

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

The Regular Meeting of the Meeker Town Board was held Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at Town Hall.

Members Present	Mayor Trustees	Day Browning Day Lockwood Madison Sizemore Smith
Town Staff Present	Administrator Town Clerk Admin Asst Police Chief Attorney Comm Dev./Planner Public Works Supt.	Etheridge Cook Pakuer Thompson Massih Thomson Kilduff

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Day called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

All Board members were present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

Mayor Day asked if there were any changes to the minutes. Trustee Madison stated on page 3 under the heading of Consideration of Minor Subdivision at 100 Curtis Creek Drive it should reflect the record of vote. A motion was made by Trustee Lockwood to approve the minutes of December 10, 2025 as corrected. Second by Trustee Day. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS

A motion was made by Trustee Browning to approve the disbursements dated December 31, 2025. Second by Trustee Sizemore. Trustee Day abstained due to Water Pump and Supply being included. All ayes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Browning to approve the disbursements dated January 13, 2026. Second by Trustee Sizemore. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Annual Report from the Eastern RBC 911 Emergency Telephone Service Board. Rio Blanco County Communication Center supervisor Rhawnie McGurder presented the RBC approved 2026 budget. In 2026 the communication center is going to convert to being cloud based, when dispatch is cloud based if the Town were to be evacuated dispatch would be able to evacuate to Craig while keeping their devices up and running. McGruder also stated there is going to be an increase in the 911 surcharge for cell phones, it is

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currently \$2.12 but starting February 1st it will increase to \$2.17. Trustee Sizemore asked if other communities are moving their dispatch center to the cloud, McGruder stated RBC will be one of the first in the state of Colorado and Mesa County is planning to do the same. Hearing no further questions or concerns Mayor Day thanked McGruder for her presentation.

STAFF UPDATES

- Public Works Superintendent Kilduff reported 9,704,064 gallons of water were pumped during the month of December; a privacy gate at the bulk water plant has been installed to address neighbor complaints; staff decommissioned the two spare police cars; delivery was made of the one ton truck to Pine Country for the flatbed installation; the ad to sell the Rugby dump box was posted on Purple Wave auctions and should sell on January 20th; PW staff will be attending RBC pesticide applicator class on the 22nd; Cory resigned his position with PW effective the first part of Feb; Daylon will attend a D & C level water school in February and staff is waiting to hear if he will be accepted for a \$500 scholarship. Kilduff has been organizing and preparing for the Town Parks take over.
- Chief Thompson reported for the month of December there were six arrests; eight children participated in the Shop with a Cop project which is funded by Walmart; there were twenty-two gift bags delivered to the Fairfield for the Community Gift project.
- Comm. Dev/Planner Thomson stated staff is currently finishing up some 2025 projects; working on the draft for Land Use Code, Thomson will be meeting with RBC and then have a discussion with the Board at the next workshop.
- Town Clerk Cook reported On the Grape Vine renewed their retail liquor license; she is working on closing the books for 2025 and getting 2026 up and running; the accounting software MIP will be converting to the cloud next Thursday the 22nd; Cook and water clerk Perkins have been working on new water billing software; the election packets were available on Tuesday and will be due on Monday the 26th.
- Attorney Massih reported there will be court this month and she will be reviewing the Land Use Code updates and helping as needed.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of Ute Park permit for Meeker Classic. Regas Halandras was present representing the Meeker Classic. Halandras stated Ute Park works well for this event and thanked the Town's Public Works crew for keeping the grounds in such good condition. Executive Director Mary "Maym" Cunningham reported the webcast was up thirty-two thousand views this year and the attendance was the same as it was in 2024. Hearing no further questions or concerns Mayor Day called for a motion to approve Consideration of Ute Park permit for Meeker Classic. Moved by Trustee Sizemore. Second by Trustee Day. Trustee Browning abstained due to her involvement with Meeker Classic. All ayes. Motion carried.

Consideration of Ute Park permit for Smith Ranches. Administrator Etheridge stated Davey Smith was present representing the Smith Ranches, and that nothing has changed with the terms of the agreement. Trustee Madison expressed concern for citizens safety using the trails at Ute Park during calving season. It was determined there is a fenced area already in existence for people to use to keep them safe. Hearing no further questions or concerns Mayor Day called for a motion to approve Consideration of Ute Park permit for Smith Ranches. Moved by Trustee Lockwood. Second by Trustee Day. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding Fluoridation of Meeker Water System. Administrator Etheridge shared data included in the Board packet:

- Meeker's current natural Fluoride levels are .01 mg/L per water sample taken November 24, 2025.
- CDPHE supports the 2015 US Department of Health and Human Services recommended fluoride concentration of 0.7 mg/L for adjusting public water systems, with an acceptable range of 0.6-0.9 mg/L.
- At a Board meeting on August 5, 2024 it was discussed whether to ask the voters to discontinue system

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fluoridation and the Board's decision at the time was to continue with fluoridation until the citizens present an initiative to the Board to recall it.

- At a Board meeting on May 7, 2019 it was discussed whether changes with CDPHE regulations* would force a change in our water system licensing and the Board decision at that time was to accept staff recommendation to change the chlorination system and add a water fluoridation question to the combined election in the fall.
- In the 2019 combined election, the residents of Meeker voted 381 to 326 for the continued fluoridation of the Town's water distribution system.

