

**CITY OF CENTRAL  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
December 2, 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 December 2, 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  
Finance Director Flowers  
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**

Mayor Engels added the appointment of a Council Member to the Main Street Steering Committee.

**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 a Cash Flow Update to November 26, 2014; and the City Council minutes for the meeting on November 18, 2014. Alderman Spain seconded, and without discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC FORUM/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

No one requested time to address the Council.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Resolution No. 14-20: *A resolution of the City Council of the City of Central adopting and appropriating the 2015 Budget, adopting the Capital Improvement Plan, and setting a Property Tax Mill Levy and approving the Central City BID 2015 Operating Plan and Budget.*

Finance Director Flowers gave the background as follows: over the course of the past few months City Council and staff have developed the 2015 Budget. As required by State law and City Charter,

staff formally presented Council with the proposed budget at the October 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. Notice of the 2015 Budget process was subsequently published in the Weekly Register Call and stated that final adoption would occur on December 2, 2014.

Resolution 14-20 officially adopts the 2015 Budget and appropriates funding for the expenditures from the funds indicated, adopts the Capital Improvement Plan, sets the City's property tax mill levy at 9.631 mills, and approves the Central City Business Improvement District's 2015 Operating Plan and Budget.

In accordance with Article X, Section 10.6 of the City Charter, a Public Hearing is being held on December 2, 2014 prior to adoption of Resolution 14-20. Should any changes and/or amendments become necessary due to findings from either the public hearing or Council's wishes, those changes will be incorporated into the final adopted 2015 Budget document.

While the 2015 budget is being presented as a final version, changes to the Budget can be made by adopting the Budget as amended. Any changes will be incorporated into the final Budget document. The City will be meeting both the City Charter and statutory requirements by holding a Public Hearing and adopting the 2015 Budget by December 15, 2014.

Mayor Engels opened the public hearing at 7:05 p.m. and invited comment.

Jack Hidahl, 206 East 3<sup>rd</sup> High, offered suggestions for the budget in 2015 to include: a public hearing prior to the final adoption so staff can include any changes, policies set by Council that direct staff; continued support of the water fund from the general fund to take the burden off the users; and using the Historic Preservation Fund to cure the "broken window syndrome" instead of for catastrophic events.

With no additional comments offered, Mayor Engels closed the public hearing at 7:15 p.m.

Alderman Heider moved to approve Resolution No. 14-20: A resolution of the City Council of the City of Central adopting and appropriating the 2015 Budget as amended, adopting the Capital Improvement Plan, and setting a Property Tax Mill Levy and approving the Central City BID 2015 Operating Plan and Budget. Alderman Voorhies seconded, and without discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

#### **ACTION ITEMS: NEW BUSINESS**

Ordinance No. 14-08: *An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Central amending Article V of Chapter 6 of the Central City Municipal Code regarding Gaming Device Fees.*

Finance Director Flowers explained that in 2011, the City Council approved Ordinance 11-16 to impose a marketing device fee in the amount of \$5.00 per month per device in order to fund advertising and marketing costs incurred by the CCBID. In 2012, the City Council approved Ordinance 12-12 that extended the same marketing device fee for calendar year 2013. In 2013, the City Council approved Ordinance 13-17 that extended the marketing device fee for calendar year 2014, with the ability to vary or adjust the marketing fee up to \$7 per device per month.

The "adjustable" marketing device fee approved in 2013 via Ordinance 13-17 is set to expire on December 31, 2014, unless Council approves an extension of the marketing device fee. Ordinance 14-08 extends the marketing device fee through calendar year 2015.

The amount of the monthly device fee will be determined by the current number of devices within the City and the total projected amount needed by the CCBID to cover marketing expenses. The CCBID and the City Manager/Finance Director will establish a maximum budget amount that will be used in conjunction with the monthly device count to ensure that the appropriate amount is collected through the adjustable marketing device fees.

Currently, the adopted 2015 Budget allocates a total of \$154,283 for CCBID marketing and events. This is the amount that is projected to be collected from marketing related device fee collections during the year.

Alderman Voorhies clarified that this is a pass through not an expense or revenue to the City.

Alderman Voorhies moved to adopt Ordinance No. 14-08: An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Central amending Article V of Chapter 6 of the Central City Municipal Code regarding Gaming Device Fees. Alderman Heider seconded, and without discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

#### Council Appointment to Main Street Steering Committee

Alderman Gaines moved to appoint Alderman Voorhies as the Council Representative to the Main Street Steering Committee. Alderman Spain seconded, and without discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

#### **STAFF UPDATES**

Staff updates were provided at the work session.

#### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Alderman Voorhies noted that the Parkway lights are back on and thanked Public Services Director Griffith for the Christmas tree and holiday decorations which look great.

#### **PUBLICFORUM/AUDIENCEPARTICIPATION**

Brad Snedeker, Longmont, Colorado, had questions regarding transparency of the budget, snow gates, and the role of the BID regarding device fees for marketing.

Jack Hidahl, 206 E 3<sup>rd</sup> High, commended the response from City employees when the vacant house next door had a broken water line. Mr. Hidahl also offered copies of a book for the Visitor Center. Mayor Engels directed staff to have copies available for sale at the Visitor Center.

Kathleen Ashbaugh, 440 Spring Street, questioned the need to spend money for snow gates that will have minimal use and asked how the community would know if the Parkway is closed.

At 7:35 p.m., Mayor Engels adjourned the meeting.

The next Council meeting is scheduled for December 16, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

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Ronald E. Engels, Mayor

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Reba Bechtel, City Clerk