

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

The Regular Meeting of the Meeker Town Board was held Monday, December 14, 2020 at Town Hall.

## Members Present

Mayor  
Trustees

Borchard  
Creecy  
Day  
Gutierrez  
Kindall  
Nielsen  
Turner (attended by phone)

## Town Staff Present

Administrator  
Attorney  
Town Clerk  
Police Chief  
PW Superintendent

Cook  
Massih (attended by phone)  
Tupy  
Thompson  
Overton

Citizens Present: None.

## 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

Administrator Cook stated she added a memo from the Meeker Classic Sheepdogs regarding comments for Ute Park for the Comp Plan. Mayor Borchard asked for changes to the agenda. A motion was made by Trustee Kindall to accept the agenda as is. Second by Trustee Creecy. All ayes. Motion carried.

## APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Kindall to approve the minutes of November 17, 2020 as is. Second by Trustee Nielsen. All ayes. Motion carried.

## APPROVAL OF MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS

A motion was made by Trustee Creecy to approve the disbursements dated November 30, 2020. Second by Trustee Day. Ayes: Trustees Creecy, Day, Kindall, Nielsen and Turner. Abstain: Trustee Gutierrez due to receiving business grant funds, line item 109. Motion carried.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

## STAFF UPDATES

PW Superintendent Overton reported that 11 million gallons of water were consumed in November, Public Works has been busy moving supplies from the lower building into what was the recycle building, they have been cleaning all water valves, he also reported there was a water leak on Main Street on Sunday.

Chief Thompson reported 302 calls for service, six summons, three arrests he also stated the code enforcement update is in the packet.

Administrator Cook noted there are two new lot line adjustment applications in the Planning Department and a special review for a hemp extraction business will be coming up as well.

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## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

***Consideration of adoption of Ordinance #05-2020, adopting the Town of Meeker 2021 Budget and Highway Users Tax Budget.*** Mayor Borchard opened the public hearing at 7:06pm and called for questions or comments, hearing none he closed the public hearing at 7:08pm and called for a motion to adopt Ordinance #05-2020, adopting the Town of Meeker 2021 Budget and Highway Users Tax Budget. Moved by Trustee Nielsen. Second by Trustee Day. All ayes. Motion carried.

***Consideration of adoption of Ordinance #06-2020, approving and certifying a Mill Levy and levying general property taxes for the fiscal year 2021.*** Mayor Borchard opened the public hearing at 7:10pm Hearing no questions or comments he closed the public hearing at 7:11pm and called for a motion to adopt Ordinance #06-2020, approving and certifying a Mill Levy and levying general property taxes for the fiscal year 2021. Moved by Trustee Creecy. Second by Trustee Nielsen. All ayes. Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

***Adoption of the Memorandum of Understanding with White River Partnership implementing conservation of a healthy riparian ecosystem for the White River and tributaries.*** Attorney Massih stated under this contract there is no financial responsibility and the Town can terminate the contract at any time before it expires. Mayor Borchard called for a motion to approve the adoption of the Memorandum of Understanding with White River Partnership implementing conservation of a healthy riparian ecosystem for the White River and tributaries. Moved by Trustee Kindall. Second by Trustee Nielsen. All ayes. Motion carried.

***Consideration of approval of USGS agreement for water testing and measuring on the White River.*** Administrator Cook informed the Board that this is an annual housekeeping item, it is an agreement that the Town of Rangely, Rio Blanco County and USGS enter, these funds pay for gauging the water quality monitoring system on the White River, the total has increased by \$260 since last year. Mayor Borchard called for a motion to approve the USGS agreement for water testing and measuring on the White River. Moved by Trustee Day. Second by Trustee Gutierrez. All ayes. Motion carried.

## ***Update on the Community Master Plan.***

Administrator Cook stated there was an apology memo from Western Slope Consulting in the packet, she noted that the Planning Commission Board was not able to adopt the Master Plan last Monday because it was not complete and after a discussion with Attorney Massih decided it was in the Town's best interest not to adopt an incomplete plan; there was a brief discussion about terminating the contract but because a grant was received for this project the Board concurred not to terminate at this point; Administrator Cook reported that we have been promised a complete Master Plan by January 4<sup>th</sup> and the Planning Commission will adopt the completed plan on January 25<sup>th</sup>, she would like to run the final check for Western Slope Consulting in 2020 and will plan on holding that until we receive the completed plan.

## **MAYOR'S REMARKS**

Mayor Borchard encouraged everyone to wear their masks and stated we need to encourage our business' to enforce mask wearing; he also voiced his concerns with the new pond at Circle Park and his fear of having one of our kids fall through thin ice, he believes the Rec District will be installing warning signs and also noted that the Town is named as additional insured on their policy.

## **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

Administrator Cook inquired if the Board would be willing to waive the building permit fee for the Rec District's Pavilion at Circle Park, the total amount for the permit is \$321.25; all Board members agreed to waive the fee; she noted that she received a memorandum from SWCA for the river work at Circle Park and be emailing it out and putting it on the next agenda.

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## **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**


None.

## **OTHER BOARD BUSINESS**


Trustee Turner expressed his concerns for the potential hazards that come with the Circle Park pond especially pertaining to the winter months and thin ice, there was a discussion that followed, Trustee Turner will get in touch with ERBM Director Sean VonRoenn to discuss his concerns; he also voiced his concerns with COVID-19 mask wearing and thought the Town should be holding our meetings virtually, the rest of the Board did not agree. Trustee Turner asked if it was acceptable for him to attend the meetings virtually, all Board members supported this.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Borchard adjourned the meeting at 7:52pm.

  
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Kent A. Borchard, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Amy Tupy, Town Clerk