

CITY OF BRUSH!

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 28, 2017 – REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council of the City of Brush, Colorado met in regular session on August 28, 2017. Mayor Chuck Schonberger called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held at Brush City Hall. The pledge of allegiance was given.

Present on roll call were: Mayor Chuck Schonberger
Councilor Jeanine Anderson
Councilor Rick Bain
Councilor Marlene Baker
Councilor Heath Becker
Councilor Kimberly Dykes
Councilor Vicky Quinlin

Absent

Also present were Administrator Monty Torres, Police Chief Travis Anderson, City Attorney Bo Chapin, Assistant City Administrator Karen Schminke, Community Services Director Lance Schwindt, Marketing Specialist Tyler Purvis and City Clerk Andrea Strand.

MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of August 14, 2017, were approved as submitted.

VISITORS AND DELEGATIONS

Public Input Meeting to Hear Comments Regarding a Quiet Zone at the Hospital Road Crossing

Administrator Torres presented information about the Quiet Zone process and the options that are available. He added that the information provided is from 2009, engineering would need to be updated. Those providing comments were:

Larry Shaver – provided written comment: They need to put a quiet zone there because it is pointless to just have one and not both. I can't make it but there needs to be a quiet zone at Hospital Road by the nursing home because they need their rest and the trains blowing horns there all hours doesn't help them very much.

Ace Ward representative from BM Processors stated that future expansions at their facility employ 61 employees and emergency services needed to be able to respond quickly.

Shelley Griffith, CEO of Eben Ezer 122 Hospital Road. Their goal is to eliminate the train horns for the residents. They are not in favor of the Wayside horn option. The next phase of their expansion involves the entrance off of Hospital Road, so they need to be informed if the process affects that and Eben Ezer would consider purchasing the access area.

Ron Riter, resident of 27049 Co. Rd R – Would not be in favor of closing the crossing due to emergency service response to the area.

Jack Darnell, resident of Fort Morgan and Board member of Eben Ezer. He feels in order for Eben Ezer to remain competitive the horn should be eliminated. He recommended contacting state senators to assist with the long blockage time by trains at the crossing, felt this is a safety issue.

Bill Wilson, resident of 315 Cambridge and the Brush School District Superintendent. He reported the general consensus of the school board was to keep the crossing open for safety reasons and also agreed that political contacts should be made.

Dale Ingmire, resident of Road 26, he also owns a business and rentals in Brush and would be opposed to closing the crossing for safety and fire response time. Also felt that it could impact insurance ratings.

John P – resident of Eben Ezer – was opposed to the crossing being closed because of emergency vehicles. Recommended contacting the railroad and ask if they could do something about the long wait time that the crossings are blocked.

Honey Riter, resident of 27049 Co Rd R, asked if the City could do something about the long periods of time the train blocks the crossing. Recently it was blocked for 5 hours and she was unable to get home after a walk.

Ron Felzine, written comment received, stated to Swing S Railway Ave out around the Interstate Gas facility and extend it west to Cambridge St., then extend Cambridge south to the new S. Railway Ave extension. Build a nice wide crossing to allow for the quiet zone road hump and tell the railroad to never block that crossing with a parked train that sets there all day.

City Attorney Bo Chapin added that the train is under federal jurisdiction and the City cannot issue a citation to them.

The Mayor summarized that the majority present wanted to keep the crossing open but eliminate the horn.

MANAGEMENT

Second and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 860-17, An Ordinance Annexing City Owned Property Known as the Course at Petteys Park to the City of Brush, Colorado

Councilor Anderson offered a motion, second by Councilor Quinlin to adopt on second reading, Ordinance No. 860-17 and order publication by title only. It was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Second and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 861-17 Cargo Container Moratorium an Ordinance Declaring a Moratorium on the Placement and Siting of Cargo Containers Within the City of Brush, and Declaring an Emergency

There was no motion; the Ordinance is not adopted on second reading.

Adopt 2018-2019 Council Priorities

Councilor Anderson offered a motion second by Councilor Dykes to adopt the 2018-2019 Council Priorities. It was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

FINANCE

City Disbursements

Councilor Quinlin moved, second by Councilor Bain to approve City bills from August 14-28, 2017. The roll call vote was unanimous.

General Fund	\$ 47,063.87
Water Fund	\$ 21,927.14
Trash and Garbage Fund	\$ 370.98
Waste Water Fund	\$ 21,310.65
Storm Water Fund	\$ 31,001.54
Golf Course Fund	\$ 11,162.03
Community Enhancement Fund	\$ 27,260.29
Payroll	\$ 88,667.57
Payroll Liability and Cafeteria	<u>\$ 33,860.91</u>
Disbursements Total	\$ 328,341.03

STAFF REPORTS

Finance Director

- Reported that the City received a clean bill of health from the auditor for the 2016 audit.

Police Chief

- Reported 601 calls for service.
- Brush police department is working with the county on a recent vicious dog case that killed numerous animals.
- Encouraged everyone to sign up on the emergency management hyper-reach program.

Community Service Director

- The youth soccer has 150 kids participating.
- Golf champions were recently named. It was a successful golf season.
- Co-ed softball begins this week.

Marketing Specialist

- Reminded everyone of the I-76 Corridor marketing summit in September.

- A traffic study will be conducted on the Agri Park location.
- Held a local contractors meeting that went well. He is now working on a workshop for those wanting to build new homes in Brush.
- Pedal the Plains will be here September 16th, they are looking for those would open their home to a participant. Contact Tyler if interested.

City Clerk

- Highlighted upcoming meetings on the calendar.
- The City of Brush was selected as a finalist with the Weigh and Win Program. Our partners in this project are Eben Ezer and East Morgan County Hospital. Vicky and I assisted with the video.
- Election update – candidates are circulating their petitions. To date those submitting their petitions are:
 - Ward 1: Dana Sherman
 - Ward 2: Dan Scalise and Jeff Osuch
 - Ward 3: Mark Thomas, Glenda McNabb, Regan Buchanan and Jeanine Anderson
 - Mayor: Paul Acosta, Rick Bain and Vicky Quinlin
- Loves is circulating a petition for a new liquor license at their new store.

City Administrator

- Informed Council that that an administration error had occurred with a property owner. The City should have been charging half rate for an unused tap. The property owner will be paying the City at a rate that should have been charged for the last six years, totaling \$1,600 and will keep their water tap.
- CDOT will be conducting a speed study on Hwy 34 in from of the entrance to East Morgan County Hospital before deciding whether to lower the speed limit.
- He is working with the City Attorney to start the process on unsafe buildings and notice to property owners.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Water Advisory Board

Councilor Dykes offered a motion, second by Councilor Bain to appoint Steve Treadway and Dan Scalise to another term on the Water Advisory Board. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Councilor Becker

- Asked about the next step for city recycling. Administrator Torres will have Dale Colerick provide information at the next work session.

Councilor Quinlin

- Asked what the next step for the cargo containers would be. Administrator Torres stated it will be on the work session for the next meeting to discuss.

Councilor Dykes

- Stated that Downtown Duds is no longer in business and donations should not be left there.
- Complains have been received concerning the weeds in alleys and at Central School.

Councilor Anderson

- Will provide a list of concerns from citizens to Administrator Torres.
- She would like to have a vetting process for the hearing officer for liquor licensing authority Steve Jones, when he is appointed. General consensus from the rest of Council was that it was not necessary since he is currently serving at the City's municipal judge. She added that she would recuse herself from the vote.

ADJOURNMENT

The August 28, 2017, meeting adjourned at approximately 7:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/ City Clerk Andrea Strand

/s/ Mayor Chuck Schonberger