

**FRUITA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 20, 2010  
7:00 P.M.**

1. **THE INVOCATION WAS GIVEN AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS RECITED.**
2. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The regular meeting of the Fruita City Council was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Council members present were Bruce Bonar, Mel Mulder, Lori Buck, Terry Moss, and Bob Fuller. Councilor Stacey Mascarenas was absent.

3. **AGENDA – ADOPT/AMEND**

City Manager Clint Kinney stated that he wanted to add Item 8 (D): a request to have the Council, by motion, authorize him (the City Manager) to execute and submit an Energy Impact Grant application. Mayor Henry noted that it would be added to the agenda.

- **COUNCILOR BUCK MOVED TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS AMENDED. COUNCILOR BONAR SECONDED THE MOTION. THERE WERE 5 YES VOTES.**

4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Russell Skalla, 263 N. Orchard Court in Fruita, approached the Council and stated that he had talked to Parks and Recreation Director Ture Nycum regarding the reconstruction of the new skateboard park at the Community Center. They discussed extending the concrete slab and putting skateboard equipment on top of it as opposed to putting in bowls and other in-ground equipment.

Mr. Skalla stated that he has contacted a couple of skateboard equipment manufacturers and is still waiting to hear back from them regarding pricing information. He said he was considering getting information from the Grand Junction Parks and Recreation Department concerning how they got their parks built and who provided the equipment and at what cost. Mr. Skalla also asked if there had been any updates regarding the budget for the skateboard park and the possible expansion of it.

Mayor Henry encouraged Mr. Skalla to talk to the City of Grand Junction's Parks and Recreation Department and thanked him for his involvement. Mr. Skalla said he would be bringing more information to the next City of Fruita Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting.

**5. PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

There were no Proclamations or Presentations on the agenda.

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. MINUTES – A REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE JULY 6, 2010 CITY COUNCIL MEETING**
- B. LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL – A REQUEST TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF A 3.2 PERCENT BEER (OFF-PREMISES) RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSE FOR CITY MARKET LOCATED AT 135 S. PLUM**
- C. ASPEN VILLAGE TOWNHOMES – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE THIRD EXTENSION OF TIME TO FEBRUARY 3, 2011 TO SUBMIT THE FINAL PLAT WHICH WAS ORIGINALLY APPROVED ON FEBRUARY 3, 2009**
- D. ORDINANCE 2010-12 – FIRST READING – A REQUEST TO PUBLISH A SUMMARY OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 12.20.070 OF THE FRUITA MUNICIPAL CODE RENAMING PURPLE PLUM STREET TO PURPLE PLUM COURT FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON AUGUST 17, 2010**
- E. RESOLUTION 2010-28 – A REQUEST TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION IDENTIFYING THE KOKOPELLI BUSINESS DISTRICT PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 17.41 (SIGN CODE) OF THE FRUITA MUNICIPAL CODE AND APPROVAL OF A SIGN FOR THE NEWLY IDENTIFIED BUSINESS DISTRICT**

Mayor Henry asked if anyone in the audience wanted any items removed from the consent agenda for further discussion. Hearing no comments, Mayor Henry referred to the City Council.

- **COUNCILOR BUCK MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. COUNCILOR MULDER SECONDED THE MOTION. THERE WERE 5 YES VOTES.**

**7. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

There were no Public Hearing items on the agenda.

**8. ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA**

- A. URBAN RESIDENTIAL RESERVE (URR) – A PRESENTATION FROM MESA COUNTY REGARDING THE URR ZONE**

Community Development Director Dahna Raugh stated that Mesa County is looking at their long-range plan in the Urban Residential Reserve (URR) area just outside the Fruita city limits. The Mesa County Planners have looked at possibly changing from URR to another future land use category. Long-range Planning Director from Mesa County Keith Fife gave a presentation to the City of Fruita's Planning Commission in June to gather public input. Ms. Raugh explained that there was no immediate action expected of the Council; the presentation was for informational purposes only.

