

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

The Regular Meeting of the Meeker Town Board was held Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at Town Hall.

Members Present

Mayor
Trustees

Borchard
Day
Gutierrez
Jehorek
Kindall
Lockwood

Town Staff Present

Administrator
Town Clerk
Admin Asst

Etheridge
Cook
Pakuer

Citizens Present: Urista, Janell; Richardson, Jose; Burri, Nick; Kendall, Jim; Turner, Nikki; Kobald, Stephanie; Macnab, Deirdre; Frye, Tyler; Carter, Bryce (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 Nielsen.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Borchard asked for changes to the agenda. Administrator Etheridge requested the deletion of item g under New Business to discuss consideration of support for Meeker Golf Course. A motion was made by Trustee Gutierrez to accept the revised agenda. Second by Trustee Jehorek. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Jehorek to approve the minutes for April 19, 2022 as submitted. Second by Trustee Gutierrez. Aye: Day, Gutierrez, Jehorek, Lockwood. Abstain by Trustee Kindall due to her absence at that meeting. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS

A motion was made by Trustee Lockwood to approve the disbursements dated April 30, 2022. Second by Trustee Jehorek. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Solar United Neighbors will be presenting information regarding the solar co-op in Northwest Colorado. Mr. Bryce Carter was present by phone representing Solar United Neighbors for the Northwest Colorado Solar Co-op. This a nonprofit organization that was established in 2007 and was launched in Colorado in 2019. Currently the organization services residents in Mesa and Routt Counties, with plans for a NW Co-op to service Moffat and Rio Blanco. Solar co-ops generally require 8-10 months to complete and are divided into four phases. During each phase the roles and

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responsibilities of the community partner vary, they put focus on reserving spaces for info sessions and events, recruiting co-op participants, and building public interest in the co-op. Mrs. Deirdre Macnab was present as an advocate for solar, stating they have panels installed at their ranch. Mrs. Macnab stated this is not a small investment, it is a commitment. After a lengthy discussion the board decided to put this on the agenda for next meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #6-2022 appointing Town Officers: Administrator, Clerk, Police Chief, Attorney & Judge. Mayor Borchard called for a motion to approve Resolution #6-2022 appointing the Town Officers: Administrator Mandi Etheridge, Clerk Lisa Cook, Police Chief Edward Thompson, Attorney Melody Massih, and Judge Jay Edwards. Moved by Trustee Gutierrez. Second by Trustee Jehorek. All ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution #7-2022 appointing Mayor Pro-Tem. Mayor Borchard called for a motion to approve Resolution #7-2022 appointing Mayor Pro-Tem as Trustee Day. Moved by Trustee Gutierrez. Second by Trustee Jehorek. All ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution #8 – 2022 appointing new Planning Commission members. Mayor Borchard called for a motion to approve Resolution #8-2022 appointing new Planning Commission members Jim Kendall and Greg Hanberg. Moved by Trustee Day. Second by Trustee Lockwood. All ayes. Motion carried.

Bid opening of Meeker Circle Park RFP and appointment of subcommittee. Mayor Borchard stated the Town received two bids for the Meeker Circle Park RFP. SWCA Environmental Consultants located at 295 Interlocken Blvd, Suite 300 Broomfield CO 82001 in the amount of \$158,520.00; SGM located at 118 W. 6th St, Suite 200 Glenwood Springs CO 81601 in the amount of \$195,527.00. A bid award is scheduled for the next meeting. After asking for volunteers for the subcommittee for Circle Park RFP, Mayor Borchard appointed Trustee Gutierrez and Trustee Day, and Trustee Kindall will service as an alternate. Mayor Borchard reminded everyone the subcommittee will still need to report back to the Board of Trustees with advancements and the final decisions are made by the entire Board.

Consideration of Lease Agreement for Meeker Chamber of Commerce at Town Hall.

