

MINUTES
Town of Crested Butte
Regular Town Council Meeting
Monday, October 5, 2015
Council Chambers, Crested Butte Town Hall

Mayor Huckstep called the meeting to order at 6:57PM.

Council Members Present: Jim Schmidt, Glenn Michel, Roland Mason, Shaun Matusewicz, and Skip Berkshire

Staff Present: Town Manager Todd Crossett, Finance Director Lois Rozman, Town Planner Michael Yerman, and Town Clerk Lynelle Stanford

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mason moved and Schmidt seconded a motion to approve the agenda. A roll call vote was taken with all voting, "Yes." **Motion passed unanimously.**

CONSENT AGENDA

1) Approval of September 21, 2015 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes.

2) Approval of Appointments to the Election Commission.

Schmidt moved and Michel seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. A roll call vote was taken with all voting, "Yes." **Motion passed unanimously.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cathy Steinberger – 615 Elk Ave

- Was present at the meeting to talk about Vinotok.
- Stated that Vinotok needed a new home; it was a hazard in its current location.
- Described embers raining down. An ember burned a hole in the mesh of her new lawn furniture.
- Thought that Vinotok was not just an inconvenience like July 4th or Arts Fest, it was a safety and environmental issue.
- Wondered why a resident had to accommodate the event.
- Said the Marshals told residents to move vehicles off the block both Friday and Saturday nights. It caused a lot of upset.
- Wondered what more they should have to endure.
- Vinotok was no longer family friendly, and it was frightening.
- Said the Council needed to take a stronger stance.
- Crossett said the feedback from the Marshal's Office was that this year's event was typical, but quieter than last year. Huckstep had heard that the Old Town Hall bathrooms became messy. A short discussion ensued about the portalets.

Alli Melton – Was present on behalf of High Country Conservation Advocates (HCCA),
Mailing Address: PO Box 1066.

- Was at the meeting to inform the Council that HCCA filed a lawsuit against the Forest Service for failing to have a plan of operations, financial assurance bond, and a public review process on the water treatment plant.
- Explained the Forest Service was putting the community at risk for not having a bond on the water treatment plant, and HCCA wanted them to provide a plan of operations and public process.
- Said the lawsuit was to push the Forest Service on issues they raised since 2011, and it was not acceptable to allow the risk to continue.

STAFF UPDATES

Michael Yerman

- Mentioned they had the initial scoping meeting on the Red Lady intersection with JVA. He was shocked by the utilities that were in the intersection, and the original price estimate was not accurate. CDOT would be in Town on October 15 for their initial scoping meeting.
- There would be a Creative District meeting on strategic planning on Wednesday night from 6PM to 8PM. There would be another meeting Thursday at Noon at Town Hall to dig in and determine the rules of the Creative District Commission.
- There was a trail workday for the Carbondale to Crested Butte trail last weekend. They installed a new bridge.

Lynelle Stanford

- The Howloween Fright Parade would be held on Friday, October 30. It was a reoccurring event that would be approved administratively.
- The first round of election finance forms was due on October 13.

Yerman added there would be a work session for the first draft of the affordable housing guidelines for Blocks 79 and 80 on October 19.

Todd Crossett

- Attended ICMA last week. He was working on credentialing. A highlight was a session with Patrick Lencioni, who was a leader in organizational development.
- They would be starting to refinish the floors at Town Hall next week. Work would continue for a number of weeks.
- Curbing and gutters would be going into Blocks 79 and 80. There was a chance to get paving done on Butte Avenue, but the weather window was almost gone.
- Schmidt wondered if the elevation at the tennis courts would come up higher. Crossett said the parking area would not come up significantly.
- Schmidt also wondered if GCEA would install the electric charging station. Crossett said he would find out. Yerman thought they completed the underground work.
- Schmidt confirmed the ditch along Gothic Avenue was buried for just one block.

- Schmidt noted that August sales tax had doubled over ten years. Rozman confirmed that the September sales tax numbers did not include the one-time Whatever USA payment.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Presentation by CBMR of the Teocalli Expansion Plan and Consideration of a Letter of Support Regarding the Same.

John Sale and Ethan Mueller were present representing CBMR. Sale said they had received a good response valley wide on the proposed Teocalli Expansion Plan. They learned that after Snodgrass they needed to go back to the main mountain. He explained they did a lot of front-loading in working with the Forest Service, and they were at the start of a two-year review. Sale described a 500-acre expansion. He mentioned their goals and objectives, including appealing to an intermediate skier and expanding on year-round activities. He said the expansion would also include additional snowmaking and 15 more miles of mountain bike trails. Mueller clarified the bike trails and snowmaking was not specifically in the Teocalli area. Sale said there would be two new lifts, and they were looking at replacing the North Face Lift. The North Face terminal would be between East River and Paradise with the goal to keep ability levels together. Paradise would remain an intermediate pod. Sale reviewed lifts and terrain project statistics on the map. They would focus on 300 acres of gladed terrain, which would be intermediate/advanced tree skiing. They felt the area could provide a pseudo backcountry experience, and it was a new opportunity to see a different side of the mountain. They were still working with the Forest Service, but they estimated 90 plus acres of vegetation and tree removal. The build out would take 10 to 15 years.

