

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

The Regular Meeting of the Meeker Town Board was held Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at Town Hall.

Members Present

Mayor
Trustees

Borchard
Creecy
Day
Gutierrez
Kindall
Nielsen
Turner

Town Staff Present

Administrator
Town Clerk
Police Chief
PW Superintendent
Attorney
Admin. Assistant
Lieutenant

Cook
Tupy (Attended by phone)
Thompson
Overton
Massih (Attended by phone)
Pakuer
Hayes

Citizens Present: Adams, Travis; VonRoenn, Sean; Shults, Clint (Attended by phone)

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Borchard 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 Borchard asked for changes to the agenda. A motion was made by Trustee Kindall to accept the agenda as is. Second by Trustee Nielsen. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

Mayor Borchard asked for changes to the previous minutes. Trustee Kindall stated under Town Manager's Report FEMA meeting should be July 22nd not June 22nd. Mayor Borchard pointed out under Citizens present Vicki should be spelled Vicky. Administrator Cook noted the header should be July 7, 2020 not July 7, 2019. A motion was made by Trustee Turner to approve the minutes of July 7, 2020 with changes. Second by Trustee Gutierrez. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS

A motion was made by Trustee Gutierrez to approve the disbursements dated July 21, 2020. Second by Trustee Nielsen. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

STAFF UPDATES

Chief Thompson reported there were 382 incidents, seven warnings, fifteen summons, and one arrest for June.

Public Works Superintendent Overton stated there were 39,399,000 gallons of water consumed; PW staff repaired two fire hydrants that were hit by cars, applied mag chloride on alley's, repaired two water leaks, finished hanging the new Main Street banners and assisted with the Fairfield building's basement flood. Overton also reported the completion of the chip seal project and the parklet for the Chamber of Commerce; the water line project is on schedule; and there are several good applicants for the Utilityman position.

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Town Clerk Amy Tupy reported that most of the court cases are being done remotely; Administrator Cook and herself are working with Kasey Cox of Foxz Creative on the Town's website. Tupy has been attending webinar courses with the Clerk's Institute.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Request from Rio Blanco County Fair Board for a Special Event Liquor Permit for the RBC Fair Events at the RBC Fairgrounds, 700 Sulphur Cr. Rd. for the Grandstands on Aug. 7th and the 4-H Bldg. on Aug. 8th, 2020. Mayor Borchard opened the public hearing at 7:10pm. Administrator Cook stated the event manager and representative of Rio Blanco County is Clint Shults who was present by phone; the organization has received permission from the Commissioners to use the property; she stated they will setup for a beer garden using panels to set the perimeter; ID's will be checked and arm bands issued; application is complete and staff recommends approval. Mayor Borchard asked for comments, hearing none closed the public hearing at 7:11pm and called for a motion to approve the request from Rio Blanco County Fair Board for a Special Event Liquor Permit for the RBC Fair Events at the RBC Fairgrounds, 700 Sulphur Cr. Rd. for the Grandstands on Aug. 7th and the 4-H Bldg. on Aug. 8th, 2020. Motion by Trustee Creecy. Second by Trustee Gutierrez. All Ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Indemnification Agreement between the Town of Meeker and TDA Construction for the use of 5th Street bridge during construction of the Circle Park Pond project. Mayor Borchard pointed out Board members should have a copy of the drafted construction agreement based on previous conversations with TDA Construction, ERBM Recreation and Park District and the Town of Meeker, allowing TDA Construction use of the Circle Park Bridge during construction of the Circle Park Pond project; agreement has been reviewed by Mayor Borchard, Administrator Cook and PW Superintendent Overton. Travis Adams owner of TDA Construction was present, he stated that the agreement is cost prohibitive and restricts him from crossing the bridge with any equipment due to weight restrictions; to get a million dollar bond would cost TDA \$30,000.00; he would like to ask the Board to consider putting the weight limits on the bridge at 36,000 pounds for larger trucks and 25,000 pounds for smaller trucks; TDA would limit trips by half (300) only using the bridge when absolutely necessary. PW Overton commented the concern is not necessarily the weight of the trucks, but the number of trips going across the bridge, it is not designed for construction traffic. Administrator Cook stated to replace the bridge would cost approximately \$700,000.00. After a lengthy discussion it was determined that TDA would submit a copy of his insurance coverage to Attorney Massih for review; ERBM will check to see if their Performance Bond with TDA Construction could possibly include the bridge and will provide a copy. Mayor Borchard asked for a motion to table further discussion until the August 4, 2020 board meeting. Moved by Trustee Kindall. Second by Trustee Nielsen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Approval of Construction Agreement between the Town of Meeker and Sturgeon Electric Company, Inc. for Market St.-5th St. Crossing project. Mayor Borchard asked for a motion approving the Construction Agreement between the Town of Meeker and Sturgeon Electric Company, Inc. for Market St.-5th St. Crossing project. Moved by Trustee Turner. Second by Trustee Day. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding cameras for the Police Dept. to comply with the requirements of SB 20-217. Chief Thompson gave a presentation of his research on Body Worn Camera/In Car Camera Systems and listed the pros and cons of each. Axon Body 3 BWC total cost \$32,507.60; Watch Guard total upfront cost \$36,000.00 plus reoccurring cost \$5,000.00 per year; Visual Labs total cost \$8,280.00 plus cost of purchasing Android cell phones; Wolfcom cost \$32,399.00; and Digital Ally cost \$68,600.00. The Board informed Chief Thompson to select the best system that will keep our officers safe and cover all legalities should the need arise.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Administrator Cook gave the Treasurer's report stating the figures are not audited numbers; General Fund revenue less grants received of \$9,123.29 and less mineral severance of \$78,270.60, for the end of the second quarter was \$754,362.13. Expenses in the General Fund less \$221,733.98 Systems Development is \$830,470.42; Operations and Maintenance is at a negative balance \$76,108.29 she stated this is not unusual for this time of year as most revenue is collected in the third and fourth quarters.