Mr. Kurt Larsen, Director of Planning and Economic Development for Mesa County, stated that Planning Director Keith Fife and Land Use and Development Director Linda Dannenburg were also present. He said that the purpose of the URR was to set aside areas for long-term development patterns in the county that would provide a better mechanism for the city to grow. It was adopted by the Planning Commission in 2006 and the Board of County Commissioners adopted a text amendment to create the zoning classification in 2008.

Mr. Larsen stated that the map that was adopted several years ago was fairly general. Mesa County is trying to have discussions with Palisade, De Beque, Fruita, and the City of Grand Junction concerning keeping the concept of the URR zone, but refining it so that it better reflects all of the Community Plans that have been adopted.

Mr. Larsen requested input from the City Council as well as from the community through some public meetings in the summer so that it could be brought to the Mesa County Planning Commission later in the fall for discussion. Once the Mesa County Planning Commission has more of an idea conceptually, the matter would again be brought back to the Fruita City Council for further discussion so that there would be no surprises in going through the process.

Mr. Larsen stated that Linda Dannenburg was present to discuss details about implementing the changes to the County's land use map through powers of attorney and annexation.

Mr. Keith Fife explained that the County has gone through a two-step process whereby initially, they are attempting to revise their future land use map in the County's Master Plan to better conform with municipalities' future land use maps. Subsequently, they will make any necessary modifications to the County's Land Development Code to implement the changes.

The area identified on the City of Fruita's future land use map as Rural Estate (allowing 2-3 acres per dwelling unit) is proposed to be removed from the URR designation on the County's maps to a new designation of Rural Estate 3. The intent is that the Rural Estate 3 designation would be similar to the City's Rural Estate zone and would require a minimum of three acres per lot. No information regarding changes to the language of the County's Master Plan or Land Development Code have been provided at this time to determine what the proposed change to the map means exactly in regard to the County's land development laws.

Because several properties in the area of the URR have already obtained zone changes to the URR zone, these would not be part of the changes proposed by the County.

Another small change (approximately 95 acres) is proposed at the far west side of the URR area adjacent to the rural community of Loma. The City of Fruita's future land use map does not show any future plans for this area. The County is considering taking this area out of the URR and including it in their Rural/Agricultural-10 future land use category which supports a maximum density of five acres per lot on average.

The County's future land use designation inside the Fruita 201 sewer service area is proposed to be changed to Fruita 201-10, which is a 10-acre minimum that the County recommends for future land use. Mr. Fife stated that if anyone in that area wanted to develop at a higher density, they would actually have to be annexed into the City of Fruita.

Mr. Fife said that the County has not received any specific comments from the City of Fruita's Planning Commission on the proposal, but would be happy to hear them. The next step would be to take any proposed changes to the public for input and then it would go back to the County's Planning Commission prior to suggesting any kind of formal adoption of an amendment to the County's Master Plan.

Councilor Buck stated that she was concerned about the exterior of the subdivision along 19 and K Roads because it could end up costing the City quite a bit to put in curb, gutter, and sidewalk. Mr. Fife responded that any development in the County on a major collector road is subject to the County's Transportation Impact Fee, and those funds are collected for larger capital projects along major corridors such as the one mentioned by Councilor Buck. He said the exception would be if there were an improvement along those roads that is uniquely necessary to that development and those improvements would likely not be seen in the short term. Councilor Buck stated that her concern was the potential impact on the City of Fruita; not having sidewalks where kids need to walk to school, for example. Mr. Fife responded that there may be an opportunity for some sort of Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) once funding is again available. He added that the County's Master Plan encourages the County to do joint planning within municipalities under an IGA.

Councilor Buck asked if the Council could direct staff to begin working on an IGA for situations such as the subdivision along 19 and K Roads. City Manager Clint Kinney responded that it would be a political decision at the County level because the City would be asking for a concession from the County.