Mueller recognized the success of the on mountain bike program. The resort's intent was to complement the valley's mountain biking. Their goal was to add one to three miles of single track each year. It clearly brought a lot of visitors, and they saw themselves as a complement and providing the opportunity for people to enter into the sport. They focused on green and blue trails, family components, and getting families into the sport. Schmidt asked if they were making money on mountain biking yet. Mueller said they were losing less money. He explained that July, looking straight up at the budget, was just barely profitable. Mueller said the view was that the mountain was a high-density area. It was a spot where people could more easily access activities in the valley. The continuing focus with the Forest Service was activities they could bring more easily to the public. Schmidt asked if they had any plans to address the affordable housing crunch. Mueller said they were focused on it, but they had no plans in the works. They had discussions with other entities in the valley, and they were working on it. They would be at the table in helping to solve the problem, and it was a valley-wide problem.

Huckstep questioned what the benefit was of a letter of support. Mueller said the County instigated the letter of support, and it got them to thinking about valley wide politics on projects such as the Teocalli Expansion. He said they could agree that the Snodgrass

process was not healthy for the community. He said a goal was to work through the communities to get a level of support, so all could work through the process. This process encouraged him so far. Huckstep asked if the Council was in support. Berkshire, Mason, Michel, and Schmidt voiced support. Matuszewicz said they should support the expansion if they kept the season pass price low. Mueller explained they shifted the model a few years back. It worked out, and they were happy with the results. If everything stayed flat, they would too. Michel encouraged them to look at affordable housing. It was important to keep on the radar as there was more success. Mueller said it would not be solved overnight.

Schmidt moved and Michel seconded a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of support for the Teocalli Expansion Plan. A roll call vote was taken with all voting, "Yes." **Motion passed unanimously.**

Schmidt commented that summer months had gone up more than winters in the past ten years, and there had been a flip-flop. Sale said the last expansion had been Prospect, and this expansion was all about skiing. They needed to do this expansion to stay competitive. Schmidt said he was impressed with the bike system, and he asked if they had thoughts on zip lines. Mueller said they were looking at different activities that were authentic to the area. He said they were looking at all of it.

LEGAL MATTERS

None

COUNCIL UPDATES AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

Roland Mason

- Attended a Mountain Express meeting. They received a small bus, and there were two more busses coming. They had chosen an artist, but they wouldn't see the design until next spring.
- Michel added that at the last retreat, the board discussed bus service to the Judd Falls Trailhead. They took a bus there, and it was reviewed favorably. They would need a dedicated turnaround. Huckstep said what the Forest Service would accept was key.
- Michel said they also discussed bus service to CB South. Mason said it was approved, and the service was offered in conjunction with RTA. Mountain Express would take on morning and evening runs, and RTA would fill in the mid-day gap to offer consistent service this winter.

Aaron Huckstep

- There would be a RTA meeting on Friday.

OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

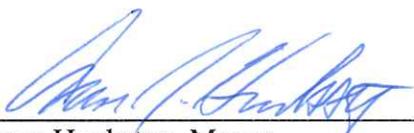
Schmidt stated they had planned on doing the Manager's review in the summer. It was their duty as Council to set the Manager's salary for next year. He had tried to get consensus, but opinions were all over the board about before or after the election or a full review or just a salary review. If they decided on a full review, he asked if they would they want input from senior staff. Schmidt said in talking with Ladoulis, Ladoulis favored a full review before the election, and Schmidt agreed with him. Berkshire suggested they clean up from the previous review and pull in the salary question before the election. Matuszewicz felt they were trying to rush something that could be well thought out and done through strategic planning. He proposed waiting until after the election. Mason said they should do a full review after the election, but they could talk about salary if needed. Michel said they should discuss the Manager's salary for budget. A review in such a short time would be poor, and it would be wiser to wait until after the election. Huckstep agreed that after the election made more sense. He said they had three votes for the review before the election and four votes for after the election. Matuszewicz said they could discuss salary in an Executive Session at the next meeting.

DISCUSSION OF SCHEDULING FUTURE WORK SESSION TOPICS AND COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

- Wednesday, October 14, 2015 – 5:00PM Budget Work Session (*if necessary*)
- Monday, October 19, 2015 – 6:00PM Work Session – 7:00PM Regular Council
- Monday, November 2, 2015 – 6:00PM Work Session – 7:00PM Regular Council
- Monday, November 16, 2015 – 6:00PM Work Session – 7:00PM Regular Council

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Huckstep adjourned the meeting at 8:07PM