

Minutes of the Oil and Gas Advisory Committee
City of Aurora, Colorado
July 20, 2022

Virtual Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 4:06 p.m. by Chairman Pierce.

The following were present:

Brad Pierce, Committee Member, Chair, Citizen
Josh Reddell, Committee Member, Vice-Chairman, Citizen
Max Blair, Committee Member, Industry – ABSENT
David Carro, Committee Member, Surface Owner
Marc Cooper, Committee Member, Surface Owner – ABSENT
OPEN, Committee Member, Citizen
Philip Holmes, Committee Member, Industry
Larry Quirk, Committee Member, Citizen – ABSENT
OPEN, Committee Member, Industry
James Spehalski, Committee Member, Surface Owner
Tom Tobiassen, Committee Member, Citizen – ABSENT

Jeffrey S. Moore, City of Aurora (COA), Oil & Gas Division Manager
Maria Alvarez, City of Aurora, Senior Planner
Forrest Thorniley, City of Aurora, Senior Inspector
Ian Best, City of Aurora, Assistant City Attorney
Jeremy Beers, applicant for the citizen position attended from the beginning of the meeting through his interview

1. Brad Pierce, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.
2. Chairman Pierce introduced himself and proceeded to call role.
 - Today, July 20th, 2012, 10th Anniversary of the Aurora Theater Shooting.
 - Approval of minutes, item #3 January 19th Minutes: Chairman Pierce requested typo be corrected on March 31 meeting minutes, “Cooper”, not “Copper”.
 - At start of meeting quorum not met, 4 members present. Chairman Pierce asked that City of Aurora Staff and members of the public to introduce themselves. All attendees are listed above.

3. Staff Update

- Maria Alvarez: COA Senior Planner Introduction to O&GAC.
- Jeffrey Moore: permit update.
 - King well site, north of I-70 and east of Aurora Highlands, just submitted, under review.
 - Notice to Proceed for other sites being circulated amongst staff
 - Applications being processed for pipeline laterals which are to connect the wellsite to the central gathering system.
 - Crude oil line coming to fruition which is exciting since this reduces large vehicle traffic.
- No other Operators have submitted applications.
- Forrest Thorniley: inspection and air monitoring update.
 - Crestone oil pipeline Tying up north of I-70 CDL central gathering system.
 - Crestone has 3-phase (oil, water, gas) gathering system with above ground storage
 - No new spills or leaks, Crestone has been doing a good job at maintaining.

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- Drilling crew wrapping up Eastern Hills, completion from Fraser to Crow, then relocating to Lone Tree site and completing Yellow before moving south.
- Revised air monitoring draft report from Montrose. Will go through with Jeffrey once they format document will be sharing with group.
- COGCC notified that Extraction is doing workover on their WEP site. Will reach out to confirm if drilling another site or the same one to bring back online to determine if Forrest will be adding to inspection schedule.
- There was a quorum of 5, David arrived at the meeting at 4:15 pm, Chairman Pierce moved to approve approval of March 2022 Minutes, cannot approve since quorum hasn't been met as of 4:06 p.m. James moved, Josh 2nd, unanimous vote.
- Jeffrey Moore provided a general update on items of importance to the Oil & Gas Division.
 - Also informed group of Reverse Setback discussion during City Council Study Session.
 - Jeffrey and Ian will work together to craft language for regulation, proposing 200'x200' around a plugged well.
 - Jeffrey will send out PowerPoint to group which will also be available online on the city website.
 - Jeffrey has been receiving phone calls and emails from Ward VI regarding the Civitas drilling wells in Arapahoe County but leasing minerals inside Aurora. Aurora not involved, project further east in Arapahoe County. The developer didn't take mineral rights at the time of sale, homeowners have mineral rights to their properties. Approximately 3,000 homeowners with ¼ ac. properties that own minerals. residents coming with a lot of questions as to where the wells will be drilled? Is it on my street?
 - Jeffrey acknowledges Chairman Pierce's comment on the 10th anniversary of the Aurora Theater shooting, mentioned events that will be available.
- Josh Reddell mentioned he is a homeowner in Blackstone area of Ward VI, mentioned that wellsite that is being looked at is Delbert and County Line Rd, possibly on the edge of Elkhorn Ranch, no buyout. The benefit or payout fee will be \$500 and 18% royalties.
- James explained how minerals are transferred at time of sale.
- Jeffrey stated an Oil and Gas is a legal document and if you feel necessary, get legal assistance. Only need 45% of the total acres within drilling and spacing unit, generally 2 square miles (1,280 acres) oriented east/west. Some of the acres are outside city limits.

5. Public Comment Period: no public comments.

6. interviews:

Questions listed below, each of the candidates answered the following for committee consideration.

- 1) In your opinion, what is the purpose of an oil and gas advisory committee, why do you wish to serve, and what experience and skills or talents would you bring to the committee?
- 2) When you hear the term "advisory" what does that mean to you, as far as your role on the committee?
- 3) If you were to hold a different opinion from one of your co-committee members, how would you handle your difference of opinion, and would you be open to other points of view on oil and gas development?
- 4) How is regulatory power balanced between the state and local government? As a committee member, how do you work within these confines? Will you be open minded to any changes regarding regulation of oil and gas?
- 5) Due to the fact that oil and gas development affects many of Aurora's population, how would you communicate or get information out to citizens concerning discussion topics heard at the oil and gas advisory committee meetings?

