

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

The Regular Meeting of the Meeker Town Board was held Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at Town Hall.

Members Present

Mayor
Trustees

Borchard
Day
Gutierrez
Kindall
Nielsen
Lockwood (attend by phone)

Town Staff Present

Administrator
Admin. Assistant
Liquor Clerk

Cook
Pakuer
Sizemore

Citizens Present: Etheridge, Mandi; Turner, Niki; Borchard, Kevin; Borchard Kristofer; Plumb, Alex; Murray, Sabine; Thompson, Andy.

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 except for Trustee Creecy.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Borchard asked for changes to the agenda. Administrator Cook stated Approval of Property Owner Agreement between Meeker Chamber of Commerce, Meeker Project 45 and the Town of Meeker for the Meeker Murals Art Project was added. A motion was made by Trustee Kindall to accept the revised agenda. Second by Trustee Gutierrez. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Day to approve the minutes of May 18, 2021 as submitted. Second by Trustee Nielsen. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS

A motion was made by Trustee Nielsen to approve the revised disbursements dated May 31, 2021. Second by Trustee Gutierrez. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Representatives Alex Plumb and Sabine Murray were present for the Meeker Skijor to thank the Town of Meeker Board of Trustees for their support and participation in making the event a success. Public Works staff was exceptional in getting the snow hauled to the site. Murray stated participation has grown significantly to where Meeker Skijor has had to turn away participants, because our facility is not large enough to accommodate, and they all love to come to Meeker.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Request for approval of Smoking River Brewing Company LLC's Brewer Manufacturer's License and Wholesale Beer License. Mayor Borchard opened the public hearing at 7:09pm asking the owners of Smoking River Brewery to please state their names, age and residency. Dr.

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Kevin Borchard stated he is 43 years of age and residing at 1440 Mountain View Road. Mr. Kristofer Borchard stated he is 40 years of age and residing at 641 Highway 64. Mayor Borchard specified he will abstain from any participation, due to the fact Kevin and Kristofer are his sons. Liquor Clerk Sizemore presented the staff report stating the application was complete; there were 34 signatures collected; the public hearing was advertised; no comments for or against were received; all background checks came back clear, and staff recommends approval. Mayor Borchard asked the applicants Kevin and Kristofer Borchard if they had anything to present. Dr. Kevin Borchard stated they are going to set a tentative opening date for end of June; Smoking River Brewery has hired a full-time brewer, plus another full-time employee that will function as a manager along with other part-time employees affirming the establishment is going to be a family friendly environment. Mayor Borchard asked if there was anyone from the public who wanted to comment hearing none, he asked the Board of Trustees if they had any questions or comments. Trustee Nielsen inquired if Smoking River Brewing was planning on having loud music, Dr. Borchard stated they might have occasional entertainment, however it will not be into the late hours of the night. Trustee Day asked if there would be food served, Dr. Borchard said they would like to serve food eventually from local restaurateurs but currently it is a work in progress. Hearing no further discussion or concerns Mayor Borchard closed the public hearing at 7:16pm and called for a motion to approve the request for approval of Smoking River Brewing Company LLC's Brewer Manufacturer's License and Wholesale Beer License. Moved by Trustee Gutierrez. Second by Trustee Nielsen. All ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Announcement of the new Town Administrator. Mayor Borchard announced Mandi Etheridge has accepted the position of Town Administrator, her official date of hire will be June 14, 2021, the Board will appoint her at the next meeting on June 15, 2021.

Resolution 07-2021 approving the amended Intergovernmental Agreement and By-Laws and creating the Northwest Colorado Development Council and appointing an elected official and an alternate to represent the Town of Meeker. Mayor Borchard stated himself and Administrator Cook have been involved with this organization along with Yampa Valley, Oak Creek, Routt County, Steamboat Springs, Craig, Moffat County and Rangely. Steamboat will take the lead in doing the grant work, this committee is also looking into hiring a consulting firm to study the effects and impacts on Northwest Colorado from closure of the mines and power plant. Administrator Cook stated that herself, Rangely administrator and Carley Thomson had a phone conference with DOLA and were reassured that they would look out for Rio Blanco County's and both Town's best interest. Mayor Borchard commented the Town of Meeker needs to appoint an elected official and another person to serve on the committee. After some discussion it was decided to appoint the Town Administrator and Mayor Borchard as the elected official. Mayor Borchard called for a motion to approve Resolution 07-2021 approving the amended Intergovernmental Agreement and By-Laws and creating the Northwest Colorado Development Council and appointing an elected official and an alternate to represent the Town of Meeker. Moved by Trustee Nielsen. Second by Trustee Kindall. All ayes. Motion carried.

Approval of Property owner Agreement between Meeker Chamber of Commerce, Meeker project 45 and the Town of Meeker for the Meeker Murals Art project. Administrator Cook informed the board Attorney Massih looked at the agreement between the Meeker Chamber of Commerce (MCOC) and the Town of Meeker. The artists want to start this week on the mural to

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be painted on the outside of the restroom located on 4th and Water Street. The life expectancy of the painted mural is approximately seven years. Mayor Borchard called for a motion to approve the Property Owner Agreement between Meeker Chamber of Commerce, Meeker Project 45 and the Town of Meeker for the Meeker Murals Art project. Moved by Trustee Gutierrez. Second by Trustee Nielsen. All ayes. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Borchard reminded everyone the Circle Park grand opening is on Saturday June 5th. There will be a ceremony and lunch served.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Administrator Cook reported the crack fill project is under way; Cook has been working with Margie Joy who is the new representative for the Western Slope's Colorado Housing and Finance Authority (CHFA). They are in the process of reinstating the rental rehab program which allows owners of rental properties to qualify for low interest loans to improve their rental properties for safety and health issues. Ducey Electric has completed the electrical project at the water load out building, Cook asked for some direction from the Board if they want to move forward with the bid process since the cost of building materials has inflated substantially. After some discussion, the Board directed Cook to move forward with the project bidding each component separately. Administrator Cook informed the Board the HVAC in the building is not working, a hard drive needs replaced and will cost approximately four thousand dollars this includes installation. There is forty-five thousand budgeted for carpet and new sign we can use for the repairs to the system.

OTHER BOARD BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Borchard adjourned the meeting at 7:37pm.



Kent A. Borchard, Mayor

Attest:


Lisa Pakuer, Admin. Assistant