



City of Woodland Park

February 6, 2025 at 6:30 PM

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Case called the regularly scheduled Council Meeting to order. The following Councilmembers were in attendance: Mayor Case, Mayor Pro-tem Nakai, Councilmember Baldwin, Councilmember Geer, Councilmember Harvey, Councilmember Jones and Councilmember Smith.

The following Staff Members were in attendance: City Manager Vassalotti, Deputy City Manager/City Clerk Leclercq, Utilities Director Wiley, Planning Director Schminke, Operations and Technology Manager Felts, Communications Manager Higginbotham and Deputy City Clerk Sauer.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. CEREMONIES, PRESENTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

- A. Appointments to the ~~Downtown Development Authority~~ (postponed) and the Keep Woodland Park Beautiful Committee. (A)
(Presenter Deputy City Manager/City Clerk Leclercq)

Deputy City Manager/City Clerk Leclercq shared with Council that the applicant that has applied for the DDA appointment was unavailable to attend the Council Meeting. Council decided to wait until the next Council Meeting when he could attend to consider his application.

Leclercq reviewed with the Council the two applicants that had applied to the Keep Woodland Park Beautiful Committee. Leclercq shared that the applicants were Sheilah Jimenez and Terry Vaughn and that both applicants were in the audience this evening and available for questions. Council invited the two applicants to the podium for questions. Following the interviews by Council the following motion was made.

Motion: to appoint Sheilah Jimenez and Terry Vaughn to the Keep Woodland Park Beautiful Committee. Geer/Nakai. Motion carried 7-0.

Following the appointment of Jimenez and Vaughn, Leclercq administered the Oath of Office to both applicants.

- B. Presentation by the Newmont CC&V Gold Mine on 2024 on updates regarding upcoming events and 2024 Community Investment Impacts to include information on the Legacy Fund.
(Presenter External Relations Coordinator Shelby Mullin)

Shelby Mullin, External Relations Coordinator for the Newmont CC&V Gold Mine shared an update regarding upcoming events and 2024 Community Investment Impacts including the Legacy fund.

4. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

None.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A.** Approval of the January 16, 2025, City Council Meeting Minutes. (A)
(Presenter Deputy City Manager/City Clerk Leclercq)

The City Council reviewed both items on the Consent Agenda to include the approval of the January 16, 2025, City Council Meeting Minutes and the approval of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Boiler replacement contract between the City of Woodland Park and Shier Heating and Air Refrigeration in the amount of \$114,930. After Council's review the following motion was made.

Motion: to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Geer/Nakai. Motion carried 7-0.

- B.** Approval of Wastewater Treatment Plant Boiler replacement contract between the City of Woodland Park and Shier Heating and Air Refrigeration in the amount of \$114,930.(A)
(Presenter Utilities Director Wiley)

6. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA (1)

Ben Eppley shared via zoom some issues he was experiencing at the intersection of Kelly's Road and Spruce Ridge Lane. City Manager Vassalotti shared that he would be looking into this concern.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(Public Comment may be heard)

- A.** Woodland Park School District IGA discussion. (A)

This item was requested to be placed on the agenda as a result of the School District not providing adequate financials as requested and agreed to in the most recent IGA between the City of Woodland Park and the Woodland Park School District.

Prior to this discussion Mayor Case shared that Council would not be taking Public Comment this evening on this topic.

Mayor Case shared with the Council that she spoke with School Board President Mick Bates and he stated that the School District would be curing the information that was submitted to the City so that it was correct.

Council asked City Manager Vassalotti to share what he presents as financials for the City. Vassalotti shared what his financial reports look like and that he had also shared these examples with CFO Bay as well.

Councilmember Smith shared that he feels the reports submitted by the School District felt like an insult and that Council's request is being ignored. Smith shared that he is not very happy with what was submitted, especially being that they were shown the correct way to do it. Smith shared that this is not the way you treat the Community.

Councilmember Geer held up the financial reports that the City releases each month which is about 30 pages compared to the one page the report the School District provided and shared that this report submitted was a poor attempt on the School District's part. Geer shared that they need the detailed information and that they should have it by now.

