



**City of Black Hawk
City Council**

June 23, 2021

MEETING MINUTES

Don Ireland, a reporter for the Weekly Register Call, rang the bell to open the meeting.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Spellman called the regular meeting of the City Council to order on Wednesday, June 23, 2021, at 3:00 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Present were: Mayor Spellman, Aldermen Armbright, Bennett, Johnson, Midcap, Moates, and Torres.

Staff Present: City Attorney Hoffmann, City Manager Cole, Fire Chief Woolley, Police Chief Moriarty, Commander Cooper, Finance Director Hillis, City Clerk/Administrative Services Director Greiner, Public Works Director Isbester, and Community Planning & Development Director Linker.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Spellman led the meeting in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **AGENDA CHANGES:** City Clerk Greiner confirmed there were no changes to the agenda.
4. **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** City Attorney Hoffmann 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. City Council noted no conflicts.

City Attorney Hoffmann asked the audience if there were any objections to any member of the Council voting on any issue on the agenda this afternoon. There were no objections noted.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** City Clerk Greiner stated that Deb Wray and Tom Feeney had signed up to speak.

Deb Wray, President of the Gilpin Historical Society in Central City, said that even though the museums are in Central City, the historical Stoeble House is in Black Hawk, and she regrets not connecting and working with Black Hawk in the past. She plans to get more involved and will attend a Council Meeting each year to provide a schedule of their events. She invited Council to their 50th anniversary of the museum, which opened on May 7, 1971. She added that the Gilpin County Commissioners just issued them a proclamation for the milestone. She listed off some of 2021 events, such as the Cemetery Crawl, Creepy Crawl, Paranormal Museum tour, and said they plan to get a liquor permit to hold the Beer Tasting and History of Brewing event recently canceled.

Tom Feeney, a resident of Black Hawk, congratulated Council on how fantastic the City looks. He also suggested representation from our Police and Fire Departments in the recent City of Arvada fallen officer's procession. Lastly, he requested the City make it easier for casinos to advertise their special events with banners, to which City Attorney Hoffmann responded that the City made it very easy as the updated Comprehensive Sign Plan Ordinance gave an allowance for Special Event signs, but due to turnover at the casinos, they may not be aware of this allowance. Mayor Spellman added it was updated so that banners would be made and hung according to Black Hawk's standards.

6. APPROVAL OF
MINUTES:

June 9, 2021

**MOTION TO
APPROVE**

Alderman Bennett **MOVED** and was **SECONDED** by Alderman Johnson to approve the Minutes as presented.

MOTION PASSED

There was no discussion, and the motion **PASSED** unanimously.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. CB17, An Ordinance Approving a Grant from the Colorado Division of Criminal Justice, Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program (CESF) in the Amount of \$46,600.00 to Reimburse Overtime Staffing Expenses

Mayor Spellman read the title and opened the public hearing.

Police Chief Moriarty said she recognized early in the year the need for overtime due to shortages in Dispatch, Police Officers, and budget shortfalls. This grant, she said, would be strictly supplemental and only kick in to reimburse anything over what was budgeted.

PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Spellman declared a Public Hearing on CB17, an Ordinance approving a Grant from the Colorado Division of Criminal Justice, Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program (CESF) in the amount of \$46,600.00 to reimburse overtime staffing expenses open and invited anyone wanting to address the Board either “for” or “against” the proposed Ordinance to come forward.

No one else wished to speak, and Mayor Spellman declared the Public Hearing closed.

MOTION TO APPROVE

Alderman Torres **MOVED** and was **SECONDED** by Alderman Armbright to approve CB17, an Ordinance approving a Grant from the Colorado Division of Criminal Justice, Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program (CESF) in the amount of \$46,600.00 to reimburse overtime staffing expenses.

MOTION PASSED

There was no discussion, and the motion **PASSED** unanimously.

8. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Resolution 43-2021, A Resolution Accepting the City of Black Hawk 2020 Audit

Mayor Spellman read the title.

Finance Director Hillis explained the results of the annual audit and asked for Council’s approval.

MOTION TO APPROVE

Alderman Armbright **MOVED** and was **SECONDED** by Alderman Johnson to approve Resolution 43-2021, a Resolution accepting the City of Black Hawk 2020 Audit.

MOTION PASSED

There was no discussion, and the motion **PASSED** unanimously.

B. Resolution 44-2021, A Resolution Approving the Purchase of Certain Property from 101 Horn Inc. and the Kathryn L. Lorenz Revocable Trust in the Total Amount Not to Exceed \$275,000.00

Mayor Spellman read the title.

City Manager Cole explained the terms of the two agreements, allowing the City’s open space/park system to expand to Gregory Hill and Bates Hill. He said the approval is for \$275,00 to cover the closing costs for both.

**MOTION TO
APPROVE**

Alderman Bennett **MOVED** and was **SECONDED** by Alderman Johnson to approve Resolution 44-2021, a Resolution approving the purchase of certain property from 101 Horn Inc. and the Kathryn L. Lorenz Revocable Trust in the total amount not to exceed \$275,000.00.

MOTION PASSED

There was no discussion, and the motion **PASSED** unanimously.

**9. CITY MANAGER
REPORTS:**

City Manager Cole reported that the Administrative Services Executive Administrative Assistant had resigned, and they are now proposing a redesign to the job description to emphasize graphic design and marketing. It will be retitled to Information Specialist with the same salary.

He also reported that the process for applying for a 72-hour permit for recreational vehicles was changed to an online version and said the challenge is that some people may be abusing the system. If it becomes a problem, he will come back to Council for suggestions

10. CITY ATTORNEY:

City Attorney Hoffmann had nothing to report.

**11. EXECUTIVE
SESSION:**

City Attorney Hoffmann recommended items number 1 and 2 for Executive Session. The property acquisition is regarding general open space acquisitions, and the legal advice is regarding potential legislation and public finance issues.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN
INTO EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

Alderman Bennett **MOVED** and was **SECONDED** by Alderman Johnson to adjourn into Executive Session at 3:20 p.m. to consider the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer or sale of real, personal or other property, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(a), and to hold a conference with the City's Attorney to receive legal advice on specific legal questions, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(b).

MOTION PASSED

There was no discussion, and the motion **PASSED** unanimously.

**MOTION TO
ADJOURN**

Alderman Bennett **MOVED** and was **SECONDED** by Alderman Johnson to adjourn the Executive Session at 4:10 p.m.

MOTION PASSED

There was no discussion, and the motion **PASSED** unanimously.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Spellman declared the Regular Meeting of the City Council adjourned at 4:10 p.m.



Melissa A. Greiner, CMC
City Clerk



David D. Spellman
Mayor