Mayor Henry asked Mr. Fife what kind of time frame he was looking at before the proposed changes to the URR zone will be finalized. Mr. Fife answered that the County would like to have all the input by this fall.

Mr. Kinney remarked that from a staff prospective, it was great to see that the County is trying to make adjustments to match the City's plans and it shows a lot on their part for doing it.

Mr. Larsen stated that there is still the issue of addressing annexation and how to facilitate it. He said there will need to be further discussion about it.

Linda Dannenburg with the Land Use and Development Division of Mesa County stated that the establishment of the URR zoning district could not implement the annexation component of the properties that were subdivided; it had to be done through an IGA between the City of Fruita and the County Commissioners. There were a couple of suggestions for a Power of Attorney, and Ms. Dannenburg said that her Board needs to discuss the format of that with the County Attorney. She also mentioned septic failure and requiring people to connect to sewer, as well as enclaving, which is a mechanism to annex county properties.

Ms. Dannenburg stated that Mesa County is updating their landscape regulations to include a lot of flexibility and promote water conservation and xeric landscape. The County will be implementing a point system, where the developer can make choices based on what their property is suited for.

Ms. Dannenburg concluded that her Board will be looking further into the Power of Attorney, which is a covenant that would run with the property and would be signed by the developer. It would typically appoint, for example, the City of Fruita, as the Attorney-in-Fact to annex property into Fruita when the timing is deemed appropriate.

## **B. CITY CLERK/FINANCE DIRECTOR MARGARET STEELMAN**

### **1. 2009 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – PRESENTATION AND REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE 2009 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS OF THE CITY'S AUDITORS, DALBY WENDLAND AND CO., P.C.**

Pam Baumgartle of Dalby, Wendland and Co., P.C presented the Council with the auditor's report of the City's Financial Statements for 2009. In the auditor's opinion, the financial statements referred to present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Fruita as of December 31, 2009, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. This means that the auditors gave what they call a "clean" opinion.

Ms. Baumgartle presented other reports, noting that for the first time in a long time, the City was required to complete a “single audit” because it spent more than \$500,000 in federal funds.

Reports regarding the internal control of the City’s financial reporting reflect that the auditors found no deficiencies.

Reports concerning compliance with the requirements for federal funds reflect that there were no failures with respect to compliance.

The schedule of findings and questioned costs (what the federal government looks for when they are checking financial reporting) showed no items that needed reporting. Ms. Baumgartle stated that there is a form that gets filed on the Federal Audit Clearinghouse website that contains the same basic information and is available to the public.

Margaret Steelman presented the Council with the draft 2009 Financial Statements for year ending December 31, 2009. As part of the 2009 Financial Statements, the City had prepared the Management’s Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) report as required by Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. This report is a summary of the financial condition of the City at December 31, 2009 and provides an overview of the City’s financial activities.

Ms. Steelman gave a Power Point presentation to review the financial condition of the City of Fruita. She summarized by saying that the City felt the effects of the economic downturn in the reduction of sales tax and new construction, but the City responded to declining revenues with some mid-year cuts in expenses. With those adjustments, the City was able to end the year with revenues exceeding operating costs in the General Fund, but only by a very insignificant amount of about \$2,000. The continuation of some fiscally conservative budgeting procedures is necessary to assure the City continues to maintain the fiscal stability of the City.

Ms. Steelman asked that the Council keep in mind that the City received a TABOR extension in April of 2006, which allows the City to keep and spend revenues in excess of the spending limit. The extension will expire in December of 2012.

