

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

The Regular Meeting of the Meeker Town Board was held Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at Town Hall.

Members Present	Mayor	Day
	Trustees	Browning
		Day
		Lockwood
		Madison
		Sizemore
		Smith
Town Staff Present	Administrator (outgoing)	Etheridge
	Administrator (incoming)	Joy
	Town Clerk	Cook
	Attorney	Massih (<i>by phone</i>)
	Police Chief	Thompson
	Comm. Dev./Planner	Thomson
	Public Works Supt.	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 Sizemore made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Trustee Smith. All ayes, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

Trustee Lockwood asked for wording to be changed from “he would like this Board to consider developing..” to “he would like this Board to develop...” A motion was made by Trustee Day to approve the minutes of February 3, 2026, with that change. Second by Trustee Lockwood. All ayes, Trustee Madison abstained, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS

Trustee Lockwood asked about the ED Magazine payment of \$7,710.08 and Community Development Director Thomson shared that this was an AGNC Grant funded project to create a Meeker Economic Development Relocation Magazine. A motion was made by Trustee Browning to approve the disbursements dated February 17, 2026. Second by Trustee Sizemore. All ayes, motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

STAFF UPDATES

Public Works Superintendent Kilduff reported 9,332,096 gallons of water pumped in January; Bow Muxlow left the department and Landon Archuleta and Herman Guereca both started last week; new zero-turn mower ordered for the Parks Department; the Dump Truck is at Inland getting warranty work on the transmission; the 1-ton flatbed refit is still in process; bids are still open on the backhoe and crack fill project; due to lack of snow to plow, other projects are getting done like new fencing panels at Town Hall, river access signs, and upgrades to both Wilbur Barn and Animal Shelter. Thanks to the ladies for getting the job descriptions for parks positions; Well #1 is off and waiting for a new check valve; Well #6 is off and

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waiting for new bearings for the motor; Levi is preparing for GWUDI (Ground Water Under Direct Influence) resample for Well #7 in June.

Mayor Day brought up a citizen's concern about kids on the ice in the pond at Circle Park, it was determined that safety signage is already in place. Trustee Madison asked about the cost for the zero-turn mower for the Parks, Kilduff responded that it was approx. \$18K and our current, smaller, older zero-turn mower would be the back-up equipment. Madison also asked about timing for hiring with the Parks positions and incoming Administrator Joy stated it would be posted in the next couple of weeks.

Police Chief Thompson reported 301 calls for service resulting in 6 arrests and 16 citations. The new truck is in Craig and the radio was installed today. Trustee Browning asked what a sex offender verification was, Thompson stated it was routine reporting. Trustee Lockwood asked whether the second notice issued for junk was a final notice, Thompson thought it would be the final before a summons to municipal court.

Town Planner/Community Development Director Thomson reported that in addition to the planning and building update in the packet she was preparing for a Planning Commission meeting on Monday; finalizing an RFP for conceptual housing design work on public parcels which would use the Prop 123 Fast Track funding; working on Short-Term Rental (STR) renewals and anticipating that all 11 will renew. Thomson reminded the Board that STR renewals are administrative and would not come before the Board unless there is an issue. Trustee Smith asked about the STR cap, Thomson stated the cap is 20 for the Town and we have 11 renewals and 1 pending which could come before the Board for consideration in March. Trustee Lockwood asked about the conceptual housing design work on public parcels, Thomson stated that it would be for the parcels owned by the Town and the School District at the top of 3rd Street in Sanderson Hills as well as the Town-owned parcel currently undeveloped at the top of Sanderson Subdivision.

Town Clerk Cook reported that Rigg's Tavern license was renewed this month; the cloud migration for accounting system was complete and successful; we are nearly complete with Phase I of the water billing software transition and are looking at doing duplicate billing in April and possibly go live in May. Trustee Browning asked about the Senior rate reduction program and whether there had been any concerns with the rate increase, staff reported that there had been no concerns and the Senior rate reduction program doesn't start until May so there had not yet been many applications.

Town Attorney Massih was present via phone and shared that she is helping where needed and preparing for Municipal Court next week.

PUBLIC HEARING

Consideration of Ordinance No. 02-2026 amending the Meeker Municipal Code: Title 5 – Business Taxes, Licenses, and Regulations and Title 6 – Animals.

Mayor Day opened the public hearing at 7:17 pm and Administrator Etheridge provided the following report:

At the regular Board meeting on December 10th several recommendations for updates to the Municipal Code were introduced. Direction at that time was to move forward with language for those updates, which was reviewed for legality and then discussed at a public workshop on January 27th. This public hearing for Ordinance no. 02-2026 is to consider the final draft of these recommended updates.

At the Workshop last month, discussion and public input led to direction from the Board to not pursue updates on the water system definition of a family unit at this time but to research alternative language. Also, new regulations for on-street parking and in-town fire pits were taken off the table. Lastly, the addition of clarification for "under reasonable control" was added to the section for running at large.

As such, Ordinance 02-2026 reflects the code updates as follows:

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1. Title 5.10 for Peddlers, Solicitors, and Transient Merchants was updated to reflect compliance with recent state legislation. This removed requirements for a municipal business license, but maintains the requirement for a state standard retail license and the Town's ability to enforce that.
2. Section 5.12.010 for Liquor Regulations will be updated to reflect the correct state statute.
3. Section 6.1.101 will add a definition for excessive to mean "constant without stopping for no less than 15 minutes"
4. And section 6.1.111 shall amend the regulation for a barking dog to support new departmental procedure for enforcement.
5. Running at large will include reasonable control clarification of being able to respond to vocal recall after two attempts
6. Section 6.1.122.1 for spay and neuter of ownerless dogs released for adoption will bring us into compliance with recent PACFA inspection violation of requiring all dogs to be neutered prior to adoption

With no further questions or comments from the public or from the Board, Mayor Day closed the public hearing at 7:22 pm and called for a motion. Trustee Smith moved to approve Ordinance No. 02-2026 amending the meeker Municipal Code: Title 5 – Business Taxes, Licenses, and Regulations and Title 6 – Animals. Second by Trustee Madison. All ayes, motion carried.

