

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

The Regular Meeting of the Meeker Town Board was held Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at Town Hall.

Members Present

Mayor
Trustees

Borchard
Day
Gutierrez
Jehorek
Kindall
Nielsen
Lockwood

Town Staff Present

Administrator
Town Clerk
Admin Asst
PD Chief

Etheridge
Cook
Pakuer
Thompson

Citizens Present: Dr. Lisa Jones (by phone); Turner, Nikki; Amick, Bob.

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. Administrator Etheridge stated item (a) under New Business "Consideration of appointment to Eastern Rio Blanco 911 Emergency Telephone Service Board" was added. A motion was made by Trustee Day to accept the revised agenda as submitted. Second by Trustee Jehorek. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

Administrator Etheridge stated there is a correction on page six under Staff Reports, Over should be spelled Overton; page seven under Other Board Business there was additional verbiage added regarding barriers for ice skating; Trustee Gutierrez pointed out on page five Tout should be spelled Trout. A motion was made by Trustee Gutierrez to approve the revised minutes of December 13, 2022. Second by Trustee Nielsen. All ayes. Motion carried

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS

A motion was made by Trustee Nielsen to approve the disbursements dated December 30, 2022. Second by Trustee Gutierrez. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Presentation by Dr. Lisa Jones, President of CNCC. Dr. Lisa Jones, president of Colorado Northwestern Community College (CNCC) stated Administrator Etheridge has been phenomenal to work with. Dr. Jones presented a power point describing the 2023-28 strategic plans for CNCC which primarily focusing on partnerships, programming, marketing, and community engagement, as well as the grants and goals that are being implemented. CNCC would like to do a program expansion and has received letters of support from Pioneers Medical Center, Rangely Hospital and

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Memorial Hospital in Craig. The program expansion would include offering Non-Credit, Certificate, and Associate courses for jobs with high demand and high wages. There are also potential new programs offering non-credit, certificate and associate degrees in various healthcare and technical fields. The College's goal is to embrace areas of strength within the community, inside and outside of the classroom. The priorities for 2023-28 strategic plan would be: Priority 1 focus on the students; Priority 2 Communications; Priority 3 Partnerships; Priority 4 Sustainability; Priority 5 Focus on the team. Dr. Jones concluded, the work done to date has been identification of areas of need; coordination between CNCC and State College System (CCCS); initial engagement meetings and needing members of Meeker community that are leadership interested in learning more/working with CNCC.

Trustee Gutierrez asked Dr. Jones about the status of Colorado Mountain College (CMC) in Craig and how that affected CNCC's presence there. Dr. Jones explained that changes would require a vote of the people, as well as a vote of CMC's leadership.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of appointment to Eastern Rio Blanco County 911 Emergency Telephone Service Board. Administrator Etheridge stated the Town of Meeker is designated to select one person to be a member of the Eastern Rio Blanco County 911 Emergency Telephone Service Board. Police Chief Ed Thompson has served the past 3-year term on the Board and has agreed to serve another 3-year term. Mayor Borchard asked for further questions or concerns; hearing none called for a motion to approve the appointment of Police Chief Ed Thompson to a one-year term on the Eastern Rio Blanco County 911 Emergency Telephone Service Board. Moved by Trustee Lockwood. Second by Trustee Gutierrez. All ayes. Motion carried.

Consideration of CDOT Revitalizing Main Street Grant application. Administrator Etheridge reported on the Capital Planning and funding opportunities, several projects are currently under contract for grant funding including:

- Main Street Program
- PMC Block Grant
- Business Center remodel
- Housing assessment and action plan
- CPII

Other Board approved capital projects that are eligible for grant funding include:

- Downtown Streetlight Replacement
 - CDOT Revitalizing Main Streets: Administrator Etheridge has already started the process of the application for this grant which has a deadline of January 25th. This project would only replace the LED luminaires at the top of each pole, helping to reduce energy consumption and enrich the natural colors of the area. Etheridge has met with the WREA team that will be jointly working with the town and the regional CDOT program manager and project manager, Etheridge

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has received positive feedback from all. If this grant is denied in the February cycle, Etheridge informed the board the Town could apply again for the next cycle. After a lengthy discussion the Board concurred to proceed with the grant request.

- Street Maintenance on 11th & 12th
 - Etheridge met with Dana Hlavac, Regional Manager for DOLA to talk specifically about the Energy Impact Grant. Dana did not think this project on 11th and 12th would fit the criteria for the Energy Impact Grant and suggested looking for other projects this grant would apply towards.

Police Department Capital Spending

- Vehicle Replacement bid is out and will be open 1st meeting in February
- New patrol room furniture has been purchased through competitive pricing and should be complete by this weekend

Water Department

- Garfield Water line to be complete in June 2023 with remaining ARPA funding; the materials have already been paid for.
- Engineering on the Shaman Trail Valve Replacement should be complete this week to create specs for a bid with a possible walk-through scheduled for week of January 23rd
- New Fluoridation System will be fully funded by CDPHE Oral Health Department

STAFF UPDATES

Town Manager

Administrator Etheridge stated she had a pre-permitting application meeting with SWCA and US Army Corp Engineer Robert Frank. It was confirmed the PCN would include the General Regional Permit 37 for stream stabilization as well as the Nationwide Permit 42 for Recreational Facilities. Etheridge will share all the numerical data with the BOT via email in her weekly update on Friday. Mike Pierce for SWCA informed Etheridge he will have the thirty percent design ideas as well as pre-cost estimates to the town by the end of the week. The goal is to have the permitting approved by February.

Etheridge reported the Skijor at Ute Park was an overall excellent event. Skijor's Janelle Urista reported the location at Ute Park was good for horse and contestant safety; the average spectators for the three-day event were 257 people per day; there was great local participation in addition to great feedback from the public for holding it in late December, giving the young adults home for the holiday something to do; it was very well perceived by the circuit, including the Big Sky Montana competitors. Skijor would like to work on better communications regarding the placement of snow dumping. They also stated due to the rainy weather and soft ground from the event, cleanup of snow mounds/jumps which are currently solid blocks of ice will have to wait to prevent further damage to the ground. The dates for 2023 are set for December 30th and 31st. After further discussion the board decided to evaluate the damages caused to Ute Park before granting permission to Skijor for 2023.

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Etheridge has also contacted Ute Park permit holders Smith Ranches and Meeker Sheepdog Classic asking them to attend the January 24th meeting to request renewal of their permits for 2023.

Administrator Etheridge reminded the Board of the Land Use Code meeting on the 17th at 7:00pm.

There is a Planning Commission meeting on Monday the 23rd.

MAYOR'S REMARKS


None.

OTHER BOARD BUSINESS

Trustee Day suggested the Board revisit the Source Water Protection Plan regarding signage and other issues. He would like it to be put on the January 24th agenda. Day also asked that the Board visit the PW Superintendent's job description in anticipation of Overton's retirement. Administrator Etheridge stated staff has been working on this.

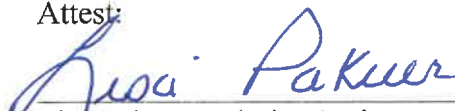
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Borchard adjourned the meeting at 8:05 pm.



Kent A. Borchard, Mayor

Attest:



Lisa Pakuer, Admin. Assistant