- **COUNCILOR BUCK MOVED TO APPROVE THE 2009 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS OF THE CITY’S AUDITORS AS PRESENTED. COUNCILOR MULDER SECONDED THE MOTION. THERE WERE 5 YES VOTES.**

**2. JUNE 2010 FINANCIAL REPORTS – A REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 2010 FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Margaret Steelman presented the June 2010 Financial Reports. Highlights include:

- Revenues exceed expenses as a percentage of the budgeted amounts for all funds except the Marketing and Promotion Fund and the Capital Projects Funds.
- City sales tax revenue for May sales is up 1.13% for the month and down 2.2% for the year. The 2010 budget is unchanged from 2009 actual revenues. The City is trailing budget by 2%.
- County sales tax revenue for 2010 is down 2.97% for May and down 9.98% for the year. The budget projected a 3% decrease from 2009. County sales tax revenues are trailing budget by about 7%.
- Use tax on motor vehicles is down 17.4% for the month and down 9.45% for the year. The 2010 Budget includes a 3% increase over actual 2009 revenues.
- Use tax on building materials is up 15.37% for the month and up 105% year to date. The 2010 Budget includes a 41% reduction over actual 2009 revenues.
- Annualized, the current trends for sales and use tax result in a budget shortfall of \$88,760 for 2010. Currently, the City's contingency fund is at \$196,000, which is sufficient to cover the shortfall. However, staff needs to continue to monitor revenues to see if additional adjustments are necessary and also to continue to monitor and reduce expenses where possible.
- **COUNCILOR BUCK MOVED TO APPROVE THE JUNE 2010 FINANCIAL REPORTS AS PRESENTED. COUNCILOR MOSS SECONDED THE MOTION. THERE WERE 5 YES VOTES.**

*Mayor Henry called for a ten-minute break at 8:29 p.m. The Council meeting reconvened at 8:40 p.m.*

### **C. CITY ENGINEER KEN HALEY**

- 1. RESOLUTION 2010-29 – A REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION DIRECTING STAFF TO FINALIZE NEGOTIATIONS AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF FRUITA, CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, MESA COUNTY AND THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION APPROVING THE STATE HIGHWAY 6 ACCESS CONTROL PLAN**

City Engineer Ken Haley presented the Council with background information concerning the State Highway 6 Access Control Plan, which is a regulatory document used by the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT). The plan regulates a long corridor along Highway 6 & 50 from 12 Road to 24 Road including a section of Highway 139 to Loma from I-70 up to N ¼ Rd.

The Access Control Plan is a joint effort between the City of Fruita, the City of Grand Junction, Mesa County and CDOT. The process of developing this plan has included an extensive public process consisting of two open house public meetings, a series of neighborhood meetings, and over 20 one-on-one meetings with impacted property/business owners. All comments from this public process have been taken into consideration and have been addressed to the best ability of city staff.

With the development of an Access Control Plan, the accesses can be planned in order to promote better use of the corridor in a more efficient and safer manner. The Plan designs for full-movement intersections and potential for signalization at half-mile spacing.

Mr. Haley stated that from the neighborhood meetings, it was apparent that the Access Control Plan impacts a lot of people. By far, the biggest comment that city staff received was from people who are concerned about how the plan is to be implemented. It is actually a concern of the City of Fruita as well; staff wants to ensure that CDOT will not be requiring implementation of the plan to city streets.

Staff put together two volumes of an extensive plan addressing all the comments received from the public, as well as data relative to traffic and traffic modeling, accident reports, figures, and tables.

Mr. Haley reviewed what the proposed Access Plan includes and how the City will go about starting the adoption process once everyone is comfortable with the plan. The text associated with the Access Plan was provided to the Council.

There are three major ways the Plan will be implemented once adopted:

- 1) If a property develops;
- 2) If there is a highway capital improvement project; and
- 3) If there are safety or operational issues resulting in numerous accidents

The implementation can be a very phased approach relative to how and when things get developed along the corridor; it is not something that can be fully implemented from the start. Mr. Haley said at least it will provide a guide as things move forward.

Councilor Fuller asked if the Fruita Co-Op decided to expand their facility, under what circumstances would they be required to create a new access? Mr. Haley answered that as long as there is a gas station at the Fruita Co-Op, they can maintain at least two of the three accesses they have now. There is a legal agreement included in the appendix of the Access Control Plan that details the negotiations between Co-Op and CDOT.

