

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

The Regular Meeting of the Meeker Town Board was held Tuesday, August 3, 2021, at Town Hall.

Members Present	Mayor	Borchard
	Trustees	Creecy
		Day
		Kindall
		Nielsen
		Lockwood

Town Staff Present	Administrator	Etheridge
	Town Clerk	Cook
	Admin Asst	Pakuer
	PW Superintendent	Overton
	Police Chief	Thompson

Citizens Present: Rogers, Mark; Turner, Nikki; Thomson, Carly; Sellers, Liz (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 Trustee Gutierrez.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Borchard asked for changes to the agenda. A motion was made by Trustee Kindall to accept the agenda as submitted. Second by Trustee Nielsen. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Day to approve the minutes of July 20, 2021, as submitted. Second by Trustee Lockwood. Ayes: Trustees Day, Nielsen, Kindall and Lockwood. Abstain: Trustee Creecy due to his absence at that meeting. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Request from Meeker Lion's Club for three Special Event Liquor Permits: Mayor Borchard opened the public hearing at 7:05pm stating Mark Rogers was present for the Meeker Lions Club.

Mustang Makeover Trainers' Dinner, August 27, 2021, from 4-10 pm @ RBC 4-H bldg. Town Clerk Cook reported this event will be inside the 4-H building and ID's will be checked at the bar.

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Mustang Makeover Event, August 28, 2021, from 10am – 10pm @ RBC Fairgrounds.

Town Clerk Cook informed the Board this will be held at the Rio Blanco Fairgrounds grandstands, the perimeters will be marked, and ID's will be checked.

Meeker Classic Jammin' Lamb BBQ, September 11, 2021, from 3-11pm at Courthouse lawn (alternative location RBC 4-H bldg.) 555 Main courthouse. Town Clerk Cook stated the perimeters on the Courthouse lawn will be marked. All applications are complete for these three events, permission has been granted from the County Commissioners to use their facilities, approval from the Meeker Police Department has been met and staff recommends approval of the three permits. Mayor Borchard asked for further discussion, hearing none he closed the public hearing at 7:08pm and called for a motion to approve the request from Meeker Lions Club for three Special Event Liquor Permits: Mustang Makeover Trainers' Dinner, August 27, 2021, from 4-10 pm at RBC 4-H bldg.; Mustang Makeover Event, August 28, 2021, from 10am – 10pm @ RBC Fairgrounds; Meeker Classic Jammin' Lamb BBQ, September 11, 2021, from 3-11pm at Courthouse lawn with an alternative location at RBC 4-H bldg. Moved by Trustee Nielsen. Second by Trustee Creecy. All Ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of request from Pioneers Medical Center to waive the building permit fee for the construction of a new retail pharmacy center. Mayor Borchard stated CEO for Pioneers Medical Center (PMC) Ms. Liz Sellers was present by phone. Ms. Sellers informed the Board currently it has been difficult to keep the twenty-nine residents at the Walbridge Wing provided with medications, stating the local pharmacy cannot support the volume especially when the doctors have to change the medicine. It is a challenge to figure out how to get the medications in a timely manner and where these meds will come from. Also, the insurance benefits provided for PMC employees is very costly, putting in a pharmacy would allow PMC to tap into a 340 B program allowing employees to get medications at a lower price. Sellers stated the intent of PMC is not to compete with local businesses, the intent is to be able to service the residents and patients locally as well as out of out-of-town patients that come to PMC, along with possibly providing their employees with a more cost-effective insurance plan for medications. Trustee Lockwood questioned the COVID friendly drive-thru/touchless service that PMC would be providing. Sellers informed the Board PMC would put in a drive-thru/touchless pneumatic tube for patients that are handicapped and cannot get out of their vehicle or are immune compromised. Trustee Lockwood stated he was not comfortable waiving the fees on this project as it will compete with a private business. Mayor Borchard replied, the only order of business was whether the Board approves of waiving the building permit fee as we have done in the past. After a lengthy discussion Mayor Borchard asked if there were any further questions, hearing none he called for a motion to waive the building permit fee for the construction of a new retail pharmacy center. Moved by Trustee Nielsen. Second by Trustee Creecy. Aye: Trustee Nielsen. Nay: Trustees Day, Kindall and Lockwood. Mayor Borchard confirmed there were three Nays. Motion failed.

Bid opening for Bulk Water Building Remodel. Mayor Borchard stated there were three bids to open: Renninger Log Homes submitted a check for \$6,109.90 with a total bid of \$61,099.00. Belland Builders Inc. bid \$62,618.00, Belland's bid stated this estimate is a courtesy not a guarantee of price. Regas Halandras bid the west window replacement for \$5,492.50 with an

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additional item of \$1,700.00; roof replacement for \$23,303.66 with an addition for solid sheeting of \$10,110.50 and an addition of 5/8 solid sheeting OSV for \$12,470.00; walls for \$34,570.50; other deductions if awarded are \$350.00 for window replacement; a deduction for natural stone wainscoting and river rock \$3,200.00. Staff will review the bids and will bring their recommendation before the Board at the next meeting.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Borchard stated he had just attended the Meeker Police Department free dinner for National Night Out at the Town Park, Lions Club was serving.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT


Administrator Etheridge reported there is a vacancy on the Planning Commission Board, Sam Hale chose not to seek another term, also the Library Board has a town appointee vacancy to replace Diane Rapp. Etheridge and Stephanie Kobald from the Chamber of Commerce will be attending a Colorado Housing and Finance Authority (CHFA) meeting in Craig, Margie Joy will be bringing some state representatives for this region; Administrator Etheridge and Town Clerk Cook met with Stephanie Kobald to discuss the best way to start the process for the Meeker Main Street Open for Business grants; Meeker Police Department has placed two additional speed signs on Highway 13 and will be borrowing a digital message board from CDOT and one from Rio Blanco County to hopefully slow the drivers down who have been diverted from I-70 through our town.

OTHER BOARD BUSINESS

Trustee Lockwood asked for an update on the Land Use Code. Administrator Etheridge stated Attorney Massih put together a fair and attainable schedule for finishing the project, included in the contract is \$300.00/day if they are in breach of meeting their deadline; the contract has been signed by Western Slope Consulting and returned. The deadline for the entire project was Monday August 2nd and we have only received chapters 1-3.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Borchard adjourned the meeting at 8:37pm.



Kent A. Borchard, Mayor

Attest:



Lisa Pakuer, Admin. Assistant