

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

The Regular Meeting of the Meeker Town Board was held Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at Town Hall.

Members Present	Mayor	Borchard
	Trustees	Day
		Nielsen
		Gutierrez
		Kindall
		Lockwood
Town Staff Present	Administrator	Etheridge
	Town Clerk	Cook
	Attorney	Massih
	Police Chief	Thompson
	PW Superintendent	Overton
	Admin. Assistant	Pakuer (attended by phone)

Citizens Present: Shults, Clint; Rogers, Mark; 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 except for Trustee Creecy.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Borchard asked for a motion to accept the revised agenda including the addition of an Update on Land Use Code Revision under New Business. A motion was made by Trustee Gutierrez to accept the revised agenda as submitted. Second by Trustee Nielsen. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Gutierrez to approve the minutes of June 15, 2021, as corrected. Second by Trustee Lockwood. Ayes: Trustees Day, Gutierrez, Nielsen and Lockwood. Abstain: Trustee Kindall due to her absence at that meeting.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS

A motion was made by Trustee Lockwood to approve the end of month disbursements dated June 30, 2021. Second by Trustee Nielsen. All ayes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Kindall to approve Mid-month disbursements dated July 20, 2021. Second by Trustee Gutierrez. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

STAFF UPDATES

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PW Superintendent Overton reported 38,338,000 gallons of water was consumed in during the month of June; staff has been painting, crack filling streets and mowing. Mayor Borchard asked about the excavation happening at the end of Shults Drive, Overton replied the property is owned by Jerry Belland and until it is developed and the street dedicated to the Town he can excavate it. Trustee Gutierrez expressed concerns about UTV's driving on the vacant property in that area.

Chief Thompson reported there were 364 incidents for June, three arrests, and four warnings. Included in reports are Call Type Analysis stats showing January – June 2020 compared to January – June 2021. Thompson reported the Fourth of July festivities were fairly quiet with only one firework incident resulting in a citation.

Town Clerk Cook reported she has been working with Margie Joy, Colorado Housing and Finance Authority (CHAFA), to reintroduce the rental rehab program; the bid notice for the Town's bulk water building rehab have been advertised with a deadline of July 30th; and the 2022 budget preparation is in progress.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Request from Meeker Lion's Club for a Special Event Liquor Permit for the Rio Blanco County Fair at RBC Fairgrounds Grandstands, 700 Sulfur Cr. Rd., on August 6th, 2021.

Mayor Borchard opened the public hearing at 7:13 pm. Town Clerk Cook stated Mark Rogers was present representing the Lions Club, this Special Event Liquor Permit is for the BBQ contest at the County Fair; notice of the public hearing was posted, the Commissioners have granted use of the property for the event and Chief Thompson has no objections. This will be the eighth approved permit for the Lion's Club this year and staff recommends approval. Mayor Borchard asked for any questions or concerns, hearing none he closed the public hearing at 7:14 pm and called for a motion to approve the request of the Meeker Lion's Club for a Special Event Liquor Permit for the Rio Blanco County Fair at RBC Fairgrounds Grandstands, 700 Sulfur Cr. Rd., on August 6th, 2021. Moved by Trustee Nielsen. Second by Trustee Lockwood. All ayes. Motion carried.

Request from Rio Blanco County Fair Board for a Special Events Liquor Permit for the County Fair at RBC Fairgrounds 4H building & parking lot, 700 Sulfur Cr. Rd., on August 7th, 2021. Mayor Borchard opened the public hearing at 7:15 pm. Town Clerk Cook stated Clint Shults was present representing the RBC Fair Board; the permit is for August 7, 2021, from 12:00 pm -12:00 am during the livestock sale and other events being held at the fair; notice of the public hearing was posted; the Commissioners have granted use of the property for the event; Chief Thompson has no objections; the perimeter will be roped off and staff recommends approval. Mayor Borchard asked for any question or concerns, hearing none he closed the public hearing at 7:20 pm and called for a motion to approve the request from Rio Blanco County Fair Board for a Special Events Liquor Permit for the County Fair at RBC Fairgrounds 4H building & parking lot, 700 Sulfur Cr. Rd., on August 7th, 2021. Moved by Trustee Gutierrez. Second by Trustee Nielsen. All ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Request from Rio Blanco County Fair Board for sponsorship of the Kansas City BBQ Event. Administrator Etheridge informed the board Mr. Clint Shults was present representing the

