

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

The Regular Meeting of the Meeker Town Board was held Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at Town Hall.

Members Present

Mayor
Trustees

Borchard
Creecy
Day
Gutierrez
Nielsen
Lockwood

Town Staff Present

Administrator
Attorney
Police Chief
PW Superintendent
Admin. Assistant

Cook
Massih
Thompson
Overton
Pakuer

Citizens Present: Etheridge, Mandi; Smith, Quinton; Goodwin, Travis; Allen, Zack; Feola, Danielle; Shults, Clint; Rogers, Mark.

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 Trustee Kindall.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Borchard asked for changes to the agenda. Administrator Cook stated Consideration of the Modification of Premises application for Chippers Downtown to allow additional outdoor dining was added under New Business. A motion was made by Trustee Lockwood to accept the revised agenda. Second by Trustee Gutierrez. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Nielsen to approve the minutes of June 1, 2021 as submitted. Second by Trustee Lockwood. Ayes: Trustees Day, Gutierrez, Nielsen, and Lockwood. Abstain: Trustee Creecy due to his absence at the meeting. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS

A motion was made by Trustee Creecy to approve the disbursements dated June 15, 2021. Second by Trustee Lockwood. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

President of the Rio Blanco County Fair Board Mr. Quinton Smith along with Mr. Clint Shults were present requesting a donation from the Town of Meeker to help support a new event at the 2021 county fair. This year will be a Centennial year for the county fair, in celebration of this occasion the Fair Board is hosting a new event called Kansas City Barbeque Society (KCBS). This will be a national contest for KCBS having teams from all over the nation come and compete at the RBC Fair, the Fair Board is also in hopes this will draw people from surrounding

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areas to participate as well; there will be both kids and adult divisions; the judges will be from out of town, and it is scheduled to be held August 6th with prize money of \$2,500 for first, \$1,500 for second and \$1,000 for third places. After further discussion Administrator Cook suggested, the Fair Board complete the required Donation Request form from the Town and the item will be placed on the next agenda.

STAFF UPDATES

PW Superintendent Overton reported with the drought we are experiencing a lot of water is currently being pumped, however the aquifer should be able to keep up. Total gallons consumed in May were 21,817,000 gals, the gallons consumed for mid-June have already exceeded total gallons in May; Stripe A Lot is having problems getting street paint and may not have any until October; there is a cost inflation on mag-chloride; the bridge project on 5th Street has been completed and tank inspections are done for the next five years. There was some discussion on implementing water restrictions, PW Superintendent Overton and Water Operator Willey will investigate what all this entails.

Chief Thompson reported there were 362 incidents, two arrests and seventeen summonses during the month of May.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Request from Meeker Lions Club for 5 Special Event Permits: RBC Fairgrounds, Grandstands & Concession area July 2nd, 3rd and 4th; RBC Indoor Arena & Ballfield July 2nd and 3rd, 2021, 700 Sulphur Creek Road, Meeker, Colo. Mayor Borchard opened the public hearing at 7:25pm stating Mark Rogers was present for the Meeker Lions Club. Administrator Cook reported the applications are the same as in previous years, permission has been granted from the County Commissioners to use the facility, approval from the Meeker Police Department has been met and staff recommends approval. Mayor Borchard asked for further discussion, hearing none he closed the public hearing at 7:26pm and called for a motion to approve the request from Meeker Lions Club for 5 Special Event Permits: RBC Fairgrounds, Grandstands & Concession area July 2nd, 3rd and 4th; RBC Indoor Arena & Ballfield July 2nd and 3rd, 2021, 700 Sulphur Creek Road, Meeker. Moved by Trustee Lockwood. Second by Trustee Gutierrez. All ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Request from Range Call for event sponsorship. Mayor Borchard stated Mr. Travis Goodwin was present for the Range Call committee. Mr. Goodwin asked for funding to help offset the cost of a stage for the concert at the fourth of July festivities. The contracted performers request what style of stage they need, and Range Call is asking for a \$1,500.00 donation to help cover the cost of renting the stage. Hearing no further discussion Mayor Borchard called for a motion to approve \$1,500.00 donation to Range Call to help with stage rental. Moved by Trustee Gutierrez. Second by Trustee Creecy. All ayes. Motion carried.

Request from RBC Fire Protection District for fireworks donation. Mayor Borchard stated Mr. Zack Allen was present for the RBC Fire Protection District. Mr. Allen informed the board the cost of shipping has increased along with supply and demand for fireworks. He asked the Board if they would consider contributing \$1,500.00 to help with the expense of fireworks show for the fourth of July festivities. Hearing no further discussion Mayor Borchard called for a

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motion to approve \$1,500.00 to RBC Fire Protection District for fireworks donation. Moved by Trustee Nielsen. Second by Trustee Day. All ayes. Motion carried.

Presentation by Marlo Coates, Colorado CPA, of the Town's 2020 Financial Audit. Marlo Coates introduced herself and presented the Board of Trustees with a detailed audit summary packet; giving the Board a brief verbal outline, she asked if anyone had questions. Hearing no questions, Mayor Borchard called for a motion to adopt the 2020 Audit as presented. Moved by Trustee Day. Second by Trustee Creecy. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding mosquito control measures. Administrator Cook stated she had not heard from anyone regarding the spraying of mosquitos and since this is the last meeting before the fourth of July the board should decide whether to conduct the aerial spraying. After further discussion it was decided to hire Coulter Aviation to spray as done in years past. Mayor Borchard called for a motion to conduct aerial spraying before the fourth of July festivities as done in years past. Motion made by Trustee Creecy. Second by Trustee Lockwood. All ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution 07-2021 appointing a Town Administrator and Town Clerk. Mayor Borchard asked for questions or comments, hearing none he called for a motion to approve the Resolution No. 07-2021 appointing Town Officers to the following positions: Town Administrator, Mandi Etheridge and Town Clerk, Lisa Cook. Moved by Trustee Day. Second by Trustee Creecy. All ayes. Motion carried.

Administer the Oath of Office to newly appointed officer. Mayor Borchard administered the oath to Town Administrator Etheridge.

Consideration of a Modification of Premises application for Chippers Downtown to allow additional communal outdoor dining. The owner of Chippers Downtown Ms. Danielle Feola was present, she was requesting permission to add a parklet in front of their establishment for outdoor dining. Administrator Cook stated the deadline for application is June 30th it is a modification of premises to extend their licensed area and Ms. Feola has submitted all the required documents. Ms. Feola informed the board they will build a parklet similar to those located in front of Meeker Drug and White River Museum, it will be portable so it can be removed in the winter for snow plowing. Streamline Realty, a neighboring business, is fine with them putting in the parklet. After a lengthy discussion it was decided PW Overton would meet with them and decide what measurements and angles would work best due to the fact it will have to work around a handicap parking space. Hearing no further discussion Mayor Borchard called for a motion approving the modification of premises application for Chippers Downtown. Moved by Trustee Creecy. Second by Trustee Gutierrez. All ayes. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

None.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Administrator Cook reported the Rocky Mountain Youth Corp is building the connector trail at Ute Park; the Town received notification the American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds will be in the amount of \$566,039.00, the first half of \$283,109.00 should be received within the next few

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weeks and the second half will be received twelve months later; a grant, administered by DOLA Main Street Program is going to be available for local businesses that want to invest in energy or facade improvements, it is going to launch August 1st. Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado (AGNC) will be sending an email to everyone regarding the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) planning meeting to be held June 24th.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Borchard adjourned the meeting at 8:20pm.



Kent A. Borchard, Mayor

Attest:



Lisa Pakuer, Admin. Assistant