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Council OKs Jack in the Box appeal

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At its meeting Monday, the Cañon City City Council approved an appeal filed by Bladow Properties over the \$7,800 traffic impact fee.



Cañon City Administrator Steve Rabe speaks on the appeal of the administrative decision of Jack in the Box on Monday during the city council meeting. Jeff Shane/Daily Record

“They appreciate the level of support that has been shown by the community for their project,” said City Administrator Steve Rabe.

Bladow had planned to build a Jack in the Box at the corner of Fremont Drive and Greydene Avenue, where the Sky Valley Motel now stands.

Bladow withdrew its application last month because, developer Michael Bladow said, he continued to run into significant roadblocks with city staff regarding receiving help in overcoming CDOT requests to construct a left turn lane and curb and gutter along Fremont Drive. Costs for the projects are expected exceed \$150,000.

The company’s proposal was to have a \$7,800 fee, which the city previously had denied waiving, to off-set the cost of road work requested by the Colorado Department of Transportation on Fremont Drive.

Negotiations were restarted after a conference call, Nov. 1, between Mayor Tony Greer and the Bladow board of directors.

The request was granted with a unanimous vote of the council.

Monday also was the final meeting for Councilman Kevin Grantham, who was elected this month to serve in the State Senate for District 2. His resignation is effective today.

“It has been a distinct honor to serve with the other council members and mayors over the last three years,” he said in his letter of resignation. “It would have been a privilege to have continued serving the people of this city and to finish the remainder of my term.”

The council declared the seat vacant and will accept letter of interest until Dec. 3. A special meeting to interview applicants will be 7 p.m. Dec. 13.

The council approved the 2011 budget and appropriated funds to various purposes.

Rabe said a number of capital projects that were budgeted this year have not been completed and are rolling over into the 2011 budget. The entire budget has decreased 9 percent.

Specifically, the general fund decreased 3.87 percent, Rabe said at a previous meeting. Additional money is being put into the park improvement fund and the conservation trust fund due to planned future construction on the Riverwalk Trail.

Rabe expects sales tax to remain consistent with the 2010 budget.

Other business:

- Approved a minor subdivision for Keith Kirchner at 426 Greydene Ave., splitting the lot in two.
- Amended the municipal code regarding inoperable motor vehicles.
- Rezoned several properties from R-4, a defunct zone, to R-2 and R-3 zone districts.
- Amended the sales tax code regarding licensing fees, late renewal fees and filing frequency.

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