

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

The Regular Meeting of the Meeker Town Board was held Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at Town Hall.

Members Present	Mayor Trustees	Borchard Creecy Day (attended by phone) Gutierrez Kindall Nielsen Turner
Town Staff Present	Administrator Attorney Town Clerk PW Superintendent Admin. Assistant	Cook Massih (attended by phone) Tupy (attended by phone) Overton Pakuer

Citizens Present: Smith, Davey; Hendrickson, Callie; Turner, Niki (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. Administrator Cook stated she added a second executive session for the purpose of seeking legal advice. A motion was made by Trustee Turner to accept the agenda as is. Second by Trustee Gutierrez. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

Trustee Nielsen pointed out the spelling of his name was incorrect under subheading Approval of The Agenda. A motion was made by Trustee Nielsen to approve the minutes of January 5, 2021 with the correction. Second by Trustee Kindall. Ayes: Trustees: Creecy, Day, Gutierrez, Kindall, and Nielsen. Abstain: Trustee Turner due to his absence at that meeting. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS

A motion was made by Trustee Turner to approve the disbursements dated January 19, 2021. Second by Trustee Gutierrez. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ms. Callie Hendrickson expressed her concerns with the Town setting rules against having livestock within town limits, stating that is one of the reasons she moved to town because they could have livestock at their residence.

STAFF UPDATES

PW Superintendent Overton informed the board there were 10,297,000 gallons of water pumped; PW staff has been busy trimming trees and plowing snow. Overton also reported the materials have been ordered for the streetlights that need to be replaced on Main Street.

Town Clerk Tupy reported she is in the process of getting the 2020 W-2's and 1099's mailed, also there is court next week.

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Chief Thompson was not able to attend the meeting, Administrator Cook informed the board his report is in their packets.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of Ute Park leases for 2021.

Administrator Cook informed the board the Permit Agreements for the Ute Park lease are due in February; Mr. David Smith was in attendance representing the David Smith Ranches Inc. to discuss how the livestock and people with dogs using Ute Park can co-exist. Cook reminded the board the Comp Plan survey results showed the community values the agricultural aspect of our town while also wanting improvements at Ute Park. Mr. Smith stated at the present time he does not have any changes for the upcoming year, however if the board decides to cut back his allotted number of days on the premises it would be more beneficial for Smith Ranches to stay on the pasture during calving season. In the past if Mr. Smith has had issues with dogs causing problems, he called the Town of Meeker Animal Control or the Police Department. Mr. Smith informed the Board that David Smith Ranches is required to carry liability insurance. PW Superintendent Overton stated Ute Park is not irrigated for hay production it is to keep the pasture nice and green for the entry way to Town and the Sheep Dog trials, the Town does not have the equipment to harvest a hay crop. Trustee Gutierrez stated if there are cattle on the premises it is not perceived as a town park, and she feels it is a liability for both the public and the cattle to share pasture. Trustee Day disagreed with Gutierrez stating open space is wanted and there is a place for agriculture in our community. After a lengthy discussion it was decided Administrator Cook would come back to the Board with two proposed drafts of the lease, one without the bulls returning in the fall. Attorney Massih will contact the Town's water Attorney, Ed Olszewski, regarding the ditch water rights and will send documents to the entire Board.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Borchard read a thank you note received from Cuppa Joe's for the business grant contribution. Borchard also stressed the importance of wearing a mask and distancing through the COVID pandemic.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Administrator Cook stated the apartments on 13th and Park Street are being demolished and will be rebuilt. Cook informed the board Western Slope Consulting (WSC) is requesting workshops to prepare for the Land Use Code update, and have requested a workshop on February 2nd; and another after the board meeting on February 16th to discuss what direction the board wants to proceed with the Land Use Code. Mayor Borchard expressed concerns about the efficiency of WSC during the Comp Plan process. Board agreed to the WSC workshop prior to the February 2nd meeting however they want more details as to what the February 16th workshop would entail.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None.

OTHER BOARD BUSINESS

Trustee Turner voiced his dissatisfaction with the Town not being more stringent on enforcing mask wearing within the town and at businesses.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Borchard adjourned the regular meeting at 8:10pm and called for a recess prior to the executive sessions.

At 8:22pm Mayor Borchard called for a motion to move into an executive session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b) for the purposes of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions and C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(f)(I) for discussion of personnel matters. Moved by Trustee Kindall. Second by Trustee Day.

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At 8:54pm Mayor Borchard reconvened into the regular meeting and called for a motion to adjourn. Moved by Trustee Nielsen. Second by Trustee Creecy. All ayes. Motion carried.



Kent A. Borchard, Mayor

Attest:



Lisa Pakuer, Admin. Assistant