

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

The Regular Meeting of the Meeker Town Board was held Tuesday, June 6, 2023, at Town Hall.

Members Present

Mayor
Trustees

Borchard
Day
Gutierrez
Jehorek
Kindall
Nielsen
Lockwood

Town Staff Present

Town Clerk
Admin Asst

Cook
Pakuer

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. Town Clerk Cook stated under New Business line items (c), (d) and (e) were added. A motion was made by Trustee Gutierrez to accept the agenda as amended. Second by Trustee Nielsen. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

Mayor Borchard asked for changes to the minutes. Trustee Day requested a correction to his statement found under Old Business on page four, last paragraph. Day provided Town Clerk Cook with a written statement as to what he should have been quoted as saying. A motion was made by Trustee Nielsen to approve the minutes of May 16, 2023, as amended. Second by Trustee Jehorek. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS

A motion was made by Trustee Day to approve the disbursements dated May 31, 2023. Second by Trustee Nielsen. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Consideration of request from Meeker Lions Club for a Special Events Liquor Permit for the Range Call Rodeo Series on July 1, July 2, July 3, and July 4, 2023. Mayor Borchard opened the public hearing at 7:05 pm. Town Clerk Cook presented the staff report: the application is for a Special Events Liquor Permit for the Range Call Rodeo on July 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th; Lions Club Mark Rogers is present, the event manager is Travis Goodman; the perimeter exists of permanent fencing and livestock panels with signs stating No Alcohol Beyond this Point; ID's will be checked and the concession stand will be offering food. Permission has been granted by BOCC to use the facility; Chief Thompson has no objections to the license; the public hearing has been advertised and property posted, the application is complete, and staff recommends approval. Upon hearing

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no comments, Mayor Borchard closed the public hearing at 7:07 pm and called for a motion to approve the request from Meeker Lions Club for a Special Events Liquor Permit for the Range Call Rodeo Series on July 1, July 2, July 3, and July 4, 2023. Moved by Trustee Lockwood. Second by Trustee Gutierrez. All ayes. Motion carried.

Consideration of request from Meeker Lions Club for a Special Events Liquor Permit for the Range Call Concert on June 30, 2023, and Barn Dance on July 1, 2023. Mayor Borchard opened the public hearing at 7:08 pm. Town Clerk Cook presented the staff report: the application is for a Special Events Liquor Permit for the Range Call Concert on June 30, 2023 and Barn Dance on July 1, 2023; the concert and dance will be held at the indoor arena and ball field; Mark Rogers is present for Meeker Lions Club, Travis Goodman is the event manager; the June 30th concert will be from 5:00 pm to 12:00 am; July 1st Concert and Barn Dance will be from 5:00 pm to 12:00am; the perimeter will be the indoor arena building and existing fence at the ball field; signs stating No Alcohol Beyond this Point will be posted; ID's will be checked; concession stands will be offering food and there will be private food trucks on site; permission has been granted by BOCC to use the facility; Chief Thompson has no objections to the license; the public hearing has been advertised and property posted; the application is complete, and staff recommends approval. Upon hearing no comments, Mayor Borchard closed the public hearing at 7:09 pm and called for a motion to approve the request from Meeker Lions Club for a Special Events Liquor Permit for the Range Call Concert on June 30, 2023, and Barn Dance on July 1, 2023. Moved by Trustee Lockwood. Second by Trustee Day. All ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of MAMBA request to use Ute Park. Mr. Regas Halandras was present representing Meeker Area Mountain Bike Association (MAMBA), along with President Carly Anderson, Alex Gardner and Boadachia NLN. Halandras stated MAMBA would like to build a pump track at Ute Park, pointing out it would take in area one bordering the parking area on Hill Street to the Anderson Gulch access side of the trail. Halandras handed the BOT a drawing explaining the layout of the pump track. Also present was Luke Renninger who will assist by using his heavy equipment, pulling out heavy rocks and doing other heavy work. MAMBA would also like to take out the fencing during site work, replacing it when the heavy equipment work is completed. The riding surface will be dirt for a while and then eventually be a hard surface. All the work will be done with voluntary help; however, MAMBA will be looking into a GOCO grant as well. Trustee Day stated he has concerns about removing the fencing, asking Halandras to make sure and have the fencing replaced as soon as the heavy equipment work has been completed. Halandras concluded by stating MAMBA is ready to move forward with the BOT's approval. Trustee Day requested MAMBA submit a final design to the BOT. Hearing no further discussion Mayor Borchard called for a motion to approve MAMBA's request to use Ute Park for the pump track. Moved by Trustee Lockwood. Second by Trustee Gutierrez. All ayes. Motion carried.

Consideration of MAMBA donation request for building new trail on BLM. Mr. Regas Halandras was present, representing MAMBA. Halandras explained MAMBA is seeking donations to hire a professional trail builder to construct a tie in off trail number 5 to the China

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Wall trail. The total projected amount will be \$6,400.00, MAMBA is asking ERBM and the Town of Meeker for \$3,200 each. If the Board approves, Town Clerk Cook recommended offering a letter of intent for funding until permission is granted for the connection by the BLM. Cook also suggested taking the donation funds out of Community Improvement-Systems Development line item. Halandras stated MAMBA must have BLM permission before they can perform any maintenance, their goal is to hopefully have permission in 2024. Ms. Boadachia NLN with MAMBA stated a group of young adults ages 18-21 with the Rocky Mountain Youth Corp will be helping clear trails starting on July 15th. Mayor Borchard called for a motion to approve the donation request to MAMBA in the amount of \$3,200.00 to be paid out of Community Improvement-Systems Development budget, contingent upon approval by the BLM. Moved by Trustee Gutierrez. Second by Trustee Jehorek. All ayes. Motion carried.