**CDPHE Reg 100.4.2 states that ground water source systems with chlorination and fluoridation are classified at class C.*

Trustee Browning asked PW Supt Kilduff if the town monitors the system before adding fluoride. Kilduff stated it is a continual monitoring process. Trustee Day stated this Board has a responsibility to uphold the outcome of the last election. After some discussion Mayor Day suggested that any ballot issue to consider should be brought to the board by a citizens initiative and that the Town should honor the citizens' choice from the 2019 election. The majority of the Board agreed and did not call for a vote to add a ballot question to the upcoming municipal election.

Consideration of comparative pricing options for Meeker PD fleet vehicle purchase. Administrator Etheridge stated in December the Board approved the PD to use comparative pricing for the purchase of a PD fleet vehicle. Chief Thompson's research was presented in the Board packet and the summary spread sheet shows seven different dealers but he is still waiting for one last dealer to submit. Current recommendation is

1. Utilitac located in Pennsylvania: Ford F-150: Total price equipped \$78,007.53.
2. Dana Safety Supply located in Tennessee: Ford F-150: Total price equipped \$71,932.00.

Trustee Madison asked if there was a vehicle closer to home. Chief Thompson said there is not one that would be a police package. After some discussion and hearing no further questions or concerns Mayor Day called for a motion to approve the purchase of a Meeker PD fleet vehicle not to exceed eighty thousand dollars. Moved by Trustee Smith. Second by Trustee Sizemore. All ayes. Motion carried.

Consideration of Resolution #01-2026 adopting amended Housing Needs Assessment.

Administrator Etheridge stated in 2024 the SB24-174 requires jurisdictions with more than 1,000 residents to complete local housing needs assessments. Housing needs assessments must conform to requirements in statute and pass DOLA's methodology; jurisdictions must complete a housing needs assessment and submit the plan to Colorado's Department of Local Affairs by December 31, 2026, and at least every 6 years thereafter. The Town of Meeker was ahead of the game and had already engaged Ayres Associates in 2023 to create a housing needs assessment, which was completed prior to the requirements of SB24-174. This resolution is a formal adoption of the Housing Needs Assessment and Action plan as revised in 2025 to be compliant with statute and state methodology. The resolution outlines the public process for the acceptance of the Assessment, including the public presentations and discussions held in 2024 regarding the Assessment and the approval to engage Ayres Associates one more time to in 2025 to complete the amendments. The final, updated version has been shared with the Board and has been reviewed by DOLA to be in full compliance with SB24-174, staff recommends approval. Hearing no further questions or concerns Mayor Day called for a motion to approve Resolution #01-2026 adopting amended Housing Needs Assessment. Moved by Trustee Browning. Second by Trustee Sizemore. All ayes. Motion carried.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Administrator Etheridge reported the following:

- The town received notification from School District Superintendent Chris Selle today that the School Board determined they can support 30% of both the start-up costs and 30% of the annual salary and benefits for the SRO position, for a total of \$65,692.51 out of the District's 25-26 budget. They intend

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to support the annual costs at 30% in future budgets. Unless anyone has any issue with financial support and wishes to see it on a future agenda for discussion, we will send the agreement out for signatures, and it should be approved by the District at their meeting on the 26th. The Board approved for Etheridge to move forward with finalization of the agreement.

- Per our water attorney's recommendation, Etheridge reached out to a water engineer with Spheros Environmental (formally LRE Water) to get a scope of work for a water resource analysis. This report will provide more accurate and current data to determine how to proceed with our bulk water distribution and how stringent to make the use agreement. Etheridge is in hopes of having more information on the cost and scope by the next Board meeting.
- There is a workshop scheduled for Tuesday the 27th the agenda is to discuss municipal code updates for consideration of adoption in February. Staff are requesting a 5:00 or 5:30 workshop so that we aren't up against a late night with this discussion. At the Planning Commission meeting last night, the Land Use (Title 18) code updates were discussed for over two hours. Etheridge would like to make sure we are setting ourselves up for success in two weeks' time and giving all involved enough time to cover everything on the table. The Board agreed and requested the workshop be set for 5:30 pm.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

- Mayor Day introduced Margie Joy as the new incoming Town of Meeker Administrator. Joy stated she is excited to get started, she is looking forward to being back home after serving the region and she is humbled by the offer of Town Administrator.
- ERBM Recreation and Park District put a press release in the January 8th Herald Times regarding *Changes coming to local parks management*. Mayor Day stated according to the press release ERBM will not be upholding their duties in the lease agreement between the Town and ERBM and Attorney Massih asked whether this should have been a joint press release. After some discussion Trustee Lockwood suggested the Town of Meeker take the high road on this and make sure snow and ice removal are done where it needs to be done for the greater good of our citizens; the Board agreed.

OTHER BOARD BUSINESS

None.

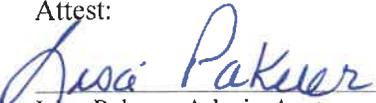
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Day adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.



Travis Day, Mayor

Attest:



Lisa Pakuer, Admin Asst.