Wednesday, May 18, 2011

In attendance:
Jim Dale, Marv DeSelm, Ed Dorsey, Jean Garrabrant, Ken Kranz, Jan Martynuska, Marv Morgan, Bethany Thomas, Lynda Wentworth

Staff:
Jeff Hansen, Denise Hish, Rod Tarullo, Theresa Worsham

Guests:
Louann Dale

I. MINUTES APPROVAL

With a motion by Jean Garrabrant and a second by Beth Thomas, the April 20, 2011 minutes were unanimously approved.

II. SALES TAX - MARCH (collected in April)

Sales tax collections were up $2,948 (.03%) for the month. Use tax collections were up $60,043 (27.2%) for March. In the area of audit revenue, $14,555 was collected in April. Including building use tax audits, the total audit revenue collected for 2011 is $367,975.

So far, numbers look good compared to 2010. The sales tax collections show a slow, steady improvement and indicate that consumer confidence continues to improve. Use tax is off to a very strong start for the year.

III. CIP AND OPERATING BUDGET DISCUSSION

• Auditors, Clifton Gunderson will come to Council with their audit report, June 9.
• Final draft of the CAFR should be ready in a few weeks; goal will be to have final by 6/1.

Discussion:
Lynda asked why the Expenditures - debt service on page 2 for 2010 was so large? Jeff replied that this was the refunded SUT bonds – the old ones were paid off and the new issue are now being paid. Jim asked why the spike in 2013 and Jeff answered that we anticipate selling the rest of the land up by the new city shops. Ed asked if the city still planned on making improvements to the Public Works building and Mike answered yes, it is out for bid now. More discussion next month.

IV. SUSTAINABILITY DISCUSSION – Theresa Worsham

About 60 people took advantage of the Alpine Waste MRF tours last month. Will probably be holding additional tours at the Waste Management MRF in the fall, which will also be open to the public. Theresa then gave a slide show presentation of the Sustainability Initiative. She also shared what the Community Sustainability Advisory Board (CSAB) has accomplished and currently being done since they were formed in 2008.

The 7 strategic areas are:
• Green Building Goals
• Economic Health
• Education and Communication
• Energy Efficiency & Renewables
• Solid Waste Diversion
• Alternative Transportation
• Water Conservation

Pride Days collected 50 tons of trash this year. Some asked why the hazardous waste coupons were not
offered this year and Theresa promised to have an answer but thought it was because of cost.

**PAYT Results were shared:**
- Increased recycling rate from 26% to 35%
- More than half of participants use a 32 or 64 gallon cart
- Over 1/3 of households save up to 75% of previous bills

V. WEBSITE AND COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE – Karlyn Tilley

Working on new City website – Local company, O2 Group, is working on the site map and trying to figure out how people will best use the site and are hoping to make it a site that people will use with ease. She also shared a hard copy of what the home page will look like with 3 areas (Live/Work/Play). We also hope to have a lot more videos of special events and things to make people want to check out Golden. Hoping to go live with the new website by end of summer.

In the interviewing phase of hiring a website designer who will work with all City departments in keeping the website current.

VI. GURA AND BIKE RACE UPDATES – Mark Heller

**Bike Race**
Mark passed around color copies of the educational brochures and sponsorship packets that were being given out for the upcoming bike race. He also shared what the Golden logo for the merchandising will look like. Presently there are about 400 volunteers and they have been working on committees the last several months. Mark stated that there is about 600 bike staff that will be present in 3 different groups (Pre-race / Race day / Cleanup) that will be in the City. This race will bring anywhere from 5,000 to 50,000 spectators to Golden. There will be ancillary events Friday/Saturday but the main event that the most spectators will be present will be from 8am to 2pm on Sunday. The Golden route was shared and there will be 3 loops through downtown. The event will begin at 10:30 am and be over in 75 minutes.

Mark will be welcoming a new baby to his family in July so he introduced Julie Brooks who will be taking over all of the bike race functions/details for him.

**GURA**
Looking at doing a Feasibility Study for redeveloping the W. Colfax corridor, from Denver West to Morrison Road (will NOT include the mobile home park). The public input on this will be very important.

GEM theatre on hold; this is the weekend theatre project at the Mountaineering Center. The new AV equipment was approved ($30,000) and installed in hopes of picking this up again this fall.

VII. VOTING MEMBERS – AS OF MAY, 2011

- Matt Burde
- Jim Dale
- Marv DeSelm
- Ed Dorsey
- Jean Garrabrant
- Ken Kranz
- Jan Martynuska
- Kathleen Moncrieff
- Marv Morgan
- Bob Nelson
- Eric Scarbro
- John Spice
- Dick Sugg
- Bethany Thomas
VIII. OTHER DISCUSSIONS

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned 8:40am.