

Town of Meeker Meeting Minutes - March 4, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the Meeker Town Board was held Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at Town Hall.

Members Present	Mayor Trustees	Day Day Jehorek Nielsen Sizemore
Town Staff Present	Administrator Superintendent	Etheridge Willey

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Day called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Trustees Day, Jehorek, Sizemore, and Nielsen were present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Day asked for changes to the agenda. Trustee Jehorek made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Trustee Sizemore. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

Trustee Sizemore suggested a spelling correction to the minutes, page 2 under New Business. A motion was made by Trustee Nielsen to approve the minutes of February 18, 2025, with that correction. Second by Trustee Day. All ayes, Trustee Jehorek abstained due to her absence at that meeting. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS

A motion was made by Trustee Jehorek to approve the disbursements dated March 4, 2025. Second by Trustee Day. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Matt Solomon, on behalf of AGNC was present to provide an update on the Northwest Colorado Energy Initiative (NCEI); they are supporting HB1040 for defining nuclear as clean energy; they want to be fact-based, data-driven and a voice of the community based on last year's surveys; AGNC submitted a federal grant application in January to fund a Rocky Mountain Economic Development Hub that will support workforce development across the region. Solomon also addressed media coverage of the NCEI and thanked the Board for their participation and good work.

Trustee Day asked about SB 120 which focuses on workforce development and Solomon said they are supporting that as well.

Update on Ute Park improvements from MAMBA. Regas Halandras, on behalf of Meeker Classic Sheepdog Trials stated that electrical upgrades had been done at the park with help from Ducey's; Lodging Tax helped purchase new bleachers.

On behalf of MAMBA, Halandras then shared that they had received their 501(c)3 status which will help them leverage more funding for trail work and boost their application for the CPW non-motorized trail grant this fall; they will likely be asking the Town for support when that application opens. Trail work that was done last year was great, with a focus on water management, but there was still more to do.

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Regarding the pump track at Ute Park, the project was delayed as it was difficult to get the dirt and water needed for construction; Halandras asked about extending the park’s irrigation system. They still have a plan for trailhead improvements and want to keep momentum. Superintendent Willey stated that he wanted to make sure there was good collaboration with the Public Works department on projects to make sure they are done to a high standard as it reflects on the Town. Trustee Jehorek felt that oversight and management of projects at Ute Park should fall on Superintendent Willey and the Board concurred.

PUBLIC HEARING

Consideration of Ordinance #03-2025 Amending the Budget. Mayor Day opened the public hearing at 7:54 pm and Administrator Etheridge stated that the Town is currently in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Pioneers Medical Center (PMC) for financial pass-through services on a State Community Development Block Grant that was originally awarded in 2022. The original grant amount was \$65,000, and in November of 2023 it was increased by \$395,354.24. Then last year, with funds remaining in the state program, PMC received another increase to the grant in the amount of \$400,000 and a deadline increase to December 31, 2025, prompting an updated MOU dated June 18, 2024.

The reason for the budget amendment is to include the remainder of these grant funds in our revenues and expenditures as they were left off the 2025 budget that was adopted back in December. The remaining amount for the grant is \$347,367.00.

Hearing no further comments or questions, Mayor Day closed the public hearing at 7:56 pm and called for a motion. Trustee Sizemore moved to approve Ordinance #03-2025 to amend the budget. Second by Trustee Jehorek. All ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Bid award for Garfield Waterline Replacement project. Administrator Etheridge stated we received six complete bids for the Garfield Street water line project. Chris Hale, Mountain Cross Engineering has evaluated all bids for completion and compliance and has provided an abstract of the bid schedules. The bids came in as follows:

CRC Inc (Hayden)	\$1,261,446.92
TDA Construction Inc (Meeker)	\$1,544,350.00
Sunroc Corporation (Grand Junction)	\$1,620,683.50
CW Construction (Grand Junction)	\$1,785,773.41 *
Elevated Excavating Inc (Ft. Lupton)	\$2,417,079.72
Phoenix Industries Ltd (Glenwood)	\$3,929,617.84

* could be considered an incomplete bid due to late submission of the bid form

Attached is the letter of recommendation from Chris Hale regarding his findings of the apparent low bidder, CRC Inc. In the letter he shares his consideration of the bid package, reference check, and recommends awarding the bid to CRC Inc in the amount of \$1,261,446.92.

