

OCTOBER 30, 2012

CITY OF TRINIDAD  
TRINIDAD, COLORADO

The City Council of the City of Trinidad, Colorado met in Special Session on Tuesday, October 30, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers at City Hall pursuant to the following call:

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SPECIAL MEETING

There will be a Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Trinidad, Colorado, on Tuesday, October 30, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall

The following items are on file for consideration of City Council:

- 1) Special events permit request (malt, vinous and spirituous) by Southern Colorado repertory Theatre at 131 W. Main Street on November 17, 2012 for a Fall fundraiser event
- 2) Consideration of engagement letter with Newnam Land, LLC, regarding City of Trinidad, Colorado v Arkansas River Power Authority, Case No. 2011cv30, pending in the Las Animas County District Court, Colorado

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

Roll call was taken.

There were present: Mayor Baca Gonzalez, presiding  
Councilmembers Bolton, Bonato, Mattie, Miles, Shew, Velasquez

Also present: Acting City Manager Gagliardi  
Interim City Attorney Downs  
City Clerk Garrett

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Special events permit request (malt, vinous and spirituous) by Southern Colorado repertory Theatre at 131 W. Main Street on November 17, 2012 for a Fall fundraiser event. Harriet Vaugeois, SCRT Executive Director, addressed Council. Ms. Vaugeois thanked Council for allowing them to present this request and encouraged attendance of the event. She said the event is the culmination of their eleven year history in town. She said one of SCRT's missions is to restore an historic building downtown and move the theatre to it and create a performing arts center to serve as an economic engine downtown. They have been working long and hard, and although they haven't signed any paperwork yet, the owners of 131 W. Main Street have given SCRT permission to let people know that they are verbally in agreement to move SCRT into that building. She said they are so excited. This represents phase 1. It will be a building they can move into and start doing things for the community as of November 17<sup>th</sup>. It is large enough that there are three performance areas at the same time. It will have a dance studio or meeting area and seating space of about 100 to 150. Ms. Vaugeois reiterated their excitement and said the cash bar they are seeking for the event will allow them to make as much money as possible. Phase 2 is to restore a building, for which they are also in negotiations. It will be two years into the future to restore that building that's even larger. Councilmember Mattie moved for the approval of the special event permit as requested and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Shew. Councilmember Miles asked Interim City Attorney Downs the appropriateness of her voting because she is on the SCRT board. Interim City Attorney Downs recommended that she abstain. Councilmember Mattie asked if the fire extinguishers have been taken care of. Ms. Vaugeois said they have been recharged and the property owner is installing new batteries in the emergency lights. Councilmember Bonato asked if security has been addressed with their cash bar proposal. Ms. Vaugeois said they have been working with the Police Chief and will have TIPS trained personnel who will work the bar itself plus two security officers the police department has approved for them. Mayor Baca Gonzalez noted that the matter was covered in their operations plan. Roll call was taken and the motion carried unanimously excepting Councilmember Miles who abstained from the vote.

Consideration of engagement letter with Newnam Land, LLC, regarding City of Trinidad, Colorado v Arkansas River Power Authority, Case No. 2011cv30, pending in the Las Animas County District Court, Colorado. Interim City Attorney Downs identified George Newnam and (Mary) Dixie Newnam in attendance. He asked Councilmember Miles if she found the engagement letter to be in order with the number of suggested changes. Councilmember Miles responded affirmatively. Interim City Attorney Downs advised Council that everything seems to be in order and recommended that Council take action on this. He further advised that in terms of Ms. Newnam being County Attorney, there is not a conflict of interest as ARPA is comprised of municipalities, not counties. Ms. Newnam addressed Council and confirmed there is no conflict with the County. The County is not a member of ARPA. She said they look forward to being able to help the City of Trinidad. A motion to approve the engagement letter with Newnam Land, LLC, regarding City of Trinidad, Colorado v Arkansas River Power Authority, Case No. 2011cv30, pending in the Las Animas County District Court, Colorado, was made by Councilmember Bolton. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Shew and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

There being no further business, Councilmember Mattie moved to adjourn the special meeting and Councilmember Bolton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously upon roll call vote.

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ATTEST:

BERNADETTE BACA GONZALEZ,  
Mayor

AUDRA GARRETT, City Clerk