

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
 Minutes of the Silverton City Council Workshop
 Held Thursday, October 4, 2007

The Council of the City of Silverton met for a workshop in Council Chambers at 6860 Plainfield Road at 7:00 pm on Thursday, October 4, 2007. Mayor Smith called the meeting to order.

OPENING REMARKS:

Mr. Sylvester led in prayer and Mayor Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

ALSO PRESENT:

John Smith	Mayor	Present	Mark Wendling	City Manager
Joyce Glover	Council	Absent	Meredith George	Clerk of Council
Shirley Hackett	Council	Absent		
Mike Morthorst	Council	Present		
Mark Quarry	Council	Present		
Frank Sylvester	Council	Present		
Idella Thompson	Council	Present		

Mayor Smith noted that Mrs. Glover was ill and would not be present at the meeting. Mrs. Thompson motioned to excuse Mrs. Glover and was seconded by Mr. Quarry. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Smith also noted that Mrs. Hackett called and would be a few minutes late due to traffic.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Smith informed everyone there would be a ribbon cutting ceremony on Saturday, October 6, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. at the Scratching Post. All are invited to attend.

Mayor Smith reminded everyone of the upcoming Pumpkin Festival which will be held on Saturday, October 20, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Train Station Park.

Mrs. Hackett arrived at the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

CITY MANAGER'S WORKSHOP DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Zoning Code Text Amendment – Temporary Storage Units
 Mr. Wendling informed Council that the Planning Commission has written some changes to the zoning code to address temporary storage units. The changes have been given to Council for their review. The ordinance adopting the changes will appear on the next agenda. Mr. Wendling asked Council to address any questions to him before the next meeting.
2. Municipal Code Text Amendment

- Mr. Wendling informed Council he and Mr. Pacheco have been drafting new updated rules and regulations for usage of city park facilities, with special emphasis on animals in city parks. The proposal was presented to Council for their review. Mr. Wendling received some feedback from Chief Daudistel and will look over his recommendations. The changes will be incorporated into the document and forwarded to Council for their review.
3. Silverton School Public Meetings – October 11 and October 13 - **CANCELLED**
Mr. Wendling reported the school meetings have been cancelled. The meetings will hopefully be rescheduled for mid-November. The City will use the Community Safe call-out feature to inform all the residents that the meetings are cancelled. Additionally, the City will post the cancellation on the website, on the doors and signs and will send out a press release.
 4. Code Enforcement Officer
Mr. Wendling reported that Ron Smith, our new code enforcement officer, started with the City last week and brings a wealth of experience to Silverton. Mr. Smith has jumped right into the job and is working on several problem properties already. Mr. Smith will also serve as the City liaison for NIC and McKenna. Mr. Smith's hours are Monday – Wednesday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 5. Census Challenge – Filed
Mr. Wendling reported the Census Challenge has been filed with the Census Bureau. Mr. Wendling expects the challenge will be upheld, confirming that Silverton's population has remained stable.
 6. Political Signs
Mr. Wendling reminded Council that no signs are permitted in the public right of way. Mr. Wendling has informed Mr. Lehmkuhl and Mr. Smith to take any and all signs down if they are in the public right of way.
 7. Gateway Signs
Mr. Wendling reported he received a proposal from Owens Signs for the gateway signage, but he would like to talk to Mr. Mroz to see if he can re-work the design. The signs will ultimately be placed at all the City gateways, which will be about twenty signs.
 8. Budget
Mr. Wendling reported he and Mr. Peterson have been working on the 2008 operating budget and they are close to having it completed. Mr. Wendling would like to schedule a budget meeting for November. The meeting will be on Thursday, November 1, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.
 9. CM Contract Expiration
Mr. Wendling reported his contract expires on October 31, 2007. Mr. Wendling has some proposed changes that he will forward to Council for consideration.
 10. Any Additional Items
Mrs. Hackett noted she liked where the pig was moved to at the Train Station.

Mr. Morthorst stated he would like to see trees planted in the Train Station Park in the gap near Highland Avenue.

Mr. Sylvester reported trees on Plainfield and on Woodford that have limbs on the wires, which are potential hazards.

Mrs. Thompson commented on the poor appearance of the Aamco lot at the corner of Montgomery and Stewart. Mr. Wendling reported that is one of the properties Mr. Smith is working on.

Mr. Quarry reported a loose board on the playground equipment near the Sycamore Township entrance to the park.

Mr. Quarry reported bushes on the corner of Ohio and S. Broadlawn that are creating a line of sight hazard.

Mr. Quarry reported the RR crossing at Section looks bad. Mr. Morthorst agreed, but added that he feels the RR crossing at Highland looks even worse. Mr. Wendling stated he will look into what can be done and will ask Mr. Emerick take a look at them also.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. Hackett made a motion for adjournment, which was seconded by Mr. Quarry. All voted aye. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

John A. Smith
Mayor

Mark T. Wendling
City Manager

Meredith L. George
Clerk of Council