

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

The Regular Meeting of the Meeker Town Board was held Tuesday, May 5, 2026, at Town Hall.

Members Present

Mayor
Trustee

Day
Browning
Day
Madison
Sizemore
Smith
Lockwood

Excused Absence

Town Staff Present

Administrator
Town Clerk
Incoming Town Clerk
Admin Asst
Attorney
Comm Dev/Planner
PW Superintendent
Police Chief

Joy
Cook
Massey
Pakuer
Massih (via phone)
Thomson
Kilduff
Thompson

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 except for Trustee Lockwood.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Day asked for changes to the agenda. A motion was made by Trustee Sizemore to accept the agenda as submitted. Second by Trustee Smith. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Day to approve the minutes of April 21, 2026, as submitted. Second by Trustee Sizemore. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS

A motion was made by Trustee Day to approve the revised disbursements dated April 30, 2026. Second by Trustee Browning. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No Public Comment.

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NEW BUSINESS

o Robert Street to Sanderson Drive Connector. Administrator Joy stated in each BOT packet there is a summary of the connector options coming off Robert Street in Sage Hills down to Sanderson Drive. Joy stated she recognizes there has been many discussions about this potential project, and she appreciated the BOT indulging her as she gets fully up to speed on the project.

In the process of getting up to speed Joy came across information and files in a variety of places, so she started to compile the information into one place and reviewed the benefits and challenges with each of the possible solutions that had been discussed, Joy shared with the BOT the compilation of the scenarios, and an analysis done on each of them. The goal is to approach this with methodical movement that appropriately and adequately addresses the need for better public safety for the residents of Sage Hills. Administrator Joy stated she understands BOT's sense of urgency to act as soon as possible and has compiled all the information gathered into five different scenarios.

o Scenario 1 – Take No Action

This option keeps the area as it is today, with informal OHV/pedestrian and a few unapproved private access points crossing Town right-of-way.

o Scenario 2 – Construct a 12-Foot Trail Connector

This would be a narrow gravel route primarily intended as a walking path but available for one-way emergency evacuation. Gate (controlled by Town Staff and emergency personnel) at each end would limit motorized use.

o Scenario 3 – Construct a 16-Foot gravel road

An August 2025, engineering estimate considers a 16-foot-wide gravel road. Staff re-read the engineering report and recognize that it includes outsourcing the project, and cost for various (in our opinion) unnecessary engineer and survey costs, as well as retaining walls, etc.

o Scenario 4 – Build a 20 to 24-Foot Gravel Road Meeting IFC Standards

This option creates a two-way gravel emergency access road, built by Town crews, using gravel and mag chloride for stabilization.

o Scenario 5 – Construct a Road to Fully Meet Town Code

This would be a fully engineered, paved road with curb, gutter, complete utility, and drainage infrastructure.

Administrator Joy stated Mayor Day had requested she share this with Fire Chief Luke Peloni and asked for his comments. Chief Pelloni sent a letter of support supporting scenario 3.

The Trustees each stated the following:

Trustee Madison decided after some discussion that Scenario 4 would be the best option with the addition of gates.

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- Trustee Day stated Scenario 3 fits the budget and the emergency access, however he likes Scenario 4 as the best option with the addition of gates.
- Trustee Sizemore chose Scenario 4 for emergency access; it is within budget however, she would like to see the addition of gates and signage where applicable.
- Trustee Smith had questions regarding time frame for completion. Mayor Day pointed out this project has already taken four years to this point, the end goal is getting emergency access compliant. Smith chose option 4.
- Trustee Browning liked Scenario 4 stating that everything needs to be up to International Fire Code (IFC).
- Mayor Day stated there should be gates no matter which scenario is chosen and making sure the end goal for all involved is getting this emergency access compliant to International Fire Code (IFC) emergency access standards.
- Public Works Superintendent Kilduff pointed out the pros and cons that come with each Scenario and asked for directions as to how to lock the gates. Mayor Day stated Fire Chief Pelloni would prefer the town to use padlock with a chain. After a lengthy discussion and hearing no further questions or concerns Mayor Day called for a motion. Trustee Smith moved to go with Scenario 4 with gates for the Robert Street to Sanderson Drive Connector. Second by Trustee Browning. All ayes. Motion carried.

Emergency Response Plan. Administrator Joy stated with the help of Community Developer/Planner Thomson's researching what other Towns have done and then condensed it down, Thomson and Joy have put together a standard emergency operation plan. If there were a fire, other organizations would respond beside the Town in helping to fight the fire. However, the utility the Town manages is the water and that is where we are truly vulnerable. The Town has some emergency plans for water, for instance the Town has a Source Water Protection Plan. Another vulnerable aspect would be Town Hall; this is where the Police Department (PD) is located and where an upset customer comes to see either the PD or the front counter.

Staff will be encouraged to participate in various educational training for emergency situations on a continual basis.

Administrator Joy share opportunities possible actions to better prepare the Town for emergencies. This includes the need for a generator in the event that the water treatment plant or Town Hall were to lose power. Currently, we would have to borrow a generator from White River Electric Assn (WREA). Administrator Joy mentioned it might be worth checking into grants to help possibly purchasing our own generator. After some discussion BOT requested Joy adjust the plan based on discussions and then bring it back for BOT approval.

Town of Meeker Parks Fees. Administrator Joy suggested keeping the Park Fees the same as what ERBM Recreation and Park District had them. Trustee Madison and Sizemore felt the RV Camping fees are too high. After some discussion it was decided to drop the RV Camping fee from \$30/day to \$20/day. Hearing no further questions or discussion Mayor Day called for a

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motion to approve Resolution #07-2026 Adopt Usage Fees for Town Parks with a change to RV Camping of \$20/day. Moved by Trustee Madison. Second by Trustee Sizemore. All ayes. Motion carried.

MANAGERS REPORT

Administrator Joy stated the following:

- o Introduced the incoming Town Clerk Dannie Massey. Outgoing Town Clerk Lisa Cook has been with the Town for the last twenty-three and half years. In celebration of Cook there will be a retirement party on June 11th at 5:00pm at the Smokin River Brewery.
- o Administrator Joy asked if the trustees would like to have their town emails posted on the Town of Meeker website. She noted that some Town Websites have email contacts with their Trustees listed and others do not. After some discussion all the trustees were fine with their email on the Town of Meeker website.
- o Water Billing Software Transition will start transitioning from Bill Master to CUSI. During the months of May and June staff will be participating in the setup process and training. In May the two systems will run parallel. In May our customers will receive the same statement they are familiar with; we will add a message to let them know that their June statement will look different. Also, in May CUSI will run a test to make sure all information is transitioning smoothly. We will submit an article to the newspaper and on our socials sharing the process, benefits of new software and benefits of CUSI. This summer we will run an incentive campaign to encourage people to receive automatic withdrawal and to go paperless.
- o Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) was sent to Vicky Edwards for Commissioners review, and it has been shared with Kristina Selby at the Library District. Kristina is sharing with the Library Board as well.
- o On the June 2nd BOT meeting, Joy will not be attending she will be at their daughter's wedding; however, she does plan to call into the meeting.
- o On July 16th Dana with DOLA will be in Meeker and has offered to do continuing education training for all Trustees. Trustee Day suggested opening it up to other community boards. Joy will check with DOLA to see if that is a possibility. It was decided to hold the training at 6:00pm.
- o On August 11th there will be a workshop on best budgeting practices, presented by DOLA.
- o The Town has filled the seasonal and custodian positions for the parks work. There will be two, forty-hour/week seasonals starting June 1st and one part-time twenty-eight hour/week custodian starting June 1st.

Upcoming Events

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- o May 13th at 6:00pm: there is a Community Meeting on Black Diamond Mine Mitigation Work—Town Hall Upstairs meeting Room
- o May 19th: Town Board of Trustees Meeting

MAYORS REMARKS

None.

OTHER BOARD BUSINESS

Trustee Madison shared that he had visited Betty Kracht, District 43 Lead Water Commissioner, about the evaporation of Circle Park regarding the possible augmentation from Lake Avery. He was wondering if having any water was a possibility since the lake has been drained. Mayor Day shared the conversation he and staff have had with Kracht, CPW and our Water Attorney on the feasibility of augmentation from Avery.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Day adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

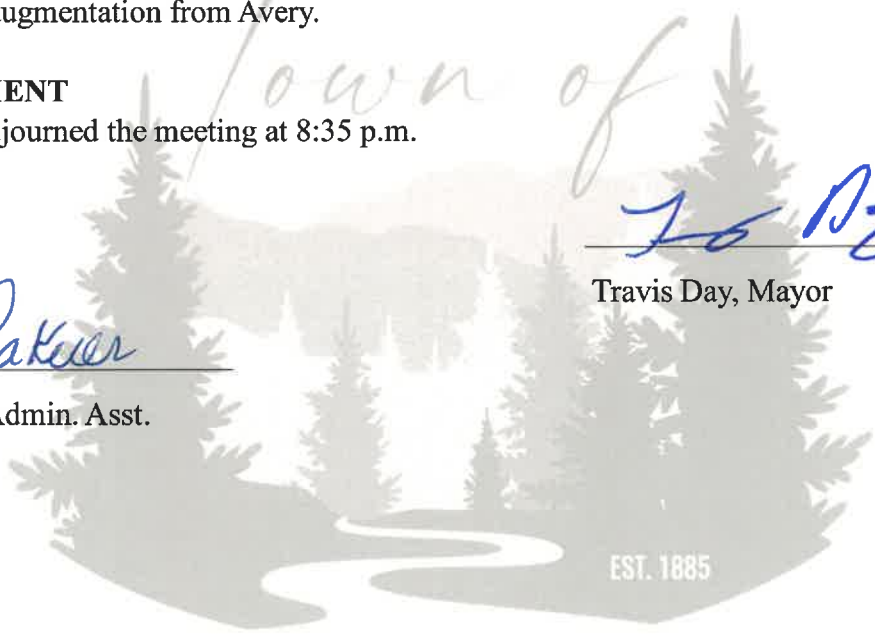
Attest:



Lisa Pakuer, Admin. Asst.



Travis Day, Mayor



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