

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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The Regular Meeting of the Meeker Town Board was held Tuesday, July 7, 2020 at Town Hall.

## Members Present

Mayor  
Trustees

Borchard  
Creecy  
Day  
Gutierrez  
Kindall  
Nielsen  
Turner

## Town Staff Present

Administrator  
Clerk  
Attorney

Cook  
Tupy  
Massih (Attended by telephone)

Citizens Present: Chinn, Dan; Pelloni, Luke; VonRoenn, Sean; Edwards, Jay & Vicky; Baughman, Rob; Cunningham, Maym.

## 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 Gutierrez to accept the agenda as is. Second by Trustee Nielsen. All ayes. Motion carried.

## APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

Mayor Borchard requested the word 'concurred' be changed to 'agreed' on page four in the last sentence of the June 16, 2020 minutes. A motion was made by Trustee Nielsen to approve the minutes of June 16, 2020 with the correction above. Second by Trustee Gutierrez. All ayes. Motion carried.

In the Special Meeting minutes from June 25, 2020 Mayor Borchard requested that 'Mayor Halandras' be changed to 'Mayor Borchard'. A motion was made by Trustee Gutierrez to approve the special meeting minutes of June 25, 2020 as corrected. Second by Trustee Nielsen. Ayes: Trustees Day, Gutierrez, Nielsen and Turner. Abstain: Trustees Creecy and Kindall due to their absence at this meeting. Motion carried.

## APPROVAL OF MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS

A motion was made by Trustee Turner to approve the disbursements dated June 30, 2020. Second by Trustee Kindall. All ayes. Motion carried.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Luke Pelloni with the Rio Blanco Fire Protection District came before the Board to ask for a donation for the annual Fourth of July fireworks display that happened over the weekend, the Town historically donates \$1,500 to help offset the cost; he noted the District spent \$8,000 in fireworks for 2020 and will be reaching out to RBC and the Rec District for donations; Trustee Kindall stated it was hard for her to vote yes with total District funds of \$5.4 million. Trustee Gutierrez made a motion to approve a \$1,500 donation to the Rio Blanco Fire Protection District for the Fourth of July fireworks. Second by Trustee Day. Ayes: Trustees Creecy, Day, Gutierrez, Nielsen and Turner. Oppose: Trustee Kindall. Motion carried.

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## **NEW BUSINESS**

### ***Presentation of the White River at Circle Park Fluvial Assessment and Design Considerations.***

Sean VonRoenn, Executive Director at ERBM Rec Center was present, he introduced David Bidelspach P.E. project supervisor, Noah Greenberg and Tony Summers Landscape architect, who were in attendance by telephone; Mr. VonRoenn stated that a river assessment was done in early April, the project is in a conceptual phase and they would like feedback from the Board. A lengthy discussion followed, regarding the design at Circle Park, entrances to the river, visible walking paths between 8<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Street, a cross walk and parking at 10th Street, bank stabilization, removal of existing sand bars, improving fishing habitat, Trustee Day expressed his concerns with changing the river and how it will effect ice jams in the winter and would like to see the plan not use j-hooks, a rough cost estimate of \$400 per linear foot with approximately 500-1,000 linear feet of river restoration was given; Mr. VonRoenn stated they will use the feedback given tonight and hone in on cost as they implement these ideas into the plans.

***Consideration of Resolution 8, 2020 appointing a Municipal Judge for the Town of Meeker.*** Trustee Gutierrez made a motion to approve the consideration of Resolution 8, 2020 appointing Jay Edwards as Municipal Judge for the Town of Meeker. Second by Trustee Creecy. All ayes. Motion carried.

