



**City of Black Hawk
City Council**

January 24, 2024

MEETING MINUTES

New firefighter Aaron Smith 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, January 24, 2024 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, Police Chief Moriarty, Fire Chief Woolley, Fire Captain Hembroff, Fire Engineer Hollenbeck, Firefighters Norman, Bowman, Brooks, and Smith, Fire Admin Blondo, Administrative Services Director/City Clerk Greiner, Finance Director Hillis, Public Works Director Isbester, Maintenance Services Manager Jackson, Water Resource Engineer Dallam, Community Planning & Development Director Linker, and Deputy City Clerk Martin.

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

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

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. EMPLOYEE
INTRODUCTION:

Aaron Smith, Senior Firefighter

Fire Chief Woolley introduced the newest firefighter to the department. He said they were very fortunate to have him; he comes as a lieutenant from the Timberline Fire Protection District with a wealth of experience and knowledge. Council warmly welcomed him.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Deputy City Clerk Martin confirmed no one had signed up to speak at the time of the agenda item. Lindsey Valdez of the Clear Creek Economic Development Corporation, located in Idaho Springs, asked to speak after the public comment section passed. She wished to personally invite Council to a Rural Resilience Mixer event on February 8th and 9th and to make Council aware of the programming and Region 3 small business loans and economic development available. She noted that County Manager Ray Rears sat on the board and went through the event's agenda items.

7. APPROVAL OF
MINUTES:

January 10, 2024

**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. CB3, An Ordinance Approving a Memorandum of Understanding with the Colorado State Forest Service and the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, for Collaboration and Coordination in Wildfire Risk Mitigation and Forest Health Projects within the Clear Creek Watershed

Mayor Spellman read the title and opened the public hearing.

Water Resource Engineer Dallam introduced this item. He added that Fire Chief Woolley offered to assist the organization in the event of an emergency.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Spellman declared a Public Hearing on CB3, an Ordinance approving a Memorandum of Understanding with the Colorado State Forest Service and the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, for collaboration and coordination in Wildfire Risk Mitigation and Forest Health Projects within the Clear Creek Watershed open and

invited anyone wanting to address the Board either “for” or “against” the Ordinance to come forward.

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

**MOTION TO
APPROVE**

Alderman Bennett **MOVED** and was **SECONDED** by Alderman Johnson to approve CB3, an Ordinance approving a Memorandum of Understanding with the Colorado State Forest Service and the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, for collaboration and coordination in Wildfire Risk Mitigation and Forest Health Projects within the Clear Creek Watershed.

MOTION PASSED

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

9. ACTION ITEMS:

B. Resolution 6-2024, A Resolution Approving the Purchase of Two Bobcat Toolcat Machines with Implements in the Amount of \$180,255.74

Mayor Spellman read the title.

Maintenance Services Manager Jackson asked for approval to replace two Toolcats budgeted for.

**MOTION TO
APPROVE**

Alderman Bennett **MOVED** and was **SECONDED** by Alderman Moates to approve Resolution 6-2024, a Resolution approving the purchase of two Bobcat Toolcat machines with implements in the amount of \$180,255.74.

MOTION PASSED

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

10. CITY MANAGER
REPORT:

City Manager Cole had nothing to report.

11. CITY ATTORNEY
REPORT:

City Attorney Hoffmann had nothing to report.

12. EXECUTIVE
SESSION:

City Attorney Hoffmann recommended items number 2 and 5 only for Executive Session and the specific legal issues related to potential

legislation, legal advice regarding the public hearing process, and specific legal issues regarding City-owned property.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN
INTO EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

Alderman Bennett **MOVED** and was **SECONDED** by Alderman Johnson to adjourn into Executive Session at 3:10 p.m. 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), and to hold a conference with the City's Attorney to determine positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, develop a strategy for negotiations, and/or instruct negotiators, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(e).

MOTION PASSED

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

**MOTION TO
ADJOURN**

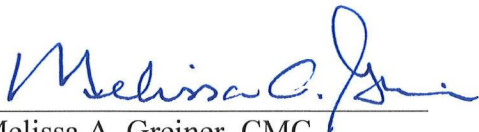
Alderman Bennett **MOVED** and was **SECONDED** by Alderman Johnson to adjourn the Executive Session at 4:10 p.m.

MOTION PASSED

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

13. 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

