

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

The Regular Meeting of the Meeker Town Board was held Tuesday, August 17, 2021, at Town Hall.

Members Present

Mayor
Trustees

Borchard
Creecy
Day
Gutierrez
Kindall
Nielsen
Lockwood

Town Staff Present

Administrator
Town Clerk
Attorney
Police Chief
PW Superintendent
Admin. Assistant

Etheridge
Cook
Massih
Thompson
Overton
Pakuer

Citizens Present: Dimaggio, Jan.

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. A motion was made by Trustee Gutierrez to accept the agenda as submitted. Second by Trustee Creecy. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Creecy to approve the minutes of August 3, 2021, as submitted. Second by Trustee Nielsen. Ayes: Trustees Kindall, Day, Lockwood, Creecy, Nielsen. Abstain: Trustee Gutierrez due to her absence at the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS

A motion was made by Trustee Nielsen to approve the disbursements dated August 17, 2021. Second by Trustee Creecy. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

STAFF UPDATES

PW Superintendent Overton reported 38,000,000 gallons of water was consumed during the month of July; staff has been attending to alleys, fire hydrants and weed maintenance.

Chief Thompson reported there were 398 incidents for July with twenty-one summonses being issued and three arrests. Due to the Glenwood Canyon shut down being rerouted through

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Meeker, between July 29th – August 14th the police department has made a total of 178 stops resulting in sixty-one summonses being issued for various traffic violations. The Board expressed their gratitude for the hard work and diligence the police department has put forth.

Town Clerk Cook reported she has been working on the Main Street Open for Business Grant, reviewing the Land Use Code, and has been working on the budget for 2022. Cook stated there will be a slight increase from the health insurance provider of 2% for next year.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of Special Review Use Permit for home occupation application by Gardner Mendenhall at 1160 Mimi Circle for firearms purchasing and sales service. Administrator Etheridge reported this permit is allowable under MMC R1A residential district, the permit is for a home occupation to provide firearm purchasing, sales and service. This application has met all requirements, and at their meeting on August 9th the Planning Commission voted to recommend approval to the Board of Trustees. Mayor Borchard asked for any questions or concerns, hearing none he called for a motion to approve the Special Review Use Permit for a home occupation application by Gardner Mendenhall at 1160 Mimi Circle for firearms purchasing, sales and service. Moved by Trustee Kindall. Second by Trustee Creecy. Ayes: Trustees Kindall, Lockwood, Day, Gutierrez, Nielsen. Abstain: Trustee Creecy due to the fact he is a neighbor to applicant.

Consideration of Resolution 9, series 2021 supporting Meeker Open for Business grant application by Project 45. Administrator Etheridge stated she along with Town Clerk Cook and Stephine Kobald from the Chamber of Commerce/Meeker Project 45 have been meeting reviewing the application and requirements of the grant program; this resolution is a requirement for the application of the DOLA Main Street Open for Business grant which is due August 23rd; there are six million dollars available for approximately sixty-five communities in the state; this grant focuses specifically on facade and energy efficiency improvements for our downtown businesses and we have received approximately six hundred thousand dollars' worth of projects from ten of our downtown businesses; this resolution is the official action taken by the Board to show their approval and support for the grant application. After further discussion Mayor Borchard asked for questions or comments, hearing none he called for a motion to approve Resolution 9, series 2021 supporting Meeker Open for Business grant application by Project 45. Moved by Trustee Creecy. Second by Trustee Gutierrez. All ayes. Motion carried.

Bid award for water load-out building renovation. Administrator Etheridge reported there were three bids submitted for the water load-out renovations. Bid #1 was from Belland Builders in the amount of \$62,618.00 this bid did not include the required bid check or three letters of recommendations; #2 Regas Halandras submitted a bid for \$59,816.66 all requirements were met; #3 Renninger Log Homes submitted a bid for \$61,099.00 all requirements were met, and staff recommends accepting the lowest of the three bids which would be Regas Halandras in the amount of \$59,816.66. Mayor Borchard asked if there were any more comments or questions, hearing none he called for a motion to award the bid for the water load-out building renovation to Regas Halandras in the amount of \$59,816.66. Moved by Trustee Lockwood. Second by

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Trustee Kindall. All ayes. Motion carried.

Appointment to Library Board. Administrator Etheridge informed the Board there were two applicants for the library board appointment, Ms. Meredith Deming and Ms. Amanda Jaquez. After some discussion Mayor Borchard called for a motion to appoint Ms. Deming to the Library Board. Moved by Trustee Lockwood. Second by Trustee Nielsen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Consideration of donation request from Head 'Em Up Ministries. Mayor Borchard pointed out Ms. Dimaggio was present representing Head 'Em Up Christian Ministries. Ms. Dimaggio reported she is the director of the organization which focuses on therapeutic horseback riding mainly for at risk youth providing a safe environment and introducing them to our Creator; they are not affiliated with any church. When COVID hit last year, it effected their opportunity to hold fund raisers, and now Head 'Em Up Ministries are low on funds. They have a budget for feeding the animals, paying for equipment, and all donations go directly to the program which uses only volunteer personnel. After further discussion Trustee Gutierrez suggested a donation of one hundred dollars. Mayor Borchard asked for any questions or concerns, hearing none he called for a motion to approve a one-hundred-dollar donation to the Head 'Em Up Ministries. Moved by Trustee Gutierrez. Second by Trustee Day. All ayes. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Borchard once again reminded everyone to get vaccinated.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Administrator Etheridge reported staff has been going over the Land Use Code chapters 1-3; Davis with Western Slope Consulting will be here next Tuesday at 7:00pm for a review meeting of the submitted chapters 1-3. The DOLA Redi Grant is in the groundwork phase, Administrator Etheridge and Town Clerk Cook attended a meeting with the county commissioners to confirm the partnership between Meeker, Rangely and Rio Blanco County. Etheridge wanted to express thanks to Town Clerk Cook and Trustee Creecy for all their hard work on the Project 45 project.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None.

OTHER BOARD BUSINESS

None.

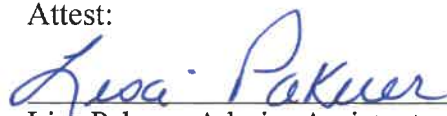
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Borchard adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.



Kent A. Borchard, Mayor

Attest:



Lisa Pakuer, Admin. Assistant