

Mayor Ron Austin called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Also present were Councilmembers Christopher Ryan, Gerald Roberts, Nathan Clay and Kevin Carlson along with Acting City Manager Wilma Erven. A meeting notice was posted in the south window at City Hall at least twenty-four hours prior to the meeting.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Mayor led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Changes to the Agenda**

None.

**Minutes**

It was moved by Gerald Roberts, seconded by Nathan Clay to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2018 regular meeting, as amended. All voted yes. Motion passed.

**Citizen Comments**

Judy Hagan mentioned several issues including the speed of traffic near Wal-Mart.

Orval Proctor, business owner, requested additional night lighting near the tunnel under Confluence Drive. Mr. Proctor stated that the lights in the tunnel are dim, one is broken and others are covered by dirt and bugs. Additionally, Mr. Proctor stated that the additional lighting would make the residents feel safer when walking in the area during dark hours.

John Thomas, 699 S. River Rd, Olathe, CO, informed the Council that he previously had a medical marijuana dispensary in the City of Delta and then the issue was voted on by the citizens and he had to discontinue business within the City limits. Mr. Thomas stated he has a dispensary in Montrose County called the Green Meadows. If the marijuana ballot issue passes he would like the honor to have a marijuana store in the City of Delta again.

The Council thanked the citizens for their comments.

**Consideration of Grant Agreement with Department of Local Affairs**

Betsy Suerth, Public Works Director, reviewed the grant agreement with Department of Local Affairs for the Delta Municipal Light and Power Impact Study. Ms. Suerth stated that grant format is standard and DOLA has honored the schedule which is a key for this grant contract.

A motion was made by Chris Ryan, seconded by Gerald Roberts to approve the Delta Municipal Light and Power Impact Study Grant Application.

A motion was made by Chris Ryan, seconded by Gerald Roberts to amend the motion to change grant application to grant contract. The motion now reads: To approve the Delta Municipal Light and Power Impact Study Grant contract with the Department of Local Affairs. All voted yes. Motion passed.

**Regular Meeting, Delta City Council, October 16, 2018 (cont.)**

**Consideration of Letter of Support for Delta County's Trail, Engineering, Permitting and Feasibility Grant Application**

Wilma Erven, Parks and Golf Director, informed the Council that Delta County will be submitting an application for a Great Outdoor Colorado grant that will extend the recreation trail system from Delta to Whitewater. Ms. Erven stated that the idea for this trail has been around for 25 plus years. This trail will be on part of the old Escalante Trail and the trail will eventually extend from Fruita to Ouray. The trail that is being considered will not tie into any of our current trails, but the trail will eventually tie into the planned G 50 Bridge Trail.

A motion was made by Nathan Clay, seconded by Kevin Carlson to approve the Mayor to sign a letter of support for Delta County's Trail, Engineering, Permitting and Feasibility Grant Application. All voted yes. Motion passed.

**Resolution #19, 2018 – Supporting Amendment 73**

Councilmember Nathan Clay stated the school funding is vital, it is the future. Additionally, Councilmember Clay expressed his desire to publicly voice school funding concerns.

A motion was made by Nathan Clay, seconded by Chris Ryan to adopt Resolution #19, 2018 supporting Amendment 73, which is an attempt to increase funding for public education in the State of Colorado. Roll call vote: Gerald Roberts, aye; Chris Ryan, aye; Ron Austin, aye; Kevin Carlson, aye and Nathan Clay, aye. Motion passed.

**Resolution #20, 2018 – Hydroelectric Water Right**

Betsy Suerth, Public Works Director, informed the Council that the City has hydroelectric water rights that were first issued in 1982 for two turbines and that the City has to prove due diligence every six years. There will be some cost to the City, the cost will be anywhere from \$3000.00 to \$10,000.00 depending on if there is any opposition.

City of Delta, Colorado  
Resolution #20, 2018

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DLETA  
AUTHORIZING CITY STAFF TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS REGARDING  
THE CITY'S HYDROELECTRIC WATER RIGHTS.

was read by the clerk.

A motion was made by Gerald Roberts, seconded by Nathan Clay to adopt Resolution #20, 2018 authorizing City Staff to take certain actions regarding the City's hydroelectric water rights. Roll call vote: Gerald Roberts, aye; Chris Ryan, aye; Ron Austin, aye; Kevin Carlson, aye and Nathan Clay, aye. Motion passed.

