

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

The Regular Meeting of the Meeker Town Board was held Tuesday, February 15, 2022, at Town Hall.

Members Present	Mayor Pro-Tem Trustees	Day Gutierrez Jehorek Kindall Nielsen Lockwood
Town Staff Present	Administrator Town Clerk Attorney Police Chief PW Superintendent	Etheridge Cook Massih Thompson Overton

Citizens Present: Crawford, Vicky; Murray, Sabine; Urista, Janelle; Burri, Nick; Turner, Niki.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro-Tem Day 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 Mayor Borchard.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Pro-Tem Day asked for changes to the agenda. Administrator Etheridge stated that there was an added agenda item "C" under new business. 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 Lockwood to approve the minutes of February 1, 2022, as corrected. Second by Trustee Jehorek. Aye: Jehorek, Kindall, Lockwood and Nielson. Trustee Gutierrez abstained due to her absence at that meeting. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS

A motion was made by Trustee Nielsen to approve the disbursements dated February 15, 2022. Second by Trustee Lockwood. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of Resolution #03-2022 designating 5th Street bridge as the Peter F. Kiser Memorial Bridge and 10th Street bridge as the Ernie E. Garcia Memorial Bridge.

Administrator Etheridge stated the resolution was drafted at the Board's request after the presentation by the VFW at the last meeting, the resolution includes a short history of each of these gentlemen. Vicky Crawford was present representing the VFW and stated the VFW could

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arrange for the plaques and coordinate with the Town to install them. Mayor Pro-Tem Day called for a motion approving Resolution 03-2022 designating the 5th Street Bridge as the Peter F. Kiser memorial bridge and the 10th Street Bridge as the Ernie E. Garcia memorial bridge. Moved by Trustee Gutierrez. Second by Trustee Lockwood. All ayes. Motion carried. Mrs. Crawford thanked the Board stating it means a lot to their organization.

Consideration of Letter of Support for Pioneers Medical Foundation Enterprise Zone Contribution Project. Administrator Etheridge stated she received a request from Pioneers Healthcare Foundation for a letter of support. They are not asking for a monetary contribution only support of their application for an additional enterprise zone designation which will allow up to \$100,000 in state income credits for each donor when they donate to the foundation. Mayor Pro-Tem Day asked how big the enterprise zone will be and if Attorney Massih had reviewed PMC's document as there should be boundaries and nuances with an enterprise zone also stating the Board needed more information. Administrator Etheridge replied that Pioneers Medical Foundation's request will be a separate designation from any existing enterprise zones, and they are not asking for the Board to approve their application to the Colorado Economic Development Commission only to provide a letter of support for it. Trustee Gutierrez commented that more information would have been helpful for the Board to make a decision but showing an act of good faith to the hospital is important and we are not signing off on any boundaries.

Mayor Pro-Tem Day called for a motion to approve the letter of support for the Pioneers Medical Foundation Enterprise Zone Contribution Project. Moved by Trustee Gutierrez. Second by Trustee Kindall. Aye: Trustees Jehorek, Gutierrez and Kindall. Nay: Lockwood. Motion carried. Mayor Pro-Tem Day stated for the record that he would not have voted for the letter without having more information about the Foundation's application, Trustee Lockwood concurred.

Consideration of request from Skijor to move racing event to Ute Park. Janelle Urista addressed the Board on behalf of Meeker Skijor stating her request to move the race to Ute Park adding that it may be a hopeless plea as right now there is not enough snow; when the event originally began both the fairgrounds and Ute Park were considered for locations, both have their perils and this year because of the snow melt and ice conditions the fairgrounds is no longer an option. Ms. Urista stated she had walked Ute Park and the area south of the ditch is very flat and could be used for the event if we get at least two inches of snow tonight or tomorrow, they would plow the area with a lightweight plow machine to build it up without damaging the ground, if we don't get any snow it won't matter anyway as we will be forced to cancel the event.

After more discussion on the layout of the event, parking and possibly closing Main Street along the park Mayor Pro-Tem Day called for a motion allowing the Skijor event to be held at Ute Park. Moved by Trustee Gutierrez. Second by Trustee Nielsen. All ayes. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS

Chief Thompson reported during the month of January the Police Department had a total of 252 incidents resulting in two warrant arrests, seven warnings, and five summons issued. Trustee Kindall asked if the department is now officially down one officer. Chief Thompson replied yes, Officer Yates' last day was February 1st.

Public Works Superintendent Overton reported during the month of January 11,362,000 gallons

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of water were pumped; they plowed and hauled snow and started the remodel of the second floor at Town Hall which is now nearly finished.

Town Clerk Cook reported she had been preparing for the annual audit; Project 45 will be updating their strategic plan and objectives for the next five year period and are planning a Board training to be presented by DOLA in mid-May for all elected officials including the Special Districts.

Attorney Massih had nothing to report.

Administrator Etheridge reported she is working with CIRSA to schedule a board training which would typically occur after swearing in the elected officials and is trying to work out a date, possibly in March, that would include the Town of Rangely; the Community Development position has been advertised in the Glenwood Post Independent, which also includes Aspen, Rifle, Steamboat, Vail and Craig along with an online presence; we have received three estimates from carpet providers for the second floor with prices between \$12,000 and \$13,000 which is half of what was budgeted for the project and is currently reviewing the bids hoping to have someone on board by the end of next week.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

None.

OTHER BOARD BUSINESS

Trustee Lockwood asked if the request from JJ Wyatt could be placed on the next agenda. Administrator Etheridge replied she has been researching information on how to proceed with the request for allowing marijuana sales in the Town of Meeker.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro-Tem Day called for an executive session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(e) for determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and instructing negotiators. Moved by Trustee Gutierrez. Second by Trustee Nielsen. All ayes. Motion carried at 7:42 p.m.

Trustee Nielsen motioned to adjourn the executive session. Second by Trustee Gutierrez. All ayes. Motion carried. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:12 p.m. with Mayor Pro-Tem Day directing Attorney Massih to prepare a final negotiation between the Town and Western Slope Consulting terminating the contract for the Land Use Code Update, offering payment not to exceed \$5,000, to include an editable version of the work the Town has received, memorializing this in writing and placing it on a future agenda for Board approval.

Mayor Pro-Tem Day, referring to information requested by Trustee Lockwood, requested of Administrator Etheridge when one Board member asks for information it should be shared with the entire Board.

Trustee Gutierrez asked why she had not been made aware of a meeting regarding the Circle Park project that was held with ERBM Rec. and Park Director Sean VonRoenn, their Board President Kent Walter, Administrator Etheridge and Mayor Borchard with Trustees Day and

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Lockwood also in attendance. Administrator Etheridge explained the meeting had been called to discuss the Town Board's concerns and for her and Mayor Borchard to gather information to present to the Board regarding those concerns at the workshop scheduled for later that evening. Etheridge stated Trustees Lockwood and Day asked for the time of the meeting as they also wanted to attend. Attorney Massih reminded the Board that the presence of three or more Board members constitutes a quorum, and the meeting must be posted 24 hours in advance; Massih also stated that Land Use Code procedures could be discussed in advance of a meeting but not a particular application or project.

Mayor Pro-Tem Day adjourned the meeting at 8:36 p.m.



Travis Day, Mayor Pro-Tem

Attest:



Lisa Cook, Town Clerk