Hearing no further comments or questions, Mayor Day called for a motion. Trustee Jehorek moved to award the Garfield Water Line Replacement bid to CRC Inc in the amount of \$1,261,446.92. Second by Trustee Nielsen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Etheridge introduced Call Camblin, Owner of CRC Inc and Camblin thanked the Board and shared his excitement to work with the Town of Meeker. There was some discussion regarding project timeline with Superintendent Willey stating that they may start the project where it crosses the Town Ditch so that it is easier to work before water is flowing and that CRC will have 90 days to complete.

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Bid award for Crack Fill project. Administrator Etheridge shared that the Town typically contracts for crack filling as street maintenance every year, unless we are doing a full overlay like we did in 2023. This year we received eight complete bids for crack filling, which came in as follows:

TNT Striping LLC (Rifle)	\$29,250.00
Steamboat Asphalt (Craig)	\$37,952.00
Sun-Up Sealcoats LLC (Vail)	\$39,945.51
CKC Operations LLC (Roosevelt, UT)	\$42,367.38
Rocky Mtn. Asphalt (Steamboat)	\$45,000.00
A-One Chipseal (Denver)	\$54,600.00
CR Contracting (Bend, OR)	\$59,250.00
SuperSealing USA	\$83,300.00

For history’s sake, Etheridge also shared that Rocky Mountain Asphalt has been our low bidder in 2019, 2021, 2022, and last year. TNT Striping was second lowest bidder in 2021, the only other year they bid the project. I spoke with Tobey, the owner of TNT and he is excited to work in Meeker and anxious to add us to their schedule. Staff recommends awarding the bid to TNT Striping in the amount of \$29,250.00.

Hearing no further comments or questions, Mayor Day called for a motion. Trustee Sizemore moved to award the Crack Fill Street Project bid to TNT Striping LLC in the amount of \$29,250.00. Second by Trustee Day. All ayes. Motion carried.

MANAGER’S REPORT

CDOT’s federally mandated bi-annual bridge inspection of 5th and 10th street bridges was completed in September by an engineering firm out of Denver. Etheridge and Superintendent Willey met with the engineering representatives last week to receive the reports, and all is fine with minor concerns for possible mitigation but overall fair rating and nothing critical.

News from Circle Park is that as of last week they were 90% complete with the ADA ramp outer wall; the surveyor and engineer were both out yesterday to verify locations and inspect installation; the excavated cobble and alluvial soil was approved for reuse; weather has been great to work with and progress is good, although boulder placing is tedious and time-consuming.

Lastly, in your packet is a draft of signage for Circle Park with a few updates including the Town logo in the top left corner. Administrator Etheridge said she is working with Danny Lewis, a USACOE Flood Risk/Floodplain Manager and part of an interagency partnership called the Colorado Silver Jackets. They work on finding long-term solutions for Colorado's flood risk management, including projects to provide communities with Flood History signage to serve as a physical reminder of a community’s flood risk. Etheridge asked for any comments or suggestions before moving forward with this design.

MAYOR’S REMARKS

Mayor Day expressed his support for AGNC and all they do for the region.

OTHER BOARD BUSINESS

Trustee Jehorek asked whether there was any progress on extending Robert Street between Sage Hills Subdivision to Sanderson Subdivision. Discussion followed regarding the need for better emergency access and what the Town could do with that right-of-way despite it not being currently developed.

Trustee Jehorek also stated that she had been able to address citizen concerns with the water turbidity curtain currently built out at Circle Park during construction and that people were paying attention to activity in the river.

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Trustee Day stated that he attended the most recent Library Board meeting, and it went very well with Board members following Robert Rules of Order and a positive evaluation of the Library Director. Trustee Sizemore was also at that meeting and concurred.

Trustee Sizemore asked about document destruction at the April 5th Clean-up Day at Town Park; Administrator Etheridge stated that she would look into having the Town provide that service through Vital Records Inc that does document destruction for the Town. Trustee Sizemore suggested having a truck available or an alternative method for accepting larger loads and asked for cost options to be researched.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Day adjourned the meeting at 8:23 pm.

/s/Travis Day, Mayor

Attest:

/s/Lisa Cook, Town Clerk