Administrator Etheridge asked for any further questions or concerns on the final draft of the lease agreement between the Chambre of Commerce at Town Hall. Trustee Jehorek needed further explanation on Section 1 paragraph 2 regarding the Chamber Director being the sole person with security access to the building after regular building hours. Etheridge stated the Director of the

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Chamber will be the only person who will have the code or key to access, if there are meetings involving the Chamber after business hours the Chamber of Commerce director will be on sight, and the Town Hall staff will lock off access to their part of the building. Mayor Borchard questioned why the Work Force Center (WFC) is not included in the lease. Etheridge clarified the WFC does not take up occupancy upstairs until June 30th, a lease agreement will be presented to the board at a later date. Trustee Day pointed out a typo on page five the (3) should be (30). Director Kobald will provide a certificate of insurance for the Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Borchard called for a motion to approve the Lease Agreement for Meeker Chamber of Commerce at Town Hall with corrections. Moved by Trustee Gutierrez. Second by Trustee Kindall. All ayes. Motion carried.

Approval of Contract for TDA Construction for Garfield Water Line. Administrator Etheridge sent TDA their notice of award; if the Board approves the contract then TDA will sign the contract and PW Superintendent Overton will give TDA their notice to proceed. Mayor Borchard called for a motion to approve the contract for TDA Construction for Garfield Water Line. Moved by Trustee Kindall. Second by Trustee Jehorek. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding use of Ute Park for MACC Brewfest and Skijor. Mrs. Janelle Urista was present representing the Skijor event. Mrs. Urista informed the board the Skijor had to move their date for the event to New Year's Eve weekend due to a conflict with an already existing Skijor in Silverton. This would make Meeker's Skijor the final one in 2022 and the first for 2023. Urista asked for permission to permanently move the Skijor out to Ute Park in hopes it will turn into an annual event and Skijor will come before the board each year confirming approval. Prior to the event the Skijor organizers will go out to the field and do a walk about and a practice run with horses making sure the course will work and there are no safety issues. The board informed Urista that Smith Ranches has the lease on Ute Park until May 15th and after Smith's cattle are moved off the field Skijor is welcome to enter. Mrs. Urista also stated Ridgeway CO has offered their snowmaking machine should the need arise, she wanted the board to be aware a snowmaking machine will use a lot of water. The board gave their approval for Mrs. Urista to move forward with Skijor plans and gave direction for her to work with Administrator Etheridge and PW Superintendent Overton.

Mr. Tyler Frye was present representing Smoking River Brewery. Mr. Frye requested the use of Ute Park for a fund raiser for Meeker Arts and Cultural Counsel (MACC). Smoking River Brewery would like to put on a Brewfest, September 17th. It would bring in brewers from various areas to celebrate the region's hops growing industry, and at the same time raise awareness of Meeker and the Western Slope. Brewfest is also considering doing a mountain bike race on the trails having it finish at the festival on Ute Park. Frye has spoken with Sean VonRoenn at the ERBM Recreation and Park District they are in the process of possibly using ERBM resources, as well as help from Meeker Area Mountain Biking Association (MAMBA). Administrator Etheridge will get together

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with Chamber of Commerce Director Kobald to figure out a timeline for the event. The Board gave Mr. Frye the go ahead to proceed forward.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

- Administrator Etheridge stated Chief Thompson hired Thomas Dietrich for the vacant lieutenant position, pending further background checks.
- There is a Planning Commission meeting on Monday the 9th at 7:00pm to discuss a variance request and re-subdivision request.
- The GOCO grant request for five hundred thousand dollars was not awarded to the town, reason being the project was not far enough along and there were other more urgent projects that were ready to move forward immediately. Etheridge informed the board that the response and feedback from GOCO was very positive, they were recommending the town reapply for the next round.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

None.

OTHER BOARD BUSINESS

Trustee Lockwood requested the board address giving more definitive direction to Administrator Etheridge on issues. After further discussion regarding the Just Transition Grant application, it was decided to discuss it more in depth at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Borchard adjourned the meeting at 8:01pm.



Kent A. Borchard, Mayor

Attest:



Lisa Pakuer, Admin. Assistant