

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

The Regular Meeting of the Meeker Town Board was held Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at Town Hall.

Members Present	Mayor	Borchard
	Trustees	Creecy
		Day
		Gutierrez
		Kindall
		Nielsen
Town Staff Present	Administrator	Cook
	Town Clerk	Tupy

Citizens Present: Roach, Levi; Smith, Davie; Halandras, Regas; Hokit, Dave and Linda.

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, with the exception of Trustee Turner.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Administrator Cook reported item E under New Business had been added, Consideration of a motion to support the concept of a 1% County Sales and Use Tax increase to be dedicated to Rio Blanco County Dispatch Services. A motion was made by Trustee Gutierrez to accept the revised agenda. Second by Trustee Nielsen. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Gutierrez to approve the minutes of August 18, 2020. Second by Trustee Creecy. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS

A motion was made by Trustee Nielsen to approve the disbursements dated August 31, 2020. Second by Trustee Gutierrez. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Regas Halandras informed the Board that he and PW Superintendent Overton will be looking at rocks in Ute Park for the sheep handler silhouette that Meeker Classic will be installing.

NEW BUSINESS

Award bid for the Animal Shelter Remodel. Mayor Borchard noted the total bid is \$84,280 not the amount that was read when the bid was opened; Mr. Halandras asked the Board if they had a problem with him starting to order materials and getting the electricians in there before the contract is signed. Hearing no questions or comments Mayor Borchard called for a motion to award the bid for the Animal Shelter Remodel to Regas K. Halandras total bid amount \$84,280. Moved by Trustee Nielsen. Second by Trustee Creecy. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Borchard asked each Board member if they had any problems with Mr. Halandras ordering materials and starting the electricians on the project. All Board members agreed to let Mr. Halandras proceed before the contract is signed.

Approval of the Amendment to the David Smith Ranches Permit Agreement. Mayor Borchard noted the amendment was written by Attorney Massih; there was a brief discussion about the duration of grazing

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and the amount per month; the Board agreed that the amendment needed to be corrected to state the lease amount is \$1,400 per month and first month's rent should be paid up front. Mr. Smith stated they were only planning on grazing Ute Park for the month of September and would notify the Town if they plan on using it for the month of October. Hearing no questions or comments Mayor Borchard called for a motion to approve the Amendment to the David Smith Ranches Permit Agreement with the corrections listed. Moved by Trustee Kindall. Second by Trustee Nielsen. Ayes: Trustees Creecy, Day, Kindall and Nielsen. Nay: Trustee Gutierrez. Motion carried.

Consideration of an assignment of a Professional Services Contract for recycling services.

Administrator Cook reported that Lee Overton purchased Eagle River Waste noting our recycling contract is with Eagle River Waste and needs to be updated to reflect this change, Mayor Borchard requested we get documentation for evidence of purchase and certificate of insurance. Administrator Cook will put this back on the agenda for approval with the documents requested.

Consideration of the proposal by SWCA Environmental Consultants for White River Enhancement Conceptual Planning Services.

Administrator Cook stated this proposal is in the packet and has the correct cost estimate of \$22,300; she also stated this is on the agenda for ERBM on their September 15th meeting Director VonRoenn said his Board verbally agreed but did not state what percentage they are willing to split with the Town; Ms. Cook added the Town has money in the budget this year that could be used to cover half of this cost with the thought that ERBM will cover the other half. Mayor Borchard called for a motion to approve the proposal by SWCA Environmental Consultants for White River Enhancement Conceptual Planning Services. Moved by Trustee Kindall. Second by Trustee Creecy. All ayes. Motion carried.

Consideration of a motion to support the concept of a 1% County Sales and Use Tax increase to be dedicated to Rio Blanco County Dispatch Services. Mayor Borchard opened a discussion regarding an increase in Sales and Use tax to offset costs for dispatch services at the County, there was a lengthy discussion. Administrator Cook reported in order for this to go to a vote the ballot language must be certified by this Friday; she will reach out to the County Commissioners in the morning to arrange a joint meeting with them to discuss this in greater detail and schedule a tentative special meeting for Thursday, September 3rd at 7:00pm.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Borchard read a thank you letter received from Pat Dagget for the COVID business grant money she received from the Town due to COVID.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Administrator Cook reminded the Board there is a budget workshop after the September 15th Board of Trustee meeting; she has been working on the next phase of COVID business grant money applications and noted this money has to be used by December 31, 2020 any business owner applying for the grant money will be required to turn in their application by October 31, 2020; the Town received our mineral lease and mineral severance payments, the mineral severance payment was \$18,654 less than what was budgeted, mineral lease was \$275,031 less than what was budgeted, the Town uses these funds for capital improvement projects. Administrator Cook reported that PD has had three body cameras fail, she instructed Chief Thompson to order new ones given the importance of them, there is money in the budget to cover these; the final walk through on the Water Street water line project was today; she was also contacted by the Rec District, they are interested in using the upstairs for karate lessons, currently there is not a room large enough upstairs so the Town would have to remove some walls, Administrator Cook will reach out to the Rec District for more information; there is a joint meeting with the Board at Town Hall with the Planning Commission Board on September 29th at 7:00pm to go over the final draft of the comp plan.

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OTHER BOARD BUSINESS

Trustee Kindall noted there is a park closed sign at Circle Park; Meeker Mustang Makeover is scheduled for September 11th.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Borchard adjourned the meeting at 8:18pm.



Kent A. Borchard, Mayor

Attest:



Amy Tupy, Town Clerk