

Mayor Kevin Carlson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Also present were Councilmembers Cathy Boyd, William Tedrow, and Mark Broome, along with City Manager Elyse Casselberry. Absent was Councilmember Ryan Crick. A meeting notice was posted on the City's website and 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

There were none.

Citizen Comments

Rene Collins.2117 Clerk Court, commented on handicap parking on Main Street.

Approval of the January 2, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Councilmember Boyd and seconded by Councilmember Tedrow to approve the January 2, 2024 regular meeting minutes as presented by the Clerk. All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion on Veterans Discount at Bill Heddles Recreation Center

Recreation Manager Renee Ealey reported that staff did some research on Veterans discounts. They are proposing that the Veterans discount be similar to the business program discount of 20% minus the annual fee. Any active duty military personnel do get free daily admission. This will be easier to administer as the program is already in place.

City Manager Elyse Casselberry stated there is also the first responder's program.

Mayor Carlson would like to see some kind of discount for programs as well.

Manager Earley stated she would look into that type of discount.

Mayor Carlson also reported that Council has received an email from Josh Vigil with some ideas on Veterans discounts.

Staff will prepare an amendment to the fee schedule and bring that back for approval.

Consideration to Approve the Trimble Forensic X& Scanning System, Subscription, Accessories and Training for the Delta Police Department

Chief of Police Luke Fedler stated that in the 2024 budget, staff recommended to purchase an upgraded software system for measurements of collisions and evidence collection. He introduced Officer Robert Lane who currently is the police department's collision reconstructionist.

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Consideration to Approve the Trimble Forensic X& Scanning System, Subscription, Accessories and Training for the Delta Police Department (cont.)

Officer Lane provided a summary of his findings regarding a software that would fit the needs of the police department. He reported that the current system is approximately 15 years old or longer and is outdated. The software is no longer supported; therefore, they cannot update the system and the current system is not collecting all the data. This software is no longer reliable for thorough, accurate scene processing. He summarized the system staff is recommending.

Councilmember Tedrow questioned if there are any other comparisons.

Officer Lane stated that staff did some research on different systems and this system fits the needs of the department at a fraction of the price.

There was extensive discussion regarding the research staff completed on the available systems.

Mayor Carlson would like to see a hard copy of staff's research.

Staff answered questions from Council regarding the system's warranty, training and costs.

Councilmember Broome made a motion to approve the acquisition of the system and Councilmember Carlson seconded the motion. After further discussion both parties withdrew the motion.

It was moved by Councilmember Boyd and seconded by Councilmember Tedrow to table the decision and have staff bring back comparisons of other systems. All in favor, motion carried.

Resolution #2, 2024; Approval to Submit a Local Planning Capacity Grant with the Colorado Department of Local Affairs

Community Development Manager Joe Gillman stated that staff has been working with the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) regarding Proposition 123. DOLA has asked the City of Delta to apply for the local planning capacity grant. Should the City received the grant, the funds would be used to purchase a system to help fast track land use applications. He summarized the program and how it would benefit the community. This will allow customers options on how they can submit their application whether it be digitally or in person.

A summary of Proposition 123 was provided.

City Manager Elyse Casselberry reported that the grant amount has been adjusted since the drafting of the resolution. The request is for up to \$97,000 and the City will have a 20% match of the total project.

There was extensive discussion regarding the software that could be considered should the City received the funds from DOLA.

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Resolution #2, 2024 (cont.)

Resolution # 2, 2024

SUPPORTING THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE LOCAL
PLANNING CAPACITY GRANT PROGRAM THROUGH THE
COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS

was read by the clerk.

It was moved by Councilmember Boyd and seconded by Councilmember Tedrow to adopt Resolution #2, 2024 with the corrected amount of \$97,000. Roll call vote: Councilmembers Broome, aye; Tedrow, aye; Boyd, aye and Carlson, aye. Motion carried.