### ***Request from MCSCT for placement of a memorial plaque at Ute Park.***

Maym Cunningham, Executive Director for Meeker Classic Sheepdog Championship Trials (MCSCT) thanked the Board for letting MCSCT install the fence in Ute Park; she stated that Jammin' Lamb has been canceled this year due to COVID-19 and they will be making a decision in the near future if the entire event will be canceled for the same reason. Ms. Cunningham stated that MCSCT would like to place a memorial plaque in Ute Park to pay tribute to the handlers, she brought with her an example of what they would like to do, a metal silhouette of a handler that would have a rusty patina, their plan is to mount it to a large rock on the East end of the park by the Wilber Barn, they will fund it and complete the project and are open to ideas. Mayor Borchard called for a motion to approve the request from MCSCT for placement of a memorial plaque at Ute Park. Moved by Trustee Kindall. Second by Trustee Creecy. All ayes. Motion carried.

***Consideration of Resolution 9, 2020 approving amendments to the Town of Meeker Fee Schedule regarding water tap fees.*** Administrator Cook stated the fee schedule that was discussed at the last meeting is in the packet. Trustee Day made a motion to approve the consideration of Resolution 9, 2020 approving amendments to the Town of Meeker Fee Schedule regarding water tap fees. Second by Trustee Turner. All ayes. Motion carried.

### ***Consideration of Resolution 10, 2020 appointing Chris Lockwood to the Planning Commission.***

Administrator Cook reported that Chris Lockwood has applied to be on the Planning Commission Board; Trustee Day stated it could be a conflict of interest being a contractor and getting paid directly from his clients; there was a brief discussion whether he would have to step down from his position on the Board of Appeals board, Attorney Massih did not feel that was necessary. Mayor Borchard called for a motion to approve the consideration of Resolution 10, 2020 appointing Chris Lockwood to the Planning Commission. Moved by Trustee Creecy. Second by Trustee Gutierrez. All ayes. Motion carried.

***Decision regarding improvements to infrastructure for the NW corner of Meeker based on recent analysis by Mtn. Cross Engineering and Yeh and Associates, Inc.*** Mayor Borchard stated this motion is based on the conversation the Board had at the last meeting. Trustee Kindall read the motion, "after reviewing the reports prepared by Mountain Cross Engineering and Yeh and Associates detailing the cost of repair and improvement of streets and related infrastructure for the Northwest Corner of Meeker from 12<sup>th</sup> Street to 10<sup>th</sup> Street and from Hill Street to the North, which range from \$12 million dollars to \$19 million dollars, I move the Town of Meeker not go forward at this time with any repairs or improvements described in the reports." Second by Trustee Day. All ayes. Motion carried.

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## **MAYOR'S REMARKS**

Mayor Borchard stated the Town had received a few thank you's for the business grant recovery program; he reported that the Town continues to struggle with Travis Adams owner of TDA Construction wanting to use the bridge at Circle Park for the Rec Center's pond project; Mayor Borchard asked Attorney Massih to draft an agreement to allow Mr. Adams to use the bridge during construction under the Town's terms, it would require Mr. Adams to retain a bond for any repairs that might be needed after he finished using the bridge, the Town would have the bridge inspected after Mr. Adams has completed the project and he would be responsible for getting the bridge to the condition it was before the project began. There was discussion among the Board, Trustee Day stated he had a real problem with this since the project was bid not using the bridge, he didn't feel the Town needed to negotiate this; Trustee Kindall stated it's a hard pill to swallow wanting the pond project done and wanting to say no to using the bridge; Trustee Day also pointed out that he's under contract with the Rec Center to complete this job in a certain timeframe, Trustees Turner & Creecy did not support this; Administrator Cook suggested the Board would have an opportunity to not approve the contract if they don't like it. Attorney Massih will move forward drafting up an indemnification agreement with TDA Construction to use the Circle Park bridge, it will come before the Board for approval at the next meeting.

## **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

Administrator Cook reminded the Board about the Meeker Moving Forward meeting on Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm at the Fairfield Center; FEMA is in the process of updating the flood map there will be a meeting on Wednesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00pm at the Fairfield Center there will also be an option to attend the meeting virtually; the Town received notice that JAK Kilduff put in his resignation and his last day is July 16<sup>th</sup>.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Borchard adjourned the meeting at 9:09pm.



Kent A. Borchard, Mayor

Attest

  
Amy Tupy, Town Clerk