

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

The Regular Meeting of the Meeker Town Board was held Tuesday, February 2, 2021 at Town Hall.

Members Present	Mayor	Borchard
	Trustees	Creecy
		Day
		Gutierrez
		Kindall
		Nielsen
		Turner

Town Staff Present	Administrator	Cook
	Town Clerk	Tupy
	Police Chief	Thompson

Citizens Present: Harvey, Jared; Smith, David; Smith, Matt; Joy, Leif.

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 that Item A under New Business was added, Consideration of Resolution 01-2021 appointing Leif Joy to the Planning Commission. A motion was made by Trustee Nielsen to accept the revised agenda. Second by Trustee Gutierrez. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Turner to approve the minutes of January 19, 2021. Second by Trustee Nielsen. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS

Administrator Cook stated that line item 61 in the General Fund is a reimbursement for the electric in Town Park for 2020, the Rec District was receiving the bill when we should have been; it was decided in 2019 when the two Boards met that the Town would not charge for water at the Sanderson Park and would pay the full amount for electric at Town Park, the Rec Center found the error when doing some auditing. A motion was made by Trustee Kindall to approve the disbursements dated January 31, 2021. Second by Trustee Gutierrez. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Final Contractor Settlement for Town of Meeker Water Supply Improvements Phase 2. Mayor Borchard opened the public hearing at 7:04pm. Administrator Cook stated this is the final contractor settlement for phase two of the well project, we have had no claims filed; she stated the voucher for final payment will be on the disbursements at the next meeting for approval. Mayor Borchard called for any questions or comments, hearing none he closed the public hearing at 7:05pm.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of Resolution 01-2021 appointing Leif Joy to the Planning Commission. Mayor Borchard stated that Mr. Joy was present and although Mr. Joy is the planner for the County there may be

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times he has to recuse himself; Mayor Borchard was excited Mr. Joy was interested in joining the Planning Commission Board. Hearing no questions or comments Mayor Borchard called for a motion to approve the Consideration of Resolution 01-2021 appointing Leif Joy to the Planning Commission. Moved by Trustee Nielsen. Second by Trustee Creecy. All ayes. Motion carried.

Renewal of Ute Park Permit Agreement with Meeker Classic Sheepdogs, Inc. Administrator Cook noted that besides the dates changing from last year's agreement, item 15 on page three has been added, regarding the walking trail with the Town agreeing to close it for public use between September 7 – 12, 2021. Both Executive Director, Maym Cunningham and Attorney Massih have reviewed the document. Hearing no questions or comments Mayor Borchard called for a motion to approve the Renewal of Ute Park Permit Agreement with Meeker Classic Sheepdogs, Inc. Moved by Trustee Turner. Second by Trustee Nielsen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Renewal of Ute Park Permit Agreement with David Smith Ranches. Mayor Borchard stated there are two alternate permit agreements in the packet one covering spring only and the other covering spring and fall, Administrator Cook noted that for the spring only permit item B was removed from the full permit which reads, 'For a period of six consecutive weeks within a period commencing September 24, 2021 to December 18, 2021, by prior authorization by the Town Administrator to the Permittee'; she recalculated the amount of the lease based on the number of days on the full permit at \$15.75 day and then multiplied by 85 which is the number of days on the spring lease which comes to 1338.75 and rounded to \$1,340 for the spring lease. Mayor Borchard opened the discussion to the Board, Trustee Day felt it was important to keep the full lease stating Meeker has a lot of nice parks and has a higher percentage than the national average of park acreage per person, the cows are only in there 14 weeks out of the year; Trustee Gutierrez's opposing view was that when the public sees cows in the pasture it sends a message that it is private land not public and a lot of our citizens don't realize it is public space; there was a lengthy discussion that followed. Trustee Turner made a motion to approve the spring only permit. Second by Trustee Gutierrez. Ayes: Trustee Gutierrez, Kindall and Turner. Nays: Trustee Creecy, Day & Nielsen. Mayor Borchard broke the tie with an aye vote. Motion passed.

Bid opening for Meeker Police patrol vehicle. Mayor Borchard stated there were two bids to open: Berthod Motors in Glenwood Springs; 2021 1500 SSV Crew Cab 4x4 \$33,543
Victory Motors in Craig; 2021 1500 SSV Crew Cab 4x4 \$29,263
Chief Thompson will review the bids to see if they meet specifications and will bring his recommendation before the Board at the next meeting.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Borchard encouraged everyone to wear their masks, wash their hands and get vaccinated.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Administrator Cook stated Monday, February 8th at 7:00pm there is a workshop for the land use code following the Planning Commission meeting, the option of attending via Zoom will be available; Tuesday February 9th there is a special meeting to consider special review uses at 5:30pm; March 2nd there is a workshop with a DOLA presentation at 5:30pm to start the Best Management Practices; ERBM Executive Director Sean VonRoenn wanted to let the Board know that the Rec District along with their legal team have decided to post signs at Circle Park pond stating no lifeguard on duty and will include the dangers of thin ice on their fishing regulations sign.

OTHER BOARD BUSINESS

Trustee Turner stated for personal reasons he will be resigning from the Board; there was a brief discussion that followed about filling the vacancy.

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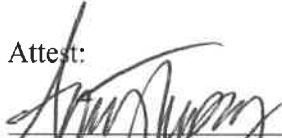
Trustee Day stated he thinks we need to adopt a leash law in Town, the current ordinance allows dogs to be unleashed if they are under verbal control, leashes are required at all parks under ERBM's rules, Administrator Cook stated she agreed and it would require re-writing the current ordinance.

Trustee Day also felt the Town should look into building a dog park on the south side of Ute Park in between Market and Main Streets, there was a short discussion that followed, Administrator Cook stated this has been discussed during the comp plan and the big concern was disease, AC Officer Haney has a lot of information on the negative sides of dog parks, the idea had been discussed during the Comp Plan but later removed. Mayor Borchard requested both items be place on a future agenda.


ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Borchard adjourned the meeting at 8:07pm.

Attest:



Amy Tupy, Town Clerk



Kent A. Borchard, Mayor