

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

Members Present

Mayor Pro-tem
Trustees

Day
Kindall
Nielsen
Turner

Town Staff Present

Administrator
Town Clerk
Police Chief
PW Superintendent

Cook
Tupy
Stubblefield
Overton

Citizens Present: Franklin, Ann; Richardson, Nancy; Turner, Niki.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro-tem Day called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

All Board members were present except for Mayor Halandras and Trustees Creecy and Gutierrez.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Pro-tem Day asked for changes to the agenda. A motion was made by Trustee Kindall to accept the agenda as is. Second by Trustee Turner. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Kindall to approve the minutes of January 7, 2020. Second by Trustee Nielsen. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS

Mayor Pro-tem Day inquired what the remaining balance for Gould will be after this payment, Administrator Cook replied \$117,862.31 which is a little more than just the retainage. A motion was made by Trustee Turner to approve the disbursements dated January 21, 2020. Second by Trustee Nielsen. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

STAFF UPDATES

Chief Stubblefield reported there were 347 calls for service in the month of December, four arrests, one domestic, 15 summons, 36 warnings, two dogs picked up. Officer Hetzel is doing good and will have two more months of FTO training with Lt. Hayes.

PW Superintendent Overton reported 15,909,900 gallons were used last month, one major water leak on Shaman Trail was repaired, Water Operator Wiley & Utility Operator Kilduff have been studying for their Class B water license, they are scheduled to take that next Wednesday.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Request from Meeker Arts and Cultural Council for a Special Event Liquor Permit for the Meeker Int'l. Ecology Program Fundraiser, Feb. 8, 2020 at the Fairfield Center, 200 Main Street. Mayor Pro-tem Day opened the public hearing at 7:06pm. Administrator Cook stated this event will take place at the Fairfield Center from 3:00pm-11:00pm; Nancy Richardson is the event manager and was present; ID's will be checked at the bar, they have received permission from the County, the property has been posted,

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the public hearing advertised and staff recommends approval. Hearing no questions or comments, Mayor Pro-tem Day closed the public hearing at 7:07pm and called for a motion to approve the request from Meeker Arts and Cultural Council for a Special Event Liquor Permit for the Meeker Int'l. Ecology Program Fundraiser, Feb. 8, 2020 at the Fairfield Center, 200 Main Street. Moved by Trustee Nielsen. Second by Trustee Turner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Consideration of adoption of Ordinance #01-2020 allowing for the Administrative Approval of the Reissuance of Existing Liquor Licenses per Colo. Liquor Code. Mayor Pro-tem Day opened the public hearing at 7:08pm. Administrator Cook noted this ordinance would allow Town Staff to approve the renewal of existing liquor licenses unless there has been a violation or non-compliance then it would come before the Board and depending on the violation may require a public hearing. The ordinance would take effect 30 days after publication in the newspaper. Hearing no questions or concerns, Mayor Pro-tem Day closed the public hearing at 7:11pm and called for a motion to approve the consideration of adoption of Ordinance #01-2020 allowing for the Administrative Approval of the Reissuance of Existing Liquor Licenses per Colo. Liquor Code. Moved by Trustee Nielsen. Second by Trustee Turner. All ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Renewal of Chippers Downtown Tavern Liquor License at 285 6th Street. Administrator Cook reported this is the annual renewal of the tavern liquor license for Chippers Downtown, there have been no changes since last year to the corporation, no calls for service and staff recommends approval. Moved by Trustee Kindall. Second by Trustee Nielsen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding a proposal by SWCA Environmental Consultants to conduct a study for future river enhancement projects. Administrator Cook reminded the Board of a workshop that took place last fall where Sean VonRoenn of ERBM participated and spoke of Circle Park Phase II Improvements and the potential of partnering with the Town for the addition of river access improvements at Third and at Tenth Streets. ERBM has obtained a proposal from SWCA for the entire project that includes a White River Enhancement Conceptual Plan for the river corridor through town from Sulphur Creek to 10th Street. Cook explained the process will require stakeholder engagement including adjacent property owners, resource managers and community members; concepts could include improved fishing access, trails, park areas, riverbank stabilization and riparian projects and will be a plan to guide future efforts to enhance the river; the total cost for the River Enhancement Conceptual Plan is \$31,719.88 ERBM has proposed the Town pay half at a cost of \$15,860 and could come from the Community Improvements line item. Cook stated the ERBM Board would like our commitment so they know how to proceed with the project, grants for the project can be applied for this year and it will be helpful in obtaining them to show collaboration between the Town and ERBM, construction could begin in 2021.

Mayor Pro-tem Day stated he did not like the way the proposal was written as it includes river enhancements and changes to the stream bed and it has been discussed on multiple levels that there should be no changes in the river bed due to the ice jamming and algae problems. After more discussion there was a consensus of the Board to speak with Mr. VonRoenn about the possibility of narrowing the focus of the proposal for access at 3rd and 10th Streets and improvements along the area of City Park only.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

None.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Administrator Cook was approached by CNCC to see if the Town would reconsider paying for the carpeting upstairs, after a brief discussion Mayor Pro-tem called for a motion to direct staff to research and pursue carpeting for the Third Floor of Town Hall and inform CNCC of the decision. Moved by Trustee Nielsen. Second by Trustee Kindall.

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Administrator Cook stated there is a flyer in the packet from Meeker Sportsman's Club for the Rinehart R100 archery shoot they are asking if the Town would be interested in sponsoring a target for their June 2020 event. Mayor Pro-tem Day suggested the \$500 range; Trustee Nielsen reminded the Board that he will have to abstain from the motion because he is on the board for the Sportsman's Club so there will not be a quorum for the motion. Administrator Cook will bring this back before the Board when there is a full quorum.

Administrator Cook reminded the Board of Trustees that Thursday, January 23, 2020 there will be a meeting at the Library at 5:30pm for a Community Survey Workshop to review and discuss the results of the Comp Plan's survey; on Wednesday, January 29th there will be another meeting, 5:30pm at the Library to draft vision and goals for the Comp Plan; Rio Blanco County has completed their multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan it will be coming before the Board in the near future for review and adoption; the County is working with both Meeker and Rangely to adopt their emergency operations plan there is a workshop on that tomorrow.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT


None.

OTHER BOARD BUSINESS

None.


ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro-tem Day adjourned the meeting at 7:48pm. Moved by Trustee Kindall. Second by Trustee Turner. All ayes. Motion carried.



Travis Day, Mayor Pro-tem

Attest:



Amy Tupy, Town Clerk