Councilmember Harvey thanked Merit Academy's CFO, LeAnna Tally, for submitting their financials but shared that it should be rolled into the School District's financials. Harvey shared that the Community wants accountability and that there is something wrong with this. It needs to be fixed and cured. If it can't be cured that it is time to end the School Tax.

Councilmember Geer shared how much clearer can the City Council make this? That they cannot even get basic information out of the School District. Geer shared that the citizens that voted no on 2A expected that the District would perform and they have not done so. Geer shared that he is done playing with the School District and would like to see an ordinance to repeal the school tax on the next agenda.

Councilmember Baldwin shared that the Public should watch the September 5, 2024 Council Meeting, where the four Councilmembers that voted to bring the tax to the people were made out to be the bad guys. Baldwin shared that the sentiment at that time was "Give us a chance." Baldwin thanked LeAnna Tally for the report she shared with the Council on behalf of the Merit Academy.

Mayor Pro-tem Nakai shared that she to is disappointed with the report received by the School District and does not want to have this conversation each month.

Councilmember Jones shared that we have a contract with the School District that we have to abide by, but at the same time Council should direct the City staff to prepare an ordinance to repeal the tax, if a genuine effort is not made on the School District's part.

Councilmember Harvey shared that the Council should end the tax and go back to the citizens to get a more defined sales tax with a more robust IGA and have a 3rd party administrator administer the tax. Harvey shared that she had a few suggestions.

1. ask the District to cure the IGA and in the meantime
2. direct the Staff to prepare an Ordinance to end the tax
3. hold a Special Election to restart the whole program

Following continued discussion Council gave consensus to the Staff to prepare an Ordinance for the March 6, 2024, Council Meeting to repeal the tax and at the same time have the Attorneys Office prepare a certified letter to be sent to the School District for breach of the IGA.

8. ORDINANCES ON INITIAL POSTING

(Public comment may be heard)

- A.** Approval of Ordinance No. 1491, Series 2025 on initial posting, an Ordinance to Vacate the Lot Line and Abutting Public Utility Easements Common to Lots 17 and 18 of Block 2, Sunnywood Manor Filing No. 5, and set the Public Hearing for February 20, 2025. (QJ) (Presenter Planning Director, Karen Schminke, AICP)

Planning Director Schminke introduced Ordinance No. 1491, Series 2025 on initial posting.

Motion: to approve Ordinance No. 1491, Series 2025 on initial posting, an Ordinance to Vacate the Lot Line and Abutting Public Utility Easements Common to Lots 17 and 18 of Block 2, Sunnywood Manor Filing No. 5, and set the Public Hearing for February 20, 2025. Nakai/Geer. Motion carried 7-0.

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

(Public comment may be heard)

- A.** Approval of Ordinance No. 1488, Series 2025, an Ordinance Authorizing the City of Woodland Park to Grant an Access Easement across a Portion of its Tract of Land Described in a Deed Recorded under Reception No. 652993 in the Records of the Teller County Clerk and Recorder to Charles Taylor, Jr., and Laurie Taylor, 1050 Locklin Way, Woodland Park, Teller County, Colorado (QJ) (Presenter Planning Director Karen Schminke, AICP)

Planning Director shared information on Ordinance No. 1488, Series 2025. There being no Council discussion, Mayor Case opened up the Public Comment portion of the Public Hearing. There being no Public Comment, Mayor Case closed the Public Hearing and the following motion was made.

Motion: to approve Ordinance No. 1488, Series 2025 an Ordinance Authorizing the City of Woodland Park to Grant an Access Easement across a Portion of its Tract of Land Described in a Deed Recorded under Reception No. 652993 in the Records of the Teller County Clerk and Recorder to Charles Taylor, Jr. and Laurie Taylor, 1050 Locklin Way, Woodland Park, Teller County. Geer/Baldwin. Motion carried 7-0.

- B.** Approval of a new Hotel and Restaurant Liquor license for 8465, Inc. dba Joanie's Café and Bakery located at 110 East Midland Avenue, Woodland Park, Colorado. (QJ) (Presenter Deputy City Manager/City Clerk Leclercq)

Deputy City Manager/City Clerk Leclercq shared the following information regarding a new Hotel and Restaurant Liquor license for Joanie's Café and Bakery.

