

CORTEZ CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR WORKSHOP
TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2019

1. The workshop began at 5:15 p.m., with dinner being served. Attendance at the workshop included Mayor Karen Sheek, Mayor Pro-tem Orly Lucero, Jill Carlson, Sue Betts, Ty Keel, Mike Lavey, and Gary Noyes. Staff members present were Director of Planning and Building Sam Proffer, City Planner Tracie Hughes, Director of Public Works Phil Johnson, City Engineer Chad Hill, Director of General Services Rick Smith, Management Intern Peyton Heitzman, City Clerk Linda Smith, City Attorney Mike Green, and City Manager John Dougherty. There were six people present in the audience.
2. Discussion was held regarding facility naming and memorials in City Park and other facilities. Director of Parks and Recreation Palmquist reviewed the regulations that are currently in place for naming/renaming City facilities and discussion was held on the City working with the Lindsay family to honor their son Will with a memorial of some type in the community. Council agreed that the process should begin with the Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Advisory Board and Tim Kline, previous board member of the Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Advisory Board, stated that it is important that the community support the family and involve them in the decision. It was noted that Mr. Kline was instrumental in organizing the Geer Natural Area memorial and was asked to participate in the discussion with the Lindsay family.
3. City Planner Hughes reviewed Part 3 of the newly revised Land Use Code which included information on land use permits and subdivision requirements. She gave Council copies of the comments received from the public during the outreach meetings. A brief discussion was held on the Heart and Soul process that was begun in 2012 and completed in 2016 and included citizen input received on what they would like removed/added to the Land Use Code. City Planner Hughes stated that the code would offer consistent standards so requirements would not be discretionary. Dave and Lana Waters commented that they feel input should be received from the builders and contractors in the community before the code is adopted as there are issues that they don't agree with. Discussion was held on the many meetings that had been held on the code and the different interest groups that have offered input. Council asked that they each receive a copy of the code so they could look it over and further discussion will be held at a future worksession.
4. Director of Public Works Johnson spoke about the request from Montezuma County to extend 7th Street and he commented that 3rd Street would be the best street to complete in Cortez as it would improve the grid system in the City. He stated that if 7th Street was constructed it would become a bypass from Main Street for the truckers. He stated that he would be asking Council to designate 7th Street as no-thru trucks street. Discussion was held on posting two-hour parking signs on Washington Street in front of the Fire Department's main office. Director of Public Works Johnson stated that several businesses in the area have employees that are parking on Washington Street and leave their cars for many hours and the Fire Department would like the three spaces that are in front of their

main office to be designated as two-hour parking only so spaces are more available for cars to come and go rather than stay all day. It was noted that the two-hour parking requirements need to be enforced where they are designated. Discussion was held on speed control devices that could be placed throughout the community to help slow the traffic down. Director of Public Works Johnson stated that the speed control devices are three times wider than speed bumps and are temporary. He spoke about areas that the devices could be placed in the community, as well as with signage, and the progress would be monitored.

5. Director of Planning and Building Proffer spoke about the 2019 Weed/Trash Abatement Contract Bid (item 7c on the regular agenda) noting that the bid is for a line-item account included in the Code Enforcement budget with the Planning and Building Department. He explained that the expense is used to mow lawns and abate nuisances whenever property owners are absent or are otherwise unable/unwilling to take care of their property. He stated that the costs for clean-up are placed as a tax bill on property at the end of the year. He explained that the program could also be used to help with City property that is mowed by the Public Works and Parks Department when they are really busy. He stated that the expenditure would be monitored to see how the program works this year and discussion was held on how to apply the program and help people that could not afford to take care of their property. Director of Planning and Building Proffer stated that he would like to handle the program in a different way for people that can't afford to tend to their properties for different reasons (financial/mental/etc.).
6. Discussion was held on the Four Corners Rifle and Pistol Club agreement with the City that was completed in 2006 with a fifty-year lease. City Manager Dougherty stated that the Four Corners Rifle and Pistol Club is on property that was deeded to the City many years ago and they would like the option to have the property deeded to them or possibly purchase the property from the City. City Attorney Green stated that he was not sure how the property could be sold to the club without allowing the property to be offered to the general public. He stated that possibly the property could be deeded to the club with valid reasons with the inclusion of a clause that if the property were not used for what it was given to the club for, it would revert back to the City. Jim Kingery, member of the Four Corners Rifle and Pistol Club, spoke about the background of the property and stated that the Police Department would continue to use the property as they always have for their training. He stated that the gun club began in 1963 and has always been located on the property. He stated that the club would like to own the property so they could make an investment on improvements on the building and road. Council asked City Attorney Green to complete research on the different options for the property and that further discussion would be held on May 14, 2019, worksession. Mr. Kingery stated that all the instructors at the club donate their time and he invited Council to visit the facility.

Council adjourned from the workshop at 7:20 p.m.