No. 649-16 – Bella Vista Manufactured Home District, Planned Unit Development (PUD) Rezoning (Second Reading)**

**(Continued from the April 19, 2016 Regular Meeting)**

Council Member Homann made the motion, seconded by Council Member Speer, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed with all voting in favor thereof.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Resolution No. 21-2016 – Authorizing Revisions to the Watershed Coordinator Grant from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs**

Ms. Trent presented Resolution No. 21-2016 and discussed the need for the Resolution to authorize revisions to the Watershed Coordinator Grant from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA). Ms. Trent talked about the timeline for amending the grant, explaining that the state will be extending the grant with dollars from CDBG-DR funds with a two-year extension. According to Ms. Trent revising the grant ensures there will not be a gap in funding for salary or operating expenses going into next year.

Mayor Pro-Tem Rudy clarified the request would not require additional funds from the City.

Ms. Trent clarified that the amount of funding that the City will receive will not change, but the contract revision will de-obligation, then re-obligate fund for the two-year extension.

Council Member Finn made the motion, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Rudy, to adopt Resolution No. 21-2016 Authorizing Revisions to the Watershed Coordinator Grant from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs.

The motion passed 4-0 with Council Member Speer abstained.

**B. Resolution No. 22-2016 – Authorizing Staff to Submit Applications for Round Three Community Development Block Grant–Disaster Relief Grants to Fund the Restoration and Redevelopment of Riverside Park**

Council Member Speer recused herself from discussion and voting on this matter, at the advice of the City Attorney, due to the fact that her property borders the boundary of Riverside Park. She spoke about the proximity of the park to other City Council Members in Ward 1.

Gary Wilson, Flood Project Manager, talked about the need for the Resolution, which authorizes the City to re-submitting two of the applications from Round 2 that were not funded. According to Mr. Wilson, the Evans City Council authorized applications for \$10,623,362 in Round 2 of Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Relief funds to rebuild Riverside Park in the amount of in May 2015. The City was awarded \$5,000,000 in funding for the floodplain restoration component of the project. This funding will cover the cost to remove and/or cap

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landfill material on the site and complete earthwork to reshape the park as envisioned by the Master Plan to restore the 100-year floodplain on the northern portion of the Park. Also, the Environmental Assessment required for Round 2 CDBG-DR funding, started in September 2015, is nearly complete and represents accomplishment of a major milestone.

Mr. Wilson explained that the proposed applications include two unfunded requests from 2015: \$4,293,362 for park infrastructure and recreation improvements and \$700,000 to cover the City's 12.5 percent funding share of the FEMA Public Assistance funding for the Park. The two applications are proposed to be re-submitted as authorized in 2015, but with updated information regarding the status of the project which has advanced considerably since last year.

Mr. Wilson also explained that the State's highest priority for CDBG-DR Round 3 funding will go to projects that primarily benefit low and moderate income residents, which is the primary national objective for this funding. As part of the City's CDBG-DR Round 2 applications in 2015, the Riverside Park project qualifies as meeting this primary objective, and is the only qualifying project in Weld County during the Round 2 process—and is well positioned to be highly ranked for funding in Round 3 as well.

Mayor Pro-Tem Rudy asked about the requirements for a matching fund requirement, which equals \$0, but quotes staff time. He wanted to know how much in staff funding the City was spending.

Mr. Wilson, explained that the staff time includes his position and another position, which are grant funded.

Mayor Pro-Tem Rudy clarified that the request would not put an additional workload on Mr. Wilson.

Mr. Wilson, stated that it would not, especially now that the environmental assessment is complete.

Council Member Homann asked when the next grants would be awarded.

Mr. Wilson stated that the next grant awards will be in July, 2016.

Council Member Homann clarified that the City is still on track for its original deadlines for park restoration.

Mr. Wilson confirmed that the City was on track to meet the original deadlines.

Mayor Morris discussed his support for the funding request, even though Weld County is only eligible for \$1.8 million, with the City requesting more than that

amount to demonstrate the need for funding to restore Riverside Park.

Council Member Homann made the motion, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Rudy Finn, to adopt Resolution No. 22-2016 Authorizing Staff to Submit Applications for Round Three Community Development Block Grant–Disaster Relief Grants to Fund the Restoration and Redevelopment of Riverside Park  
The motion passed 4-0, with Council Member Speer abstained.

Following the vote, Mr. Wilson gave a quick presentation about the initial park design, the ball fields, and shade structures designed for Riverside Park.

Mayor thanked Mr. Wilson for his work and the flood team's work.

## **REPORTS**

### **A. City Manager**

Aden Hogan, City Manager, discussed the Ace Internship Program coordinated by the School District, for the City to host high school interns for the summer of 2016.

He talked about a recent meeting involving the Public Works Department and a potential developer on west 37<sup>th</sup> Street concerning infrastructure out west for new development.

Lastly, Mr. Hogan commented that Fred Starr, Evans Public Works Director, attended a capital improvement program with the City of Greeley to implement strategic planning in the region based on the City of Greeley and Greeley's water treatment rates for the City of Evans.

### **B. City Attorney**

Scott Krob, reserved his comments for the executive session.

## **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Fred Neal, 1614 38<sup>th</sup> Street, Evans, discussed the importance of expanding the City's non-potable water system to prevent using treated water, from the City of Greeley, in areas where usage could be non-potable.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

### **A. To Determine Positions Relative to Matters that May be Subject to**

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**Negotiations, Developing Strategy for Negotiations, and Instructing Negotiators, Pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(e)**

Council Member Homann made the motion, seconded by, Mayor Pro-Tem Rudy to adjourn into executive session to determine positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and instructing negotiators, pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(e).

The motion passed with all voting in favor thereof.

The Council adjourned into executive session at 8:10 p.m.

The executive session concluded at 8:52 p.m.

Mr. Krob noted for the record that the contents of the executive session were subject to attorney client privilege and within the scope of the state statutes.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

  
Raegan Robb, City Clerk