

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Trinidad, Colorado, was held on Wednesday, January 2, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers at City Hall.

There were present:	Mayor	Baca Gonzalez, presiding
	Councilmembers	Bolton, Bonato, Mattie, Miles, Shew, Velasquez
Also present:	Acting City Manager	Acre
	City Attorney	Downs
	City Clerk	Garrett

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES. Regular Meeting of December 18, 2012. Mayor Baca Gonzalez noted that a corrected page one of the minutes was at Council's seating places. A motion to approve the minutes as corrected was made by Councilmember Bolton and seconded by Councilmember Shew. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

PETITIONS OR COMMUNICATIONS, ORAL OR WRITTEN. None.

REPORT BY CITY MANAGER. Las Animas County. Acting City Manager Acre called to Council's attention a card being circulated for Council's signature to be sent to LeAnn Fabec congratulating her on her appointment as Las Animas County Administrator. He said he spoke with her and they have arranged to meet this Friday to talk about how the City and County work together and about having a joint City/County meeting in the very near future.

E-mail. Acting City Manager Acre pointed out the information provided to Council from IT Director Dennis Fixmer regarding use of City e-mail addresses with the trinidad.co.gov extension. He said that Council members will use their City e-mail accounts in earnest in the new year and Mr. Fixmer is available to help them to that end. Those Council members without e-mail access will be routed to Executive Secretary Anna Ridolfi. He concluded that the standard format for the e-mail addresses will be first name.last name.trinidad.co.gov which is helpful for the public.

Retreat. Acting City Manager Acre asked Council to consider dates in January to hold a retreat. He asked also that they consider if they want to have it for a full day or half, on a week day or weekend. Council was advised that his office would be calling them to look at their calendars. He added that he would be formulating some questions for food for thought to get discussions started and would provide ideas and thoughts he had and provide them to Council probably next week. Mayor Baca Gonzalez asked if there would be anything confidential within his questions so they could be shared with the media. Acting City Manager Acre answered that at this time he didn't see why they couldn't be shared and reiterated that it is more to get the thought process going.

Finance Director Search. Acting City Manager Acre said he had previously been a little over optimistic about getting advertisements in for the Finance Director search because of the holidays. However, he said he heard from GFOA and it will get in place this week. Also he talked to all but one applicant to update them as to the status of the search and they were told they would be kept up to speed with the process.

REPORT BY CITY ATTORNEY. City Manager vacancy. City Attorney Downs asked Council's consider of an action item on January 8, 2013, regarding the City Manager vacancy. He explained that tentatively interviews will be held on January 22nd with a January 29th decision anticipated. The names of the finalists must be posted for 14 days prior to Council designating someone as City Manager. There have been a couple of issues that have come up regarding an applicant. He said he didn't think an executive session was necessary on January 8th, however if Council wished to have one that would be fine. Mayor Baca Gonzalez asked if the action item would be to identify the finalists. City Attorney Downs confirmed that to be correct. She asked if Council felt that was moving too fast. City Attorney Downs clarified that if Council wanted to stand firm on the later dates in January, they will probably need to do this as soon as possible. Mayor Baca Gonzalez said the timeline was what had been suggested by their consultant, Ron Miller, because his perception was that Council wanted to move forward as quickly as possible. She deferred to Council for their input. Councilmember Mattie asked if the finalists will be those suggested by Mr. Miller or if Council will interview them first or if they need to screen them down prior to interviewing. City Attorney Downs said it is up to Council but that there is an issue that has arisen concerning one of the applicants. If agreeable, he said Council can discern the finalists on January 8th. Additional discussion was held and Council concurred with the proposed timeline suggested by Mr. Miller with an action item to name finalists on January 8, 2013.

COMMITTEE REPORTS. None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS. Public hearing for consideration of an ordinance amending the zone classification of property described as Lot 2, Block 96 of the Original Townsite to the City of Trinidad, Las Animas County, State of Colorado, from Established-Low Density Residential (E-LDR) zoning to Established-Community Commercial (E-CC) zoning (as requested by Maude Romano, 516 E. Main Street). Mayor Baca Gonzalez declared the public hearing open and called for public comment, staff comment and Council comment. There being none, the hearing was closed.

Second reading of an ordinance amending the zone classification of property described as Lot 2, Block 96 of the Original Townsite to the City of Trinidad, Las Animas County, State of Colorado, from Established-Low Density Residential (E-LDR) zoning to Established-Community Commercial (E-CC) zoning. The ordinance title was read aloud. A motion to approve the ordinance on second reading was made by Councilmember Shew. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mattie, and carried unanimously upon roll call vote. The ordinance was approved and will become effective on January 12, 2013.

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ORDINANCE NO. 1934

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONE CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS LOT 2, BLOCK 96 OF THE ORIGINAL TOWNSITE TO THE CITY OF TRINIDAD, LAS ANIMAS COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO, FROM ESTABLISHED-LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (E-LDR) ZONING TO ESTABLISHED-COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL (E-CC) ZONING

Hotel and restaurant liquor license renewal request by Mission at the Bell, Inc. d/b/a Mission at the Bell Restaurant at 134 W. Main Street, Ste. 14. Mayor Baca Gonzalez noted the presence of license representative Jude Lucero with legal counsel. Rudy Reveles, legal counsel for the licensee, told Council that he had nothing to report but if Council had any concerns he would be happy to answer them. A motion to approve the renewal was made by Councilmember Shew. Councilmember Shew asked if the fire signs had been fixed. Mr. Reveles said that they have consulted with the landlord and anticipate that the landlord will get it done in short order. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bonato and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS. Designation of public places for posting of notice of meetings. Acting City Manager Acre suggested that in addition to City Hall and the Carnegie Public Library being designated posting places, that Council consider adding the City of Trinidad's website. He told Council that he spoke to the City Clerk and the IT Director about putting the entire Council packet on the website again soon. A motion to designate the public posting places for meeting notices as City Hall, the Carnegie Public Library and the City of Trinidad website was made by Councilmember Bonato and seconded by Councilmember Bolton. Upon roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION. For a conference with the City Attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(b) – Park Café liquor license renewal. A motion to enter into executive session for the stated purpose was made by Councilmember Mattie. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bolton and carried unanimously. The executive session ensued and 7:21 p.m. and was electronically recorded. Upon conclusion of executive session at 8:00 p.m., the meeting was resumed.

Consideration of liquor license renewal request by Robert Leonetti d/b/a Park Café at 608 Arizona Avenue. A motion to table action on this item to January 15, 2013 was made by Councilmember Shew and was seconded by Councilmember Bolton. The motion carried unanimously upon roll call vote.

BILLS. A motion to approve payment of the bills as presented was made by Councilmember Bolton. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Miles. Roll call was taken on the motion to approve the bills and it carried unanimously.

PAYROLL, December 22, 2012 through January 4, 2013. A motion to approve the payroll was made by Councilmember Miles and seconded by Councilmember Velasquez. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to come before Council, a motion to adjourn the regular meeting was made by Councilmember Bolton and seconded by Councilmember Shew. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous voice vote of Council.

ATTEST:

BERNADETTE BACA GONZALEZ,
Mayor

AUDRA GARRETT, City Clerk