Mayor Henry stated that his fundamental concern is that CODT never mentions protecting the economic viability of businesses in the communities that they work in. He said that this is very bothersome and irritating and used an example of the first proposal CDOT had for Aspen Street that would have shut down Munchies if the city hadn't objected to it. Mayor Henry noted that he invited the owner from Munchies to attend the Council meeting.

City Manager Clint Kinney stated that CDOT (by law) has the authority to do things like that right now, so what the Access Control Plan and the IGA is supposed to do is hopefully give the City more authority to prevent problems such as the one that occurred with Munchies. He said the contract would give the City of Fruita more leverage because the city could maintain that accesses could not be closed until new ones are built. The Access Control Plan also allows the City to plan out where stoplights need to be in the future; otherwise they could end up in disadvantageous locations where they don't work well for everybody. Mr. Kinney stated that he and Mr. Haley are pretty confident that the Plan is about as good as it can get for the City.

Mayor Henry said he could provide many examples of businesses in other communities that were closed due to CDOT. He said Fruita needs to be careful in allowing CDOT to make any final decisions.

Mayor Henry asked if the Access Plan required approval from the City of Fruita and Mr. Haley explained that the Access Plan would be adopted through the Council's approval of an IGA between Fruita, Grand Junction, Mesa County and CDOT. Mesa County has asked the municipalities to execute the IGA first and then they will execute it before CDOT does. Mr. Kinney added that if there needs to be an amendment to the IGA, and if it is within Fruita's growth management area, then it would be negotiated between the City of Fruita and CDOT only. Grand Junction and Mesa County will not be able to influence decisions that are clearly not in their jurisdiction.

Mr. Kinney said that the decision before the Council was whether they had enough information to adopt the Resolution to execute the IGA or whether they would prefer to take it to a workshop session. He said there is no rush; staff just put it before the Council because the Access Control Plan is now final and staff believes it achieves everything that had been discussed in the last two workshop meetings.

Mayor Henry asked if there was any way CDOT could come back and propose the original restrictions to Munchies that they had previously, which was to put in curb, sidewalk and gutter and eliminate the parking in front of the restaurant. Mr. Haley responded that he didn't think CDOT would do that unless the property was redeveloped into something else.

Councilor Bonar noted that without the IGA, CDOT has all the authority they need to do whatever they want to do anywhere along State Highway 6 and that entering into the IGA would provide far more protection for businesses and their entrances than not having the IGA at all. City Engineer Ken Haley agreed that was true. Councilor Bonar asked if

there were other entries in the appendixes besides those for the gas stations at the Fruita Co-Op. Mr. Haley said that there are a few; the Go-Fer station at Pine Street, for example, but not a whole lot specific to each parcel.

Councilor Moss said that one of his bigger concerns was Wildcat Rentals because when he talked to them less than a month ago, they said as soon as the Access Plan is implemented, they will be put out of business. Mr. Haley said he hadn't talked to Wildcat Rentals since about a year ago, but that they had said that as long as alternate access was provided to Ash Street, they felt it would be acceptable. He said that Wildcat Rentals is on the corner of Grand Ave. and Highway 6 & 50 and they currently do not have access onto 6 & 50, but rather via Grand Avenue. He continued that the problem with Grand Avenue is that it is close to Maple Street, which is a major collector that carries quite a bit of traffic. If a signal was placed there, the city couldn't keep Grand Avenue open without causing major issues. What was proposed (by the owner of the salvage yard) was to actually close Grand Avenue and have a dedicated access with a light. So, as for Wildcat Rentals, instead of going to Grand, you would go to the light and go around. Mr. Haley noted that Wildcat's visibility from the Highway would remain the same, and that Wildcat is not a pass-by store anyway where people see it and stop, but rather, a "destination type business" where people would make the effort to get there.

