TO: Citizens Budget Advisory Committee Members
FROM: Denise Hish, Administrative Assistant
DATE: August 26, 2013
SUBJECT: Minutes of August 21, 2013 meeting


Staff: Mike Bestor, Jeff Hansen, Denise Hish

Council: Saoirse Charis-Graves

Guest: Pamela Gould (running for Council Ward 3)

I. MINUTES APPROVAL

With a motion by Dick Sugg and a second by Bethany Thomas, the July 17, 2013 minutes were unanimously approved.

II. SALES TAX – JUNE (collected in July)

Sales tax collections were up $48,711 (4.1%) and Use tax collections were up $132,128 (53.5%) for the month. In the area of audit revenue, $58,724 was collected in July and total audit revenue collected thus far in 2013 is $676,692. In general, the tax revenue picture remains positive.

Projections for next year will be approximately 2.5% over what we projected this year. Coors Tek bought 2 buildings to expand operations so that helped with the use tax increase. Close to a settlement with one business and prevailed in court on another, but they have taken the appeal to Supreme Court.

Eric asked if Golden has a plan to tax marijuana facilities. Jeff explained that Council will be deciding to extend the moratorium on marijuana to 2014 so it is not an issue at this time. We have 1 facility that was grandfathered in and that is subject to our 3% sales tax.
IIII. **DISCUSSION OF 2014 BUDGET PROCESS, GOALS, POLICIES, ISSUES**

Departments are finalizing their projections and budgets for 2014 and will look at any adjustments that may need to be done. In September, Jeff will be updating any revenue projections that need to be done and then hope that Council will adopt the 2014 Budget in November. Peter asked if there is money in the budget to fill the problem holes up on 5th and 6th. Jeff stated that repaving should be finalized this year, but he will double-check with Dan and update. Bob Nettleship asked if we are still on track to finish the trail on Hwy 93; Mike answered that there is designing work being done right now and it is still a go, but it turned out to be much more difficult than originally thought. Jim asked about the status of funds for 6 & 19 interchange improvements and Mike discussed the different funding sources, including a $20M RAMP grant, CSM promised a $1M contribution and the approximately $4M City funds. Mike pointed out that this budget shows how we will get this project done over the next few years. Jefferson County does support the project, but cannot support it financially, so they will not be contributing.

IV. **CIP DISCUSSION**

- This is draft report only and Council will see this at their September 12 Study Session.
- Ed voiced his opinion that the City should not be spending $3M on Solar PV when we have too many infrastructure issues that should be taken care of first. Jeff stated that this is not a financial decision; it is a sustainable and community decision to realize renewable energy. It is a sound financial decision, but it will take approximately 20 years for payback to achieve Council goals.
- Land sale proceeds 2014 - $1.5M – that is the excess land by the shops that we want to sale.
- Karen asked about the band shell project from years ago – it used to be listed but is no longer on the CIP and possibly has been rolled into the Clear Creek Master Plan? Mike added that we do have $1M in 2020/21/22 for Clear Creek Corridor Master Plan.
- John asked about the funds for Guanella – Jeff said it was discussed by Council some time ago. When they dug the reservoir there was a gravel operation. That operation is now finished and moved out and the City, by contract, has to now re-vegetate that area. Mike explained that we are working with a contractor to reclaim the property.
- Mike also discussed the Clear Creek corridor and explained what projects will be done, including hardening the area behind the library and a few new ingress/egress along the trail and also the area behind City Hall parking lot.
- Ed asked what is next on complete streets in 2014. Mike explained that the main project that is being considered is Heritage Road. That whole corridor should be re-done and we have asked Xcel to give us a price on undergrounding. Jim added that in
his opinion, this it’s important to know that Heritage Road carries a lot of traffic off I-70 and off 6th, but we really need to support this project in the CIP and support updating this project and Karen agreed and stated it will also tie into the Pedestrian bridge and also safer walkways for children and the community.

- Water Fund program expenditures – water meter expenditures were pushed out; Why? Jeff stated that we have been doing a pilot project that is automated and would provide updates. Unfortunately, we are having problems with the vendor. The radio read has been hit by lightening several times and are having issues with getting it fixed or getting parts. We are pushing it back to take another look at this program and decide if we want to proceed.

- Discussion about the new 8th street project and its impacts on that area.

- Norman D Park improvements – Budget is $195,000 – There is additional open space money that we will be transferring, along with the sale of the lot that the City owns. Council will discuss this Thursday night and hopefully approve this budget. Improvements are all new playground equipment; pictures and diagrams of improvements are in Council packet this week.

V. VOTING MEMBERS – AS OF AUGUST, 2013

- Jim Dale
- Louanne Dale
- Marv DeSelm
- Ed Dorsey
- Jean Garrabrant
- Ken Kranz
- Peter Luptovic
- Jan Martynuska
- Marv Morgan
- Bob Nelson
- Bob Nettleship
- Karen Oxman
- Eric Scarbro
- John Spice
- Dick Sugg
- Bethany Thomas
- Leonard Todd
- Lynda Wentworth
VI. **OTHER DISCUSSIONS / CITY UPDATES**

- Len pointed out that Council tabled the measure to increase the PAYT for more input from the community; they were also concerned that it would be retroactive to June. Jeff stated that in the September Informer there is an article and there will be public comment.
- Dick asked about the potential McKinstry contract for solar panels. Jeff said this is for 9 City locations, shops, Splash, Golf Course Maintenance, Parking garage downtown, 2 restrooms at golf course. Council discussed this at their Study Session and they will be considering it at their meeting this Thursday. $3.1M dollar project for all of it and have been looking at financing and looking at internal borrowing to save interest money.
- Update on Solar garden – Asking the County to lease us some land they own that is South of the Rooney Road area.
- Ed shared that there will be two DDA outreach meetings September 17 at Table Mountain Inn and October 1 at the Golden Hotel.
- Ed shared that September 19 is the Candidate Forum in City Council Chambers – no contestant races at this point (still have 5 days) but will still have a forum and it will be televised.
- Bob Nettleship shared that Leadership Golden has had 35 applications – spent many hours to reduce to 25 but will start with a full slate of 25 new people – looking forward to making some changes/improvements and maybe some new initiatives. Thank you for making recommendations and nominating folks for the program this year.
- Karen – DDA – she is in the process of passing out a letter instructing people how to access the website and how to proceed. She feels they have a good team managing this project.
- Mike added that they are going to continue the Park Ranger program year-round, putting them on bikes and having them monitor other parks as well. Friday, September 27 – Golden HS homecoming game at the Mines stadium and at the end will have the postponed Firework display around 9:30.
- Adjourned at 8:45.

Next CBAC Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 18, 2013 at 7:30 a.m. Meet at the City Council Chambers.