Consideration to Approve a Fee Agreement with Camp & Skarka, LLC for Prosecutorial Services in Delta Municipal Court

City Clerk Jolene Nelson stated that this agreement is to move forward with a full-time prosecutor in Delta Municipal Court. The current agreement allows the prosecutor to handle cases that are referred to them on a case-by-case basis. After reviewing the current cases, the prosecutor is currently handling approximately 75% of the criminal cases. That number does not include traffic cases. Staff has been discussing how to address some of the concerns being presented involving various cases and staff believes having a full-time prosecutor will address those concerns. The City is currently paying \$2500 a month for this service and the proposal increases to \$4000 a month. Should Council approve the agreement, staff will work to adjust the court schedule to reflect the change. This is not in the budget and being brought before Council for their approval. A supplemental appropriation may need to be completed at the end of the year.

Chief Luke Fedler stated that he is extremely frustrated with repeat offenders and hopes that this will help deter them.

There was some discussion regarding the various offenses Delta Municipal Court handles .

It was moved by Councilmember Broome and seconded by Councilmember Boyd to approve the fee agreement with Camp & Skarka, LLC for prosecutorial services in Delta Municipal Court. All in favor, motion approved.

Letter of Support for Delta Housing Authority's Proposed Development Using LIHTC Funding

Ute Jantz, Executive Director of the Delta Housing Authority, stated that they are working towards a Phase III of the Residences at Delta. This would be a 50-unit multi-family housing project. She introduced Megan Adams with Regional TWG Development.

Ms. Adams reported that they are requesting a letter of support from the City of Delta to start moving forward with funding for Phase III. She summarized the unit types. They are looking for the letter to support the development using LIHTC Funding.

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Letter of Support for Delta Housing Authority's Proposed Development Using LIHTC Funding (cont.)

There was some discussion regarding housing for Veterans.

City Manager Elyse Casselberry stated that this letter of support does not give a firm number of what the City will be contributing. We will have the incentive committee review the policy and provide a recommendation to the Council for approval of the amount. This is built into the 2024 budget.

It was moved by Councilmember Boyd and seconded by Councilmember Tedrow to approve the letter of support for the Delta Housing Authority's Proposed Development Using LIHTC Funding. All in favor, motion carried.

City Attorney Comments

There were none.

Monthly Managers Report/City Manager Comments

The report was provided to the Council in their packets and staff answered questions from Council.

City Manager Elyse Casselberry invited Council to the formal launch and tool raiser for the coworker and makerspace on February 3, 2024. The Chamber will be kicking off their official presence in the location on their Business After Hours event this week.

Councilmember Comments

Councilmember Broome would like Council to draft a letter in support of abolishing the criminal reform.

City Manager Elyse Casselberry suggested having a work session on the topic. There was consensus to move forward with a work session.

Councilmember Broome continued to suggest that the Chief communicate with other law enforcement agencies and see if they would be interested in joining the discussion.

Manager Casselberry stated that this is a political conversation and would suggest that the Council speak with other elected officials.

Councilmember Broome appreciates all of the officers on the street and the work they do. He will be forming a concerned citizens group after his term is up. He will not be running for a second term. He appreciates all of the city staff. He encouraged everyone to thank a Veteran.

Councilmember Tedrow reported that he will be attending the Club 20 event representing the Western Slope on the Board of Directors. He commented on the upcoming election. He also commented on the Main Street project and encouraged everyone to provide their comments.

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Councilmember Comments (cont.)

Councilmember Boyd thanked the staff, she appreciates everything they do. Without the staff the City wouldn't be able to have functioning city like we have. She would like to have an Armory Tour to see the progress that is happening. She commented on the employee party which offered staff a fun evening. She also commented on the Mayor attending class at Garnet Mesa Elementary. Keep supporting local businesses.

Mayor Carlson reported that he was invited to attend a third-grade class at Garnet Mesa. What a fun experience to get thoughts about local government from a third grader. He provided some information on the Main Street Project. He would like staff to look into the concern about the handicap ramps that was presented this evening. He thanked staff for all they do and thanked everyone that attended this evening.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Jolene E. Nelson, CMC, City Clerk