Mayor Henry expressed concerns about the right-ins and right-outs near the Family Dollar Store. Mr. Haley again responded that it would be a phased approach; once the traffic reached the volume where it wasn't safe to turn left out of there, then that is when the restrictions would be required. Mayor Henry said he didn't understand why there were so many restrictions here when in Grand Junction between 24 and 24 ½ Road there are two lanes with a center turn lane. Mr. Haley remarked that there is a construction project going on right now to fix that; they are widening the road so there will be three lanes in each direction and access management is being implemented so there won't be so many accidents and safety issues.

Councilor Mulder asked Mayor Henry if he was going to feel comfortable executing the IGA. Mayor Henry said he wasn't planning on asking for a motion to adopt the resolution to execute the IGA; he thought it needed to go to a workshop session of the Council. He reiterated his distrust in CDOT. Mr. Haley commented that if the Council desired, staff could have a CDOT representative present at the workshop session.

Councilor Fuller asked for confirmation that the green lines on the maps in the Plan were conceptual routes for alternative access. Mr. Haley agreed that they are very conceptual. Councilor Fuller asked about the extensive access paralleling 6 & 50 to 19 Road. Mr. Haley stated that it would be a benefit to the City of Fruita to have that go through because it would alleviate some of the High School traffic instead of directing it all onto Pine Street. Mayor Henry asked if CDOT had objected to this access in the past and Mr. Haley responded that CDOT has adamantly objected to it in the past, but with the Access Control Plan, the city has been able to potentially secure the access.

Mr. Haley stated that there is a lot of pressure on CDOT to get the Highway 6 Access Control Plan adopted and the City of Grand Junction is scheduled to take it to a workshop on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. It will go to their next Council meeting after that. Mesa County has said that they are not even going to schedule it until Fruita and Grand Junction have adopted the Plan. Mr. Haley said he didn't feel there would be any harm in scheduling the matter for the next Fruita Council workshop.

Mayor Henry stated he feels there are some concerns that need to be expressed to CDOT about past attitudes. There was consensus among the Council members to continue the discussion to the July 27, 2010 Council workshop session. Mayor Henry asked if a public hearing was necessary and Mr. Kinney explained that because it was not an ordinance, no public hearing is required.

Councilor Mulder suggested that the Council concentrate on the wording in the IGA because he felt it was pretty loose. He recommended that wording be added to reflect a statement that no business will suffer as a result of closure of an access point without alternative accesses being provided. Mayor Henry commented that there would be two or three people calling Ken Haley regarding their concerns. He also stated it would be helpful if a CDOT representative would attend the workshop session.

#### **D. CITY MANAGER CLINT KINNEY**

##### **1. ENERGY IMPACT GRANT APPLICATION**

City Manager Clint Kinney stated that recently, the State of Colorado cancelled any grant opportunities for Energy Impact Grants, but about six weeks ago, they notified municipalities that there will be two rounds of grant applications. One is due August 1, 2010 and the other, December 1, 2010. Staff started working on the application for the August deadline and just noticed a new provision that requires City Council approval of the grant application. The grant application is not completed, but will basically be asking to do final improvements to Pine Street from Highway 6 & 50 to (hopefully) Little Salt Wash Park. Mr. Kinney asked for a motion from the Council that he is authorized to submit the grant application.

- **COUNCILOR BONAR MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT AND EXECUTE AN ENERGY IMPACT GRANT APPLICATION FOR IMPROVEMENTS ON PINE STREET. COUNCILOR MULDER SECONDED THE MOTION. THERE WERE 5 YES VOTES.**

#### **9. COUNCIL REPORTS AND ACTIONS**

##### **COUNCILOR BUCK**

Councilor Buck reported that the Arts and Culture Board is completely out of money because it was spent on the art sculpture for downtown. She asked if the other Council

members felt that it was important to again have the Christmas Craft Show downtown this year. It cost a little less than \$500 last year, so the Council would need to find a way to fund it. Councilor Moss suggested that the Arts and Culture Board apply for the entertainment grant money provided by the City. Councilor Buck said she wasn't sure she should do that since the Board is a City Board. She asked for direction from the Council whether they wanted to have the Craft Show again or not.

