Black Hawk’s youngest residents Lila and Larsen Blake, along with their mother Dawn Blake, rang the bell.

1. CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order on Wednesday, March 8, 2017, at 3:00 p.m. by Mayor Spellman.

2. ROLL CALL: Present were: Mayor Spellman, Aldermen Armbright, Bennett, Johnson, Midcap, Moates, and Torres.

Staff present: Acting City Attorney Graham, City Manager Lewis, Police Chief Cole, Police Officer Davis, Communications Officer Gresham, City Clerk/Administrative Services Director Greiner, Finance Director Hillis, Public Works Director Isbester, Senior Civil Engineer Ford, Community Planning and Development Administrator Linker, Executive Administrative Assistant Lang, NV5 Consultant McClelland, Fire Captains Hembroff and Martschinske, Firefighters Ragsdale, Griffin, Karr, and Slagle, and Deputy City Clerk Martin.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Spellman led the meeting in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. AGENDA CHANGES: Deputy City Clerk Martin confirmed there were no agenda changes.

4. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: Acting City Attorney Graham asked Council to declare any Conflicts of Interest on any issue appearing on the agenda this afternoon other than those previous disclosures and conflicts that have already been disclosed and are on file with the City Clerk and Secretary of State. There were no conflicts noted from City Council.

Acting City Attorney Graham asked the audience if there were any objections to any member of Council voting on any issue on the agenda this afternoon. The audience had no objections.
5. INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES: Taylor Davis, Police Officer
Amy Gresham, Communications Officer

Police Chief Cole introduced the new employees. He said both have come from experience: Officer Davis comes from the San Diego Sheriff's Department, and Communications Officer Gresham has worked in this field for the last 18 years.

Hayden Ragsdale, Firefighter

Fire Captain Hembroff introduced new Firefighter Hayden Ragsdale and provided his background; he also has experience having worked for the Vail Fire Department.

All were warmly welcomed.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Deputy City Clerk Martin confirmed that no one had signed up to speak.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 22, 2017

MOTION TO APPROVE
Alderman Armbright MOVED and was SECONDED by Alderman Torres to approve the Minutes as presented.

MOTION PASSED There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. CB4-2017, An Ordinance Approving a Memorandum of Agreement Among the Bureau of Land Management, Royal Gorge Field Office, the Colorado State Historic Preservation Officer, and the City of Black Hawk Regarding the Sale of 6.42 Acres of BLM-Administered Land

Mayor Spellman read the title and opened the public hearing.

Senior Civil Engineer Ford introduced this item. He briefly explained the ongoing negotiations with BLM to purchase this property in Chase Gulch that lies under the Quartz Valley Reservoir, and that due to the historical significance of the land, certain steps are required to be followed to ensure there are no claims to it. He added that this agreement would allow the process to move forward more efficiently, as all parties will now be involved. He said the reports generated will end up at the Library of Congress due to their historical significance.
PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Spellman declared a Public Hearing on CB4, An Ordinance Approving a Memorandum of Agreement Among the Bureau of Land Management, Royal Gorge Field Office, the Colorado State Historic Preservation Officer, and the City of Black Hawk Regarding the Sale of 6.42 Acres of BLM-Administered Land open and invited anyone wanting to address the Board either “for” or “against” the proposed ordinance to come forward.

No one came forward to speak and Mayor Spellman declared the Public Hearing closed.

MOTION TO APPROVE

Alderman Johnson MOVED and was SECONDED by Alderman Armbright to Approve CB4, An Ordinance Approving a Memorandum of Agreement Among the Bureau of Land Management, Royal Gorge Field Office, the Colorado State Historic Preservation Officer, and the City of Black Hawk Regarding the Sale of 6.42 Acres of BLM-Administered Land.

MOTION PASSED

There was no discussion and the motion PASSED unanimously.


Mayor Spellman read the title and opened the public hearing.

Community Planning and Development Administrator Linker and NV5 Consultant McClelland introduced this item. Linker explained that the project had been broken up into two sections: one for the site and one for the historic residence and outbuildings. The details of the application were included in the packet. Linker addressed the three small concrete/stone retaining walls behind and above the house, as they were not included in the application. She said the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) felt that since they could not be seen from the public right-of-way that they would not have an effect on the overall Historic District. Mayor Spellman asked staff to reevaluate those to see if they should be included in this Certificate of Appropriateness. Linker stated that the application has gone before the HPC and has met all review criteria; staff recommends approval and will look again at those three walls.

Alderman Midcap thanked staff for another great report. Mayor Spellman noted that 25 years from now it will be good to see all that Black Hawk was able to accomplish.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Spellman declared a Public Hearing on Resolution 18-2017, A Resolution Approving a Certificate of Appropriateness for the Full
Exterior Rehabilitation and Site Work for the Property Located at 241 DuBois Street open and invited anyone wanting to address the Board either “for” or “against” the proposed ordinance to come forward.

No one came forward to speak and Mayor Spellman declared the Public Hearing closed.

**MOTION TO APPROVE**

Alderman Bennett MOVED and was SECONDED by Alderman Midcap to Approve Resolution 18-2017, A Resolution Approving a Certificate of Appropriateness for the Full Exterior Rehabilitation and Site Work for the Property Located at 241 DuBois Street.

**MOTION PASSED**

There was no discussion and the motion PASSED unanimously.

9. ACTION ITEMS:

**A. Resolution 18-2017, A Resolution Approving a Job Description for a Civil Engineer**

Mayor Spellman read the title.

Public Works Director Isbester introduced this item and said the new position was to cover the aggressive Capital Improvement projects that have been approved.

**MOTION TO APPROVE**

Alderman Armbright MOVED and was SECONDED by Alderman Moates to approve Resolution 18-2017, A Resolution Approving a Job Description for a Civil Engineer.

**MOTION PASSED**

There was no discussion and the motion PASSED unanimously.

10. CITY MANAGER REPORTS:

City Manager Lewis had nothing to report, yet did confirm a luncheon meeting between City Council and the Gilpin County Commissioners for April 5th at 1:00 p.m. Alderman Johnson said he would not be available in April, so Mayor Spellman suggested either Council meeting in May. Lewis will confirm.

11. CITY ATTORNEY: Acting City Attorney Graham had nothing to report.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None
13. ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Spellman declared the Regular Meeting of the City Council closed at 3:17 p.m.

Melissa A. Greiner
City Clerk

David D. Spellman
Mayor