

CORTEZ CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR WORKSHOP
TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2020, 6:00 p.m.
Virtual Contact Through Zoom

1. The workshop was called to order at 6:00 p.m., by virtual contact through ZOOM. Attendance at the workshop included Mayor Mike Lavey, Mayor Pro-tem Rachel Medina, Sue Betts, Amy Huckins, Orly Lucero, David Rainey, and Arlina Yazzie. Staff members present were Director of Public Works Phil Johnson, IT Support Technician Bill Kuhn, Airport Manager Russ Machen, Patrol Lieutenant Andy Brock, City Manager John Dougherty, City Clerk Linda Smith, and City Attorney Mike Green. There were five people signed up as participants.

2. Raquel Moss, Executive Director of the Cortez Chamber of Commerce, gave an update on the happenings within the Chamber. She stated that the Tri-Chambers of Montezuma County (Dolores, Mancos, Cortez) have joined together to help the businesses in Montezuma County stay connected during the COVID-19 situation. She spoke about the survey that was distributed to businesses asking for information on what is happening during the pandemic. She reviewed the branding promotion that has recently been created called 'Love Local Montezuma' and noted that the program is being funded through Region 9. She asked that Council consider funding the Chamber with some of the relief aid that will be distributed through the CARES Act and spoke how business memberships is what funds the Chamber of Commerce in Cortez. She spoke about several programs that the Chamber sponsors including Bizbeat on the Street, which is a weekly ZOOM interview on business stories. Ms. Moss stated that she and her Board of Directors are available should Council need anything and she will try to present quarterly on the happenings of the Chamber.

3. City Manager Dougherty spoke about the CARES Act and noted that the City will be receiving approximately \$735,000 from the aid funding. He stated that the City has spent \$35,000 on COVID-19 related items and discussion needs to be held on how to proceed with distributing the remaining amount. He stated that the money needs to be used locally with COVID-19 related items. He noted that Dolores, Mancos and the County each have money they will distributed as decided by their boards from the CARES Act funding. Discussion was held on keeping the data so the money can be proven on how it was distributed. He spoke about the Opt-in letter which was added to the Council agenda for approval and noted that an Intergovernmental Agreement regarding the disbursement of the funding will be added to the next Council agenda for Council's review. In answer to a question from Councilmember Lucero, City Manager Dougherty noted the original amount that was given to the City/Town/County was 2.25 million and that the funding was portioned out by population of each City/Town/County.

4. Discussion was held on the formation of an Airport Consultant Advisory Committee. City Manager Dougherty stated that due to Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations a committee is required to review and recommend an engineering consultant to complete a Master Plan for the Airport which the FAA would adopt as a planning document. He stated that Airport Manager Machen would be an advisor (offer support/guidance) to the committee and he asked if any Councilmembers would like to serve on the committee. Airport Manager Machen spoke about the duties that the consultant would comply with to complete the Master Plan and stated

that the committee that would chose the consultant would meet approximately two to three times to review/interview the various consultant proposals and make a recommendation for final approval with City Council and the FAA. After further discussion on various ways the committee could be formed, Councilmembers Rainey and Huckins stated they would serve on the committee with City Manager Dougherty. It was noted that the responsibilities of the committee would end after the consultant is decided.

5. Discussion was held on the cancellation of the 4th of July Fireworks this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, expense, and the drought. City Manager Dougherty noted that many municipalities in the area are not having fireworks this year and stated that staff recommends that the fireworks be canceled. Council agreed with the decision and it was suggested that advertising be done so the public would know not to congregate at the park.

6. City Attorney Green reviewed the Quasi-Judicial hearing process noting City ordinances and resolutions that are in place on how Council would proceed. He noted that Council will need to make their decision in Quasi-Judicial hearings based on the facts that are heard during the hearing and Council will be limited to what they can consider and who can speak. He asked that Council not speak to anyone about the topics that will be coming before them (Land Use, marijuana, and liquor issues) prior to the meetings. He spoke about State Statutes that also are part of the hearing process and noted that public comment is part of the process as well. City Attorney Green stated that if Council has questions to please give him a call.

7. General Council Discussion included concern for how City board members and City Council can conduct themselves through social media and what rules of conduct are being used by the City for board members. City Attorney Green commented there is a fine line between personal and professional time and everyone should be cautious on requiring restrictions. In answer to a question from Mayor Pro-tem Medina, Director of Public Works Johnson stated that it is hoped an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) will be presented to Council soon regarding the construction of the intersection improvements at Hawkins Street and Main Street. Council asked that public notification will be completed prior to the construction beginning and that information include that the construction is partially being paid by a grant. In answer to a question from Councilmember Betts, Director of Public Works Johnson stated that the City-wide clean-up day is being postponed tentatively to September. Councilmember Huckins spoke about a citizen that had a concern with an RV that is parked by their property and Public Works Director Johnson stated that staff would look into the issue. Discussion was held on handling the information that is shared by GPS/mapping technology for semi-trucks so they don't miss their turns for the various highways and end up in neighborhoods.

Mayor Lavey noted that the Goodbye Party for past Councilmembers Karen Sheek, Ty Keel, Gary Noyes, and Jill Carlson has been postponed to June 23, 2020. The virtual meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.