**Regular Meeting, Delta City Council, October 16, 2018 (cont.)**

**Consideration to Approve Contract Agreement for Structural Engineering Services for the CDBG Grant Project**

Betsy Suerth, Public Works Director, reviewed the grant amount that was awarded to the City from Colorado Development Grant Project which was \$234,000.00 with a City match of \$38,000.00.

Ms. Suerth stated that this project will be three phases and structural engineering services will be required for all three phases of the project. The three phases are asbestos abatement, building demolition and pocket park construction. There was one application and the price is fair, therefore staff is recommending approval of the professional services agreement contract for the DOLA CDBG grant for the demolition of the West Home Center Building Structural Engineering services contract in the amount of \$22,760.00. Additionally, Ms. Suerth stated that the work will be charged by the hour, with the amount not to exceed \$22,760.00.

Ms. Suerth reviewed the timing of the project with the Council and stated that the structural services will begin right away, the bid for the abatement should take about 30 days, the asbestos abatement completed by the end of the year with demolition completed in January, February or March time frame, with Council being involved in all of those stages. Ms. Suerth stated that staff anticipates that the total project cost will be under the grant awarded amount of \$234,000.00 plus the City's contribution of \$38,000.00

A motion was made by Chris Ryan, seconded by Gerald Roberts to award the Structural Engineering Services for the CDBG Grant project, demolition of the West Home Center, to TH Engineering in an amount not to exceed \$22,760.00. The Mayor requested a roll call vote. Gerald Roberts, aye; Kevin Carlson, aye; Nathan Clay, aye; Chris Ryan, aye; and Ron Austin, aye. Motion passed.

**City Attorney Comments**

City Attorney was not present – none.

**City Manager Comments**

**Chip Seal Project Update:** Acting City Manager, Wilma Erven, requested that Betsy Suerth, Public Works Director update the Council on the chip and seal project, since it was not discussed in the work session as intended.

Ms. Suerth informed the Council that staff changed the scope of the project, put it out to bid and due to material shortages, received no bids. Additionally, Ms. Suerth stated that there was an alternate proposal submitted, but staff determined that the proposal was not adequate. Ms. Suerth stated that the plan now is to chip seal in the spring. The Council discussed different types of street treatments, timing and streets that need to be treated.

**Regular Meeting, Delta City Council, October 16, 2018 (cont.)**

Police Department Update: Commander Cox stated that the Police Department had a busy week and a lot of hard work paid off because early last week there was a large marijuana distribution operation that was shut down. Commander Cox stated that several agencies worked together and raided a house on H25 Road and seized multiple guns, marijuana processing equipment and 28 marijuana plants. It was determined during the investigation that the marijuana was slated to go Miami and in the Miami drug market, Colorado pot is premium and would have a street value between 2.5 and 3.4 million dollars. There were eight arrests for class one drug felonies.

Additionally, Commander Cox informed the Council that Will Hammond and the Canine unit is working out great. The canine unit helped a lot with the marijuana bust and last night was instrumental in seizing 74 ounces of methamphetamines.

Budget Meeting: Wilma Erven, Acting City Manager, informed the Council that the next budget meeting will be held next Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. The electronic budget document will be sent out no later than Thursday for the Council to review before the meeting.

Joint Delta County Commissioners and Delta City Council Meeting: Ms. Erven stated that the meeting that was tentatively set for October 25<sup>th</sup> will be rescheduled, because of some conflicts with other meetings. Ms. Erven will let the Council know tomorrow when the meeting will be.

**Councilmember Comments**

Councilmember Clay stated that he was excited about CRAFT – Colorado Rural Authority For Tourism because this is something that the Delta area has never explored before and that we are making strides in tourism for the area.

Councilmember Carlson expressed his support for the Delta High School Band, in the wake of the band being scammed out of \$1800.00 from a bicycling group that came through the area. The band had performed services for the group and was not compensated for those services. There were other groups in the area that were not compensated for services that they performed. Councilmember Carlson suggested that a resolution be presented at the next Council meeting supporting all events at the High School, to support the schools and unify the community.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ryan thanked the Police Department for the little, everyday things that they do for the community that make a world of difference in our community.

Mayor Austin thanked the Police Department for their hard work and asked why Delta is no longer part of the drug task force. Commander Cox stated that manpower is short and Delta did not get a lot of benefit from being part of the Drug Task Force, however all of the entities still work together to crack down on drugs in Delta. Commander Cox stated that the goal is to get an investigator to work specifically on drugs.

A motion was made by Nathan Clay, seconded by Gerald Roberts to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. with no further action taken.

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Sharleen R. Walker, MMC, Deputy City Clerk