Trustee Madison asked whether a municipal update would be considered regarding the number of animals allowable in Town and it was determined to discuss the matter in the near future.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of Sponsorship/Donation to Range Call

Travis Goodwin was present representing Range Call and asked the Board to support with a \$5,000 donation. In an update, the cost of hosting the rodeo has increased 20% for stock and labor costs, and fireworks are more expensive as well. Concerts and events will run from Thursday the 2nd through the weekend. Trustee Sizemore made a motion to donate \$7,000 from the Community Improvement budget, second by Trustee Smith. All ayes, motion carried.

Consideration of Resolution No 03-2026 Appointing Planning Commissioner

Matt Franks was present as an applicant to the Planning Commission. With no questions or concerns, motion to approve Resolution No 03-2026 appointing Matt Franks to the Planning Commission was made by Trustee Lockwood. Second by Trustee Browning. All ayes, motion carried.

Consideration of Comparative Pricing for a New Staff Vehicle

Community Development Director Thomson has taken the lead on this project and done research on vehicles from NW Auto and Columbine Ford in Rifle. We are looking for a smaller sized SUV with low mileage for under \$25,000. Trustee Lockwood shared his opinion that the staff car should use the Town logo and be either white or silver in color. After discussion regarding options for finding the right vehicle, Board consensus was to try to keep the purchasing local. Mayor Day confirmed Board approval for the purchase of the best option in silver or white.

Consideration of Water Supply Analysis Report

Incoming Administrator Joy stated that we received two bids, one from LRE on Friday and one from Colorado River Engineering (CRE) today. We did a high-level review and both bids have come in under \$25,000 so we will not need to have an RFP. However, Joy stated we would like to make a more thorough comparison and then send the Board a summary and a copy of the bids for your review.

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Discussion to set up a joint meeting with the ERBM Board to coordinate the continuation of Rec District programs at Town Park locations

Mayor Day shared that in conversation with Trustee Lockwood it was suggested to be proactive in making sure the Rec District's programs were supported with the parks transition. Day asked the Board to start thinking about what requirements should be in place for usage of the parks and the Board's expectations and comfort level for allowing Rec District programs. Trustee Smith asked about which programs the Rec District would run on Town parks and whether they would even be willing to work with the Town. Trustee Browning asked about what other non-Rec District programs use Town parks and stated that we should create a fee/reservation structure that is consistent. Trustee Sizemore suggested having information about all park programming prior to a joint meeting with the Rec District. Superintendent Kilduff shared his understanding that all the Rec District's programming would be at Paintbrush park. Incoming Administrator Joy then suggested confirming information from the Rec District for an update at the next meeting and then scheduling a workshop to discuss park programming.

Trustee Lockwood asked whether the Rec District was off-loading any of their equipment and Superintendent Kilduff explained the staff decision to decline an offer for a package deal on various pieces of equipment. The Rec District was not willing to sell anything separately, only as a package and it was not worth the price being asked.

Mayor Day encouraged the idea of a Board workshop to continue discussion regarding the park transition and with confirmation from ERBM that they won't be using our properties then a joint meeting wouldn't be necessary.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Incoming Administrator Joy shared the following:

- We worked on creating job descriptions and advertisements for Parks Lead, Seasonal Parks positions, and Town Clerk. The plan is to get all three posted in their appropriate places in the next week with an application deadline in late March.
- Administrator Etheridge has started compiling information and training resources for the Emergency Preparedness Plan. We will bring ideas back to the Board in the next couple of meetings.
- Etheridge has been training Joy on the operational and day-to-day projects of the town. There is a lot to learn, but it is going well. Over the next couple weeks Joy will meet one on one with each department and possibly shadow.

Administrator Etheridge remarked on how excited everyone is to have Margie in the office and things were going great for getting Margie caught up to speed on everything.

OTHER BOARD BUSINESS

Trustee Madison brought up the possibility of adding a 4-way stop at the intersection of 3rd Street and Main. After some discussion, Madison's suggestion was for more public response before making a decision to move forward. Board direction was to use social media to seek public input and encourage notice in the Herald Times.

Trustee Lockwood said the minutes reflected the question of having a water spigot at Ute Park but the Board priority was for 2 frost-free hydrants and wanted to make sure the project was still properly framed as a full waterline project, not just a spigot. Discussion followed regarding the logistics of the use of water at Ute Park and options for water supply, location, and access with no Board direction.

Trustee Lockwood asked Planner Thomson whether the Wildfire Resiliency Training was being widely advertised and asked whether Building Inspector Padilla could contact local contractors to encourage them to attend.

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MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Day stated that the Republican Party Caucus was going to be held on March 3rd at 7:00 pm and asked the Board to move the March 3rd Board meeting to an earlier time to allow attendance at both. Board concurred to have the meeting at 5:30 pm. Mayor Day shared that he had added his name for consideration for County Commissioner.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Mayor Day adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm.



Travis Day, Mayor

Attest:


Mandi Etheridge, Administrator