8465 Inc. dba Joanie's Cafe and Bakery located at 110 East Midland Avenue, Woodland Park, CO has submitted an application for a new Hotel and Restaurant Liquor License. Leclercq shared that the owner is John Hugh and he was in the audience to answer any questions Council may have. Leclercq continued to report that the Corporation has a current sales tax license and FEIN number. A petition of needs and desires for this property was successfully circulated and turned in. The location is eligible to be licensed and that there is a lease signed and documented expiring June 30, 2034. Leclercq also shared that the application was submitted on January 7, 2025 to the Clerk's Office and the property and public notice were posted on January 27, 2025. The character of the applicant is not an issue for this hearing and that all applicable fees have been paid. Following the Public Hearing Leclercq was recommending that this license be approved.

Mayor Case called John Hugh to the podium and he shared his plans for Joanie's Cafe. Mayor Case opened the Public Comment portion of the Public Hearing and there was no Public Comment. Mayor Case closed the Public Hearing and the following motion was made.

Motion: to approve a new Hotel and Restaurant and Liquor License for 8465, Inc. dba

Joanie's Cafe and Bakery located at 110 East Midland Avenue, Woodland Park, Colorado. Geer/Harvey. Motion carried 7-0.

- C.** Approval of a new Beer & Wine Liquor License for Sushi Thai Woodland Park located at 108 East Midland Avenue, Woodland Park, CO 80863.(QJ)
(Presenter Deputy City Manager/City Clerk Leclercq)

Deputy City Manager/City Clerk Leclercq reviewed a new Beer and Wine Liquor License for Sushi Thai located at 108 East Midland Avenue. Leclercq shared the following information. Sushi Thai Woodland Park located at 108 East Midland Avenue, Woodland Park, CO was applying for a new Beer & Wine Liquor License. Leclercq shared that the applicant is Pimara Wipanngern and that she is in the audience this evening to answer any questions Council may have. Leclercq shared that the Corporation has a current sales tax license and FEIN number. A petition of needs and desires was circulated successfully by the applicant and that the applicant has acquired a lease expiring November 30, 2034. The application was submitted to the Clerk's office on December 19, 2024 and the property and Public Notice were posted on January 27, 2025. The character of the applicant is not an issue and all applicable fees have been paid. Following the Public Hearing Leclercq is recommending approval of this application.

Mayor Case called Pim to the podium and she shared her ideas for her restaurant with the Council. Mayor Case opened the Public Comment portion of the Public Hearing and there being no Public Comment the Mayor closed the hearing and the following motion was made.

Motion: to approve a new Beer & Wine Liquor License for Sushi Thai Woodland Park located at 108 East Midland Avenue, Woodland Park, CO. Smith/Jones. Motion carried 7-0.

10. NEW BUSINESS

(Public comment may be heard)

11. REPORTS

(Public comment not necessary)

A. Mayor's Report

Mayor Case shared the upcoming events for the next two weeks and also information regarding PPACG.

B. Council Reports

Mayor Pro-tem Nakai shared an update of the UAC.

Councilmember Baldwin shared an update of the Legislative Committee and CML.

Councilmember Geer shared an update of Parks and Recreation.

Councilmember Harvey shared a Military Liaison update.

Councilmember Smith shared an update of Flag Football.

C. City Attorney's Report

City Attorney Stewart shared an update of the Natural Medicine Ordinance status. Council gave Stewart the consensus to use the map for guidelines that she was given by Planning.

D. City Manager's Report

City Manager Vassalotti shared that Walmart would be starting renovations on their building. Vassalotti also shared an update of the DDA regarding micro-grants.

Deputy City Manager/City Clerk Leclercq shared that there are currently subcommittee openings for PPACG advertised on the City's Website for anyone interested.

Chief Deisler shared information on new life vacs the Police have purchased.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further City business Mayor case adjourned the City Council Meeting at 8:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted:



Suzanne Leclercq MMC, City Clerk

APPROVED THIS 20th DAY OF February, 2025



Kellie Case, Mayor