

**IDAHO SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
February 10, 2025**

The City Council of the City of Idaho Springs held a regular meeting on February 10, 2025, in the city council chambers. Mayor Harmon called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Answering the roll were: Mayor Chuck Harmon, Councilmember Scott Pennell, Mayor Pro Tem Jeremy Jones, Councilmember Kate Collier, Councilmember Lisa Manifold and Councilmember Janine Mariani. Councilmember Jim Clark was absent. Also present were City Administrator Andrew Marsh, Community Development Planner Dylan Graves, Chief Nate Buseck, Public Works Superintendent Paul Crain, Deputy City Clerk Wonder Martell, Assistant City Administrator Guy Patterson, Assistant City Attorney Nick Klein and Water Facilities Superintendent Edward Sigward.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilmember Mariani moved to approve the agenda to February 10th, 2025. Councilmember Collier seconded. Second followed by an all in favor voice vote.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Collier moved to approve the minutes of January 27th, 2025. Mayor Pro Tem Jeremy Jones seconded, second followed by an all in favor voice vote.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Mayor Pro Tem Jeremy Jones moved to approve the bills to February 10th, 2025. Councilmember Manifold seconded. Second followed by an all in favor roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT

Judy Murphy 639 Pine Slope Road- Ms. Murphy expressed concerns with this development but understands that it is allowed per the R-1 Zoning and that the residents cannot stop this from happening. Ms. Murphy stated that she has vested interest as the residents up on Pine Slope are always improving their properties. Ms. Murphy specifically mentioned concern with water runoff. With the increase of paved streets in the neighborhood, the snow will no longer be able to be absorbed by the earth, as there will be pavement on the roads. Ms. Murphy also specifically mentioned concern with the construction of a sewer line. That sewer line comes right down Pine Slope Road which is right in front of her house, and she is concerned with the length of time of egress at the property. Ms. Murphy also suggested that a traffic study be done since the development has changed, and maybe there should be a traffic light at the intersection of Pine Slope and Soda Creek Road. Ms. Murphy also stated that she expects council to remain vigilant at keeping the developer to the rules and regulations and that during the work session prior to this regular meeting she felt really good that City Council would do just that. Ms. Murphy also recommends that the Hot Springs was a meeting place for the Ute and Arapahoe Native Americans, and they camped and hunted at that spot so maybe the city should reach out to the Bureau of Indian Affairs to possibly try to collect any artifacts that are dug up during this development.

Art Caccavale 637 Pine Slope Road- Mr. Caccavale stated that he is concerned about the water run off during construction and that needs to be addressed. The sewer line that is mentioned to be rebuilt, Mr. Caccavale would like to know if that line is owned by the City or if that line is owned by the property owners on Pine Slope Road. Mr. Caccavale mentioned that the last time this developer came to council there was a traffic study done at that time, where a gate of some sort was mentioned to try to handle traffic during construction. Mr. Caccavale stated that the gate could be a solar charged one and that the Police Department and the Fire Department could all get the code so it would not be a hazard or unsafe. Mr. Caccavale stated that Mr. O'Malley should have come with a lot more specifics and that the academy awards are in April and Mr. Caccavale is going to nominate Mr. O'Malley for an academy award. Mr. Caccavale asked staff how big a water tank would need to be to satisfy the number of homes that this development proposes, Mr. Crain advised that it would take a 215 thousand gallon tank to satisfy the water need and the need for fire but that size of tank is way too big to build.

Marge Marlin 633 Pine Slope Road – Ms. Marlin thanked council for the work session, and that she really appreciates the care that council seems to be taking with this. Ms. Marlin stated that their road is dirt, and every car that drives on that road, creates more housework for the residents of Pine Slope and that each car brings down the air quality with the amount of dust that gets disturbed. Ms. Marlin agreed that a gate of some sort could help the traffic and the dust. Ms. Marlin stated again that she is really pleased that Idaho Springs has the council members that they have now and that they are doing a great job.

LIQUOR LICENSING AUTHORITY FINANCE OFFICER RESOLUTIONS

Mayor Harmon moved to postpone Resolution #8, Series 2025 A Resolution Conditionally Approving a Subdivision Improvement Agreement for the Soda Creek Highlands Subdivision to a date in the near future. City Administrator Andrew Marsh advised council that date will be April 14th, 2025. Councilmember Manifold seconded the postponement to April 14, 2025. Second followed by an all in favor roll call vote.