Mayor Henry said he thought it was a great show with a great turnout and the exhibitors were very pleased. He strongly recommended that the Craft Show be held again this year. Mr. Kinney stated that staff could draft a resolution to do a budget transfer for the Council's approval. Mayor Henry asked Councilor Buck if she knew what the cost might be. Councilor Buck stated she did, but she wasn't even sure a space to have the Craft Show would be available. She noted that the owner of Aspen Street Computers (currently in the old Brew Pub building) is concerned he is going to have to move because there have been several showings of the building recently. Mayor Henry stated that he understood the owner of Aspen Street Computers would be moving to the building that now houses the Calvary Church on Aspen Street.

### **COUNCILOR BONAR**

Councilor Bonar stated that Pepsi has a grant program of about \$1.3 million per month called "Refresh Everything." He said the way he understands it, people can submit proposals for the first two weeks of the month. Proposals that are accepted are voted on and awarded by the visitors to the website. The grants are for \$5,000, \$20,000, \$50,000 and \$250,000. Jim Taylor of the Colorado Plateau Mountain Bike Trail Association (COPMOBA) has applied for a grant for \$250,000 to build the terrain bike parks in Fruita, Grand Junction, and Palisade. Councilor Bonar said it should be known the following week whether that proposal has been accepted, and if so, it should be under the "Health" column for \$250,000. Two of those \$250,000 awards will be granted per month. Everyone can vote for up to ten proposals each day for the month. Councilor Bonar suggested that everyone spread the word throughout the valley because last time he looked at the website, the top vote-getters had less than 300 votes. The website is refresheverything.com. If COPMOBA's proposal gets accepted, it will be on the August ballot on the website. If a proposal is not accepted, it can be resubmitted.

### **COUNCILOR MOSS**

Councilor Moss stated that he felt someone representing Fruita should attend the Downtown Colorado, Inc. Annual Conference in Glenwood Springs in September. He said he felt Mary Lou Wilson of the Fruita Area Chamber of Commerce would get the most out of it.

### **MAYOR HENRY**

Mayor Henry noted that the Fruita Little League tournament was a success for Fruita. He said he thought it would benefit the economy as well. There were 26 rooms that were

booked for out-of-town guests and every participant received a free ice cream card from Enstrom's. Mayor Henry got a call from Mike at Rib City and he had 22 additional meals. He added that Shaw Heights had said that Fruita is one of the top communities that they visit for tournaments because they have been treated very well. They also visited Highline Lake and had an absolutely delightful time.

Mayor Henry also stated that The Hot Tomato Café and Pizzeria was recently featured in Mountain Flyer Magazine (one of the premiere mountain biking magazines nationwide). The publisher of the magazine told Mayor Henry that he might cut the City of Fruita a deal if the City were to advertise in it. Mayor Henry forwarded the information to Councilor Buck to discuss at the Fruita Tourism Advisory Council.

### **COUNCILOR MULDER**

Councilor Mulder said that Pineapple Crackers was in Fruita Thursday night and they put on their usual great concert. The lead singer sang the Star Spangled Banner and it was absolutely unbelievable how everybody in the audience just went crazy.

#### **A. EXECUTIVE SESSION – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO CONSIDER A MOTION TO CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL ISSUES**

- **COUNCILOR BONAR MOVED TO CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL ISSUES. COUNCILOR MOSS SECONDED THE MOTION. THERE WERE 5 YES VOTES.**

### **10. ADJOURN**

After reconvening from Executive Session, the meeting was adjourned at 10:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Woods  
Deputy City Clerk