



CITY OF LEADVILLE
Tuesday, July 13th, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
800 HARRISON AVE, LEADVILLE, CO.

Call to order of special meeting: 6:05 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Roll call: CM Lauritzen, CM Hill, Mayor Labbe, CM Gowning, MPT Greene, CM Forgens, CM Tharp were present.

Public comments: Elsa Tharp spoke as a business owner in town in favor about a STR excise tax instead of a lodging tax.

Housekeeping matters: There will be a joint public hearing with Planning and Zoning for the Railyard Phase II subdivision on August 10th.

Swearing in of new Councilmember Tharp. Judge Floyd did the swearing in of Councilmember Cisco Tharp. (6:11 p.m.)

Discussion regarding the City's organizational structure and moving forward with the city administrator in 2021. Leadville is one of dozen communities in Colorado that doesn't have a city administrator. City Attorney, Christiana McCormick, and Kevin Bommer, the President of Colorado Municipal League, did a presentation for Council and was available to answer questions. Mayor Labbe was going to invite Salida's mayor and city administrator to City Council for more insight. If the City is awarded the DOLA grant, it would pay a substantial amount of the costs for implementing a city administrator. The consensus was to go forward with the discussions exploring the possibility of a city administrator. (6:13 p.m. – 7:27 p.m.)

Discussion regarding city planning services in the interim and long-term for vacancies. Council discussed the work load of the administrative services manager, a city planner and a new street department manager. Ms. Dae's last City Council meeting is July 27th. She has been with the City for 7.5 years and Jim has been with the City for 10 years. Christian Luna has joined the police chief selection committee. Police chief interviews are scheduled for next week. (7:28 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.)

Discussion with Christiana and staff regarding ballot resolution language and request for lodging tax on November 2021 election. Kristi Galarza made a presentation about lodging tax from other communities in the state. Kristi Galarza reminded Council that three policy changes need to be made by the City to qualify for funds from the HB21-1217. Council directed the city attorney to create a resolution for a STR excise tax at 4.9% earmarked for housing needs 3% and 1.9% for the Tourism Panel for the first full fiscal year dollar amount. This is a TABOR initiative because it concerns money. The deadline to have the ballot language to the County Clerk for the coordinated election is September 3rd. (7:46 p.m. – 8:41 p.m.)

Mayor's report: Mayor Labbe is discussing with the County about partnering together to purchase a machine to pave our streets.



Council reports: CM Hill mentioned that the speed limit sign at the south end of town needs to be replaced. Mayor Labbe will follow-up on this item and check into the option of installing a flashing sign.

There were no additional public comments about items not on the agenda.

Adjournment: 8:46 p.m.

APPROVED this 3rd day of August, 2021 by a vote of 7 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining, and 0 absent.

CITY OF LEADVILLE, COLORADO

ATTEST:

By

Diane Kiss, Deputy City Clerk