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Rio Blanco County Fair Board. The Fair Board submitted a Request for Donation/Sponsorship form, asking the Town of Meeker for a donation helping to support the Kansas City BBQ event to be held at the county fair, the amount requested was \$1,000.00 and these funds will be used to award prize money to the top three teams. The total amount of prize money is \$5,000.00 of that \$2,500.00 will be awarded to the first-place winner, \$1,500.00 goes to second place winner and \$1,000.00 will be awarded to the third-place winner. Mayor Borchard asked for any questions or concerns, hearing none he asked for a motion approving the request from Rio Blanco County Fair Board to sponsor \$1,000.00 toward the Kansas City BBQ event. Moved by Trustee Day. Second by Trustee Gutierrez. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Borchard called for a motion to amend the Mid-month disbursements dated July 20, 2021 to include the \$1,000.00 donation to Rio Blanco County Fair Board. Moved by Trustee Day. Second by Trustee Nielsen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding ColoTrust Edge investment option. Town Clerk Lisa Cook stated the Town's ColoTrust representative, Ben Mendenhall, had paid a visit to her and Administrator Etheridge explaining a new investment portfolio called Edge. ColoTrust Edge is a weekly liquidity option designed to seek a higher yield and is best suited for medium term investments, meaning funds that will not need to be accessed on a near-term basis, the recommended duration of the investment is a minimum of six to seven months; the fund meets the requirements of the Public Deposit Protection Act and ColoTrust intends to manage the Edge portfolio consistent with the AAf/S1 rating guidelines by FitchRatings. As of June 30th Edge interest rate was .1522%, ColoTrust Plus was .0051%, and Prime Plus was .0451%; CD rates at Mountain Valley Bank are .10% on all terms and Bank of the San Juans highest rate was for a 24-month CD at .11%. Cook recommended investing \$2,000,000 of the \$3,548,578 currently in the Prime Plus account in an Edge account. After some discussion Mayor Borchard called for a motion to approve transferring \$2,000,000 from the ColoTrust Prime Plus account to an Edge account. Moved by Trustee Nielsen. Second by Trustee Gutierrez. All ayes. Motion carried.

Update on Land Use Code Revision. Town Administrator Etheridge stated Western Slope Consulting (WSC) informed her there will be a significant delay in the completion date they had quoted earlier. Thus far WSC has only submitted chapter one, however they are stating they will be sending chapters two, three and eleven on Wednesday the 21st, WSC also stated they will be sending chapters four through seven on July 28th with an apology for being late in meeting the quoted deadlines. The original deadline for completion was set for February 2021 however Matt with WSC told Cook this project would now be completed by October 2021. Town Clerk Cook stated she contacted DOLA about an extension on the grant funding, which will require a letter signed by the mayor requesting the extension. Administrator Etheridge recommended requesting an extension through December 31, 2021, and stated WSC had submitted an invoice in the amount of \$15,000.00 stating 70% of the Land Use Code has been completed. After a lengthy discussion it was decided Attorney Massih would prepare an amendment to the agreement setting out new deadlines and possible damages if the deadlines were not met.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Borchard stated he and Administrator Etheridge met with Sean VonRoenn and Kent Walters with ERBM Recreation and Park District and informed the Board that at the upcoming annual joint meeting with the ERBM Board they will be asking the Town for financial

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participation to help with maintenance costs of the various parks owned by the Town.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Administrator Etheridge stated she attended a meeting with the White River Alliance group, they are creating a coop for pest control specifically mosquito control, taking in property owners along the White River from Trappers Lake to Rangely. This group would like to see the Town of Meeker be a leader in making a change from spraying, and they want to pursue an integrated pest control program, that includes more than just spraying, they also recognize an integrated pest management program could cost tens of thousands of dollars and will address the cost of a program with the County's wealthier property owners along the river. Etheridge also asked for opinions on the design for the Town Hall sign, examples were included in the packets and the majority agreed on the design used in the demo sign; the Town has been awarded a \$5,000 grant from AGNC for assistance with engineering the 5th Street sidewalk project; Officer Yates successfully procured a Justice Assistance Grant for \$48,000 to purchase new computers to use in the patrol cars; the Open for Business Grant from the State for energy and façade improvements will become available mid-August and includes the downtown business districts of Main and Market Streets stating we are still waiting to get all the guidelines from DOLA; and finally Police Secretary Kathy Sizemore has given notice she will be retiring at the end of this year.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None.

OTHER BOARD BUSINESS

Trustee Day stated the National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is having an event on August 7th in Meeker and contacted him asking him to speak on the behavior of the White River at the event which will also include a bike tour through the Town.


ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business Mayor Borchard adjourned the meeting at 8:28pm.



Kent A. Borchard, Mayor

Attest:



Lisa Pakuer, Admin. Assistant