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6.1 JEREMY BEERS – opening statement: living COA 2016, 30 years old from New York. Hobbies: camping and music events. O&G is a very necessary resource wants to bring in good recommendations. He wants to be a part of the city he lives in.

6.1.1– believe this committee is a buffer zone between community and city, a community of people of what is safe and profitable. Limited experience in O&G good writing skills, computer skills, free time communicative and supportive of citizens.

6.1.2. A person or people who oversees questions or comments. Try to understand the process, gather info, come together to discuss problems and solutions and what we can do about it and what next steps are and recordkeeping.

6.1.3 If I held different opinions of others on the committee, I would express that and be open of other possibilities and opinions of others, wants to know what other people have to say and try to understand reasoning. I understand I am not correct on things the first time, so I like to hear what other people have to say.

6.1.4 This might be new to me. Metaphorically very green, no experience, no problem with public speaking will work collaboratively to implement change. As a board we would pick a change at least for the majority of people, I am one of those people being okay. I am a Positive thinker willing to meet in the middle, optimistic mindset, present or in future if change isn't the greatest.

6.1.5 I would see what we are doing right now, see the paths that are there, and take the good ideas. Then I would suggest them to the board and see, if that's a good idea before I follow through with that.

6.2. GREG BLOODWORTH – opening statement: living COA, software engineer, lives in COA for 1 year, but has lived in COA previously for the last 17 years. In the past worked for Northern Natural Gas for 10 years, grew up in Houston. Previous jobs in O&G, in Nebraska was on review board for sanitation improvement district. Loves Colorado.

6.2.1 I'm sure the purpose of the board is to be able to discuss and make recommendations to City Council regarding permitting activities within the city limits. To be on board have even handed approach, both balance of protection and progress, pro-business with even balance on public safety and something constructive. Will listen to all sides and make a balanced decision, a lot of common sense. You need to have a balance between social protection and progress. I am pro-business but also need to have even balance with public safety. I won't rubber stamp an issue, I will listen to all sides and make recommendations from there. I would like to volunteer with this group. I think a lot of common sense and a deep background to systems familiarity with the activities involved with exploration.

6.2.2 being a citizen, make a contribution and make recommendations on what is being discussed. No agenda or politics just want to be a part of a board, open communication skills. Something you'd want to present to an advisory board. Having oral, written communication skills.

6.2.3 always open to different POV will communicate like adults, agree to disagree, don't make it personal. Be an adult and communicate well. Never seen anything go 100% consensus.

6.2.4 I think that the legislature will have a body that writes the regulation and local will add layer for their own needs, sees this as orderly process. We do have production as much as possible and remove complicated regulation. If the paperwork is overly difficult, this is bad for business, regulation good but not to overburden. Pro-business, pro-energy but don't need anyone breaking the rules.

6.2.5 sure city publishes minutes of board, possible press release from COA if necessary. This is an advisory position, don't think that I'll be out engaging in the public square. I try to volunteer and contribute, and this looked like it would be in my wheelhouse.

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6.3 STACY HANKINS – opening statement: from Byers/Roy area has worked in and around oilfields 80s-90s. Used to hot shot rigs worked in oil fields, also worked in construction. Knows about O&G, boat repair, and windows. Runs small business, self-employed. Interested in doing anything I can to further O&G with the way things are right now. I understand there is a lot of regulations out there that need to be followed make sure sites are clean and environment is taken care of. Available to give any information that I might have that I can pass along to the best of my knowledge.

6.3.1 what I have to offer the committee is firsthand field experience lots of regulation that needs to be followed. Kept clean and environment can be taken care of.

6.3.2 my job would be to stand with the board and do anything we can do towards making the relationship between O&G, City and water. Make sure things go in a positive way. experience I have from oil field with what I do. I understand where the City wants to make with the board and make sure that anything we can do toward relationship between O&G and COA goes in a positive way. There is currently lots of turmoil with O&G and cities or committees. If someone has information that can take away concerns (video cuts off).

6.3.3 I actually invite different point of view than personal, takes it as learning experience and open to listen. Not stubborn person like to pick up and weigh opinion. Would like to see if he could work out the difference.

6.3.4 if there is anything positive to come from it, welcome to make positive move or be solution to positive move. O&G is happening nowadays, don't agree with regulation, sometimes might be regulations that are too steep on the other hand some may be too lenient. Given when a situation, formerly fire department chief, try to figure out situations to make better.

6.3.5 If at all possible, set up small meetings for anyone who is interested in asking questions, public information would help get knowledge out (video cuts off). Put it out there for anybody that is interested in and I've been asking questions. A lot of people don't even know. They can come and ask us questions and we can answer to the best of our abilities.

7. General Comments from the Chair: we will hold a Special Meeting since the next meeting isn't until September 21st, this will allow us to take a vote. Vote per recommendation of Legal is to hold special meeting within 7 calendar days. Next O&GAC meeting is scheduled for September 21st and November 16th. Will need to discuss conflicts between the code and the O&GAC bylaws at the September 21st meeting. Need to get all documents comply with each other. Also, wanted to make mention that we are still looking for industry representative. As a recap, the industry rep does not have to be a resident of the COA, they do have to work for an operator that is licensed with the state or another service company.

8. The general meeting was adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

Minutes Approved



Brad Pierce, Chairman

11/16/2022

Date