ORDINANCE FIRST READING

Mayor Pro Tem Jeremy Jones moved to approve Ordinance #4, Series 2025, An Ordinance Annexing to the City of Idaho Springs a 1.99 Acre Parcel of City-Owned Land Within the J.J. Elliot Placer located in Section 2, Township 4 South, Range 73 West of the Sixth Principal Meridian, in Clear Creek County, Colorado, Known by address as 839 Colorado Highway 103. Councilmember Collier seconded, second followed by an all in favor roll call vote.

Councilmember Pennell moved to approve Ordinance #5, Series 2025, An Ordinance Zoning the 1.99 Acre Parcel of City owned Land within the J.J. Elliot Placer located in Section 2, Township 4 South, Range 73 West of the Sixth Principal Meridian, In Clear Creek County, Colorado, Known by Address as 839 Colorado Highway 103, as Residential Three (R-3). Mayor Pro Tem Jeremy Jones seconded, second followed by an all in favor roll call vote. Mayor Harmon added that this was made possible because of a very generous offering by the previous property owner, Alfred Brown with a permanent deed restriction for affordable senior housing.

ORDINANCE SECOND READING

Mayor Pro Tem Jeremy Jones moved to approve Ordinance #1, Series 2025 An Ordinance Amending Rates and Charges for Water and Sewer Service and Making Conforming Amendments to The Idaho Springs Municipal Code. Councilmember Mariani seconded. Second followed by an all in favor roll call vote.

CITY ATTORNEY

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Marsh advised council that he did follow up on the pedestrian bridge grant that the city was not granted and Mr. Marsh stated that the debriefs that are coming from the federal government have been postponed until further notice. Councilmember Pennel asked Mr. Marsh if there were any retreat dates yet? Mr. Marsh asked council if Fridays are still a good day for said retreat and that he would get some preliminary Friday dates and bring them back to council at the next meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT

Assistant City Administrator - Staff report submitted with no requests for action.

Community Development Planner- No staff report submitted. Mr. Graves advised council that he intended on creating a very substantial report at this meeting, but he was not able to complete it on time. Mr. Graves advised council to keep their eyes out for that report at an upcoming meeting.

Deputy City Clerk – Staff report submitted with no requests for action.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Staff report submitted with no requests for action.

PUBLIC WORKS

Staff report submitted with one request for action. Councilmember Mariani moved to approve the Letter of agreement for construction administration support, between the City of Idaho Springs and JVA engineering, for the Hwy 103 water main replacement project in the amount of \$95,000.00 From line Item #51-72-7320.

Councilmember Manifold seconded, second followed by an all in favor roll call vote.

WATER FACILITIES DEPARTMENT

Staff report submitted with no requests for action.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CITY CLERK/TREASURER

MAYOR/COUNCIL

Mayor Harmon mentioned that there is to be a leadership breakfast in Central City and that CCEDC should have that information on their website, and that the breakfast is RSVP so if anyone wanted to attend to make sure they RSVP. Councilmember Manifold mentioned that she had three calls this past week about the construction on Virginia Street. Councilmember Manifold stated that these people told her that they were not notified when the street was going to be closed and that a few of them got stuck and were not able to leave. Mr. Crain stated that they have been making a better effort with the flyers and the email blasts and that they have a 77% response rate on the email blasts.

Councilmember Collier stated that Wall Street could use some speed bumps to help slow down the traffic that has been diverted to Wall Street during the rebuild of the water/sewer lines on Virginia Street. Mr. Crain advised that Public Works should have some temporary rubber speed bumps that they could place on wall street for the time being. Councilmember Collier also asked that the residents of Wall Street, during this project, be allowed to park facing the wrong direction on Wall Street as its really hard to get traction on the east side of wall street when the roads are slick. Councilmember Mariania suggested that there be an agenda section added for the Business and Promotions Board to keep council advised of how the businesses are doing and what plans are coming up.

ADJOURN

Mayor Harmon adjourned the meeting at 7:38 pm.