Consideration of letter of intent for Town of Meeker to participate in the Rio Blanco County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Town Clerk Cook directed the Board to the letter included in their packet, it is from the Town of Meeker to Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM). The letter is regarding “Statement of Intent to Participate” as a participating jurisdiction in Rio Blanco County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP). Cook stated this letter does not tie the Town to any monetary commitment and requested a motion to authorize Mayor Borchard to sign the Statement of Intent to Participate. Hearing no further discussion Mayor Borchard called for a motion to authorize Mayor Borchard to sign the letter of intent for the Town to participate in the Rio Blanco County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Moved by Trustee Day. Seconded by Trustee Gutierrez. All ayes. Motion carried.

Consideration of issuing a Temporary Tavern Liquor License to Caroline’s Louisiana Kitchen LLC and scheduling a public hearing. Town Clerk Cook stated Mr. Don Lima the owner of Caroline’s Louisiana Kitchen LLC was present; staff has received an application for a temporary liquor license, pending transfer of the Back Door Bar and Grill’s Tavern license located at 723 Market Street, the applicant is Caroline’s Louisiana Kitchen LLC. The temporary application is complete, and it is staff’s recommendation to grant the temporary liquor license which allows them to operate for 120 days while undergoing the permanent transfer, which will include a public hearing. Cook requested a motion to approve the temporary license and schedule a public hearing for July 18th. Hearing no further comments, Mayor Borchard called for a motion to approve the Temporary Tavern Liquor License for Caroline’s Louisiana Kitchen LLC and schedule a public hearing for July 18, 2023. Moved by Trustee Nielsen. Second by Trustee Lockwood. All ayes. Motion carried.

Consideration of issuing a Temporary Retail Liquor Store License to SKT Jehorek LLC dba White River Liquor and scheduling a public hearing. Mayor Borchard asked Trustee Jehorek to recuse herself from the agenda item as she is a partner of SKT Jehorek LLC. Town Clerk Cook stated Mr. Stephen Jehorek was present representing SKT Jehorek LLC dba White River Liquor located on 606 Market Street. The temporary application is complete, and it is staff’s recommendation to grant the temporary retail liquor store license which allows them to operate for

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120 days while undergoing the permanent transfer, which will include a public hearing. Cook requested a motion to approve the temporary license and schedule the public hearing for July 18th. Hearing no further comments, Mayor Borchard called for a motion to approve the Temporary Retail Liquor Store License for SKT Jehorek LLC dba White River Liquor and schedule a public hearing for July 18th, 2023. Moved by Trustee Lockwood. Second by Trustee Nielsen. All ayes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS,

Contract approval for 11th and 12th Street paving project. Town Clerk Cook reminded the board during the May 16th meeting the 11th and 12th Street paving bid was awarded to United Companies in the amount of \$518,570.00. The Town's standard construction contract has been reviewed by Attorney Massih and Engineer Chris Hale and has been signed by United Companies. Cook asked the Board for a motion to authorize Mayor Borchard to execute the contract. Mayor Borchard called for a motion to allow execution of the contract for 11th and 12th Street paving project. Moved by Trustee Gutierrez. Second by Trustee Day. All ayes. Motion carried.

Consideration of Circle Park Riverfront Project RFP. Town Clerk Cook stated Attorney Massih has reviewed the RFP and approved it, the ERBM Board has approved it as well. Administrator Etheridge sent an email to the board prior to the meeting explaining the issues. Trustee Day pointed out ERBM Director Sean VonRoenn was scheduled to send the plans for the Circle Park Riverfront Project to the Board for the meeting, however they were not received. After a lengthy discussion the Board concurred, they did not want to approve the RFP until they saw the final plans including the changes discussed at the previous subcommittee meeting, which included the plantings along the river; changing the split rail fence; the height of the steps and Trustee Lockwood asked for details on the rain garden.

The Board requested Town Clerk Cook to set the plans up on the big screen TV monitor at Town Hall so they can read the side notes on the documents, and to schedule a workshop for Thursday June 15th at 7:00 pm, contingent upon on having received the plans from ERBM. Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Borchard called for a motion to continue the approval of the RFP for the Circle Park Riverfront Project, due to not having the information submitted in a timely manner for the Board to review. Moved by Trustee Day. Second by Trustee Lockwood. All ayes. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Nothing to report.

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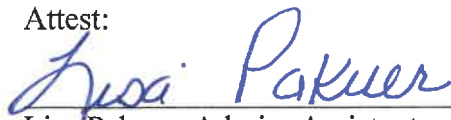
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Borchard adjourned the meeting at 7:59 pm.



Kent A. Borchard, Mayor

Attest:



Lisa Pakuer, Admin. Assistant