Water Fund revenue of \$292,929.04; less expenses of \$318,955.70 in Systems Development, is \$275,539.78; Operations and Maintenance was a positive \$17,389.26.

General Fund Revenue is \$35,885.72 more than this time last year; Water Fund Revenue is \$9,737.44 more than this time last year; all departments are under budget.

General Fund projects remaining to fund will be approximately \$345,000.00 and include Animal Shelter repairs, cross walk on Market St., the website, Business Grant program, and the river design. Water Fund projects remaining to fund will be approximately \$875,000.00 and include the water well, Water Street line and replacing the overflow line

Undesignated cash reserves for the General Fund are \$4,194,580.89; undesignated cash reserves for the Water Fund are \$427,829.88.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Borchard stated the Rio Blanco County Commissioners passed a motion stating they do not support the Governor's latest executive order requiring masks to be worn for thirty days from July 17, 2020 until August 16, 2020 in all public indoor facilities. Mayor Borchard suggested that all people and businesses in the Town of Meeker comply with the Governor's order, by not doing so businesses risk losing any licenses to continue operating.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Administrator Cook informed the Board the flood plain meeting is scheduled for Wednesday evening at 6:00 pm at the Fairfield; ERBM will host a Google hangout meeting on Thursday, July 30, 2020 for the Comp Plan; there will be a budget workshop after the board meeting on August 4th.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Massih reported she will be working on the contract for TDA Construction to use the Circle Park bridge.

OTHER BOARD BUSINESS


Trustee Kindall attended the Farmer's Market and would like to suggest having an officer there to patrol kids recklessly riding bikes and scooters on the sidewalks around people. Her concern was that somebody was going to get hurt. Public Works Supervisor Overton stated the town is working on getting funding from the State for the fluoride treatment equipment repairs.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Borchard adjourned the meeting at 8:29pm.


Kent A. Borchard, Mayor

Attest:


Lisa Pakuer, Admin. Assistant