

**CITY OF CENTRAL  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
October 7, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the City Council for the City of Central was called to order by Mayor Engels at 7:00 p.m., in City Hall on October 7, 2014.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Engels  
Alderman Spain  
Alderman Gaines  
Alderman Heider  
Alderman Voorhies

Absent: None

Staff Present: City Manager Miera  
City Clerk Bechtel  
Attorney McAskin  
Public Services Director Griffith  
Police Chief Krelle  
Fire Chief Allen

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

**ADDITIONS AND/OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as presented.

**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

No Council Member disclosed a conflict regarding any item on the agenda.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Alderman Gaines moved to approve the consent agenda containing the regular bill lists for September 18, 25 and October 2, 2014; and the City Council minutes for the meeting on September 16, 2014. Alderman Spain seconded, and without discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC FORUM/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

No one requested time to address the Council.

**ACTION ITEMS: NEW BUSINESS**

Resolution No. 14-17: *A resolution of the City Council of the City of Central, Colorado approving an Engagement Agreement with Alperstein & Covell P.C. for legal services as special water counsel.* Public Services Director Griffith explained that this proposed resolution approves an Engagement Agreement for retaining the services of a Water Attorney to assist, advise, and represent the City in water related issues. This will not exceed the \$50,000 in the 2015 Proposed Budget. This firm has determined that there will be very little or no conflict of interest with any other

clients they currently represent and comes highly recommended. They will get up to speed on the City's water interests and assets largely on their own time.

Mayor Engels added that Council met with Cynthia Covell and Andrea Benson in the work session preceding this meeting to review pending water court cases. Attorney McAskin explained that it had come to staff's attention that some court filing deadlines had been missed in these last few months by the attorney that represented the City for many years so a change would need to occur to get back on track to protect the City's interests. Mayor Engels added that we all wish Mr. Williamson the best.

Alderman Gaines moved to approve Resolution No. 14-17: A resolution of the City Council of the City of Central, Colorado approving an Engagement Agreement with Alperstein & Covell P.C. for legal services as special water counsel. Alderman Heider seconded, and without discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

#### Central City Promise Program Request – Tyrus Schmalz

Manager Miera gave the background as follows: the Central City Promise Program was initiated by City Council to encourage high school graduates and G.E.D. recipients of Central City to make post-secondary education a priority. The Promise Program helps make it possible for Central City residents to attend a university, community college or trade school by providing assistance with the costs associated with attending one of these educational institutions.

Mr. Schmalz has submitted all of the required information and paperwork and is requesting Promise Program funds in the amount of \$5,000.00 in 2014. Mr. Schmalz is continuing his post-secondary education at Colorado State University and has received a previous Promise Program disbursement for \$5,000.00 in 2013. The Promise Program Guidelines limit the amount that an individual can receive to a total of \$20,000 or four (4) years of funding.

The 2014 Budget has \$15,000 allocated for the Promise Program; however, the line-item was administratively frozen through previous budgetary discussions with the Council. This is the only formal request received-to-date for FY 2014. Granting the above request will release the line-item from its frozen status and leave a remaining balance of \$10,000.00.

Buddy Schmaltz, parent of the applicant, provided a copy naming Tyrus on the Dean's List and added that this is a great program that supports our young people who will be the leaders in our community someday.

Alderman Gaines asked if this program may be dropped in the 2015 budget. Manager Miera stated that this will be up for consideration as the budget process moves forward but it is currently in the budget line for 2015.

Mayor Engels offered that this is a good program and a very nice perk for our residents.

Alderman Gaines moved to award Tyrus Schmalz with continuing post-secondary educational tuition assistance in the amount of \$5,000.00. Alderman Spain seconded, and without discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

#### **STAFF UPDATES**

Manager Miera referred to the staff reports and opened the topic to Council questions.

Alderman Voorhies asked for an update on the upcoming budget meetings. Manager Miera stated that we are required to present a draft balanced budget to Council by October 15 so we will have a work session at 6:00pm followed by a regular meeting at 7:00pm on Tuesday, October 14 with packets out on the preceding Friday. We will have budget work sessions on the following Tuesdays at 6:00pm. There is a requirement for the BID to provide a draft operating plan by 9/30 which was received on 9/29. We are required to make a final determination on that plan by 12/5. We will have a final budget adoption on December 2<sup>nd</sup> well before the state requirement. Some of the format of previous budget structure is changing with combining some sections and adding cover pages.

Alderman Gaines asked for an update on the work on Eureka Street. Public Services Director Griffith explained that this is an Xcel project that was properly permitted and the entire work area will be repaved when complete. He has asked the contractor to keep the trenched area to grade and will follow-up to ask again.

Alderman Gaines gave kudos to the Water Department for the \$30,000 non-matching grant that was awarded for raw water and transmission assessment and design.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Alderman Voorhies thanked Manager Miera for getting Channel 20 operational. Manager Miera credited Patrick Duffy on the Public Works crew for his speed and diligence in getting it done.

### **PUBLIC FORUM/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Jack Hihahl, 206 E 6<sup>th</sup>, stated he is pleased to hear there may be a field trip to the water intakes. He added that in addition to the Meet & Greet for the candidates this weekend, a forum with questions would be helpful for voters to make decisions.

Joe Behm, CCBID, commended Dostal Alley Brew Pub & Casino for their second place award at the Great American Beer Festival in Denver. He also noted the Creepy Crawl event will be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> weekends in October with the help of Gilpin History.

Judy Laratta, 113 Spruce Street, stated that as a candidate for City Council she feels that if there should be a forum with questions, the candidates need time to prepare.

At 7:42 p.m. Mayor Engels adjourned the meeting.  
A Special Council meeting is scheduled for October 14, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

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Ronald E. Engels, Mayor

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Reba Bechtel, City Clerk