

**CITY OF CENTRAL
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 21, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the City Council for the City of Central was called to order by Mayor Engels at 6:45 p.m., in City Hall on July 21, 2015.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Heider
Alderman Voorhies
Alderman Gaines
Alderman Laratta

Absent: Mayor Engels

Staff Present: City Manager Miera
City Clerk Bechtel
Attorney McAskin
Public Works Director Sam Hoover

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.

ACTION ITEMS: NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 15-17: *A resolution of the City Council of the City of Central, Colorado, authorizing two (2) single family detached units to be served by a common service line and tap in accordance with Section 13-1-150 of the Municipal Code.*

City Manager Miera gave the background as follows: the City received a request from Mr. Jack Hidahl (206 E. Third High Street) to permit multiple meter settings on a single water service line, tap, and meter pit or curb stop box. Historically, the above-referenced property and an adjacent property (211 E. Fourth High Street) have been served by a single service line, tap, and meter. The request is to allow the two (2) properties to continue to transport water from the single existing tap and service line, but into two (2) separate meters instead of one (1), and that both meters may be located within the same meter pit or curb stop box.

The current setup where the two (2) subject properties are both served by the same tap, service line, and meter has been a long-standing problem for the property owners, as well as the City. In fact, there was a lawsuit between the two property owners to establish the appropriate easements that would allow the aforementioned request to be implemented. The lawsuit established a water

service line easement for Property #1 that bisects Property #2, which allows Property #1 to receive water from the Main Water Line located on E. Fourth High St. The lawsuit also established an easement for a sewer line for Property #2 that bisects Property #1, which allows Property #2 to dispose of its sewage into a Main Sewer Line located on E. Third High St.

There are essentially two (2) ways to solve the existing problem. The first option would require Property #1 to abandon the existing water service line running through Property #2, and install a new water service line and backflow preventer that would connect to a new meter in a new meter pit or curb stop box, which would be fed from a new single service line and tap off of the Main Water Line on E. Third High St. The second option (“the request”) would allow the existing water service line to remain within Property #2, and the current single service line from the existing tap off of the Main Water Line on E. Fourth High St. would remain in place; however, instead of one meter serving both properties, there would be another (second) meter installed within the existing meter pit or curb stop box, including a new backflow preventer, which would result in both properties being separately metered.

In either scenario, the City would not receive the plant investment fee (“tap fee”), as Chapter 13 of the Municipal Code essentially waives said fee when this type of cure or remedy is implemented. However, other related licensing and/or permitting and inspection fees will be paid to the City by Mr. Hidahl. The City will provide the meter and the cost sharing will apply the same as all residents.

From this point forward, the City’s Water Fund will recognize additional revenue, as either solution would add an additional water account to the system. That is a minimum increase in revenue to the Water Fund of \$720/year using the current fee structure.

Option #2 as described above is the recommended solution, and as such, it is presented within Resolution No. 15-16 for your consideration and approval. This option achieves the most important end result (two properties that are separately metered and separately billed), and accomplishes it in the most reasonable and economically-sensible way.

Jack Hidahl, 211 East Third High, stated that there would not be a precedent set since 215 East Third already has a meter pit with two meters.

Alderman Gaines moved to approve Resolution No. 15-17: A resolution of the City Council of the City of Central, Colorado, authorizing two (2) single family detached units to be served by a common service line and tap in accordance with Section 13-1-150 of the Municipal Code. Alderman Laratta seconded, and without discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Alderman Gaines noted that work on Eureka/Prosser has finally begun. City Manager Miera stated that they had some prep work and will be back July 27 to continue pulling utility poles and start the milling and overlay of new asphalt.

Alderman Gaines read a statement of commitment to serving her term on Council.

Alderman Voorhies expressed thanks to Public Works for cutting weeds and making the City look nice. Also, there have been a couple of positive comments about the new Casino Parkway sign.

At 7:12 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Heider adjourned the meeting.
The next Council meeting is scheduled for August 4, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Kathy Heider, Mayor Pro Tem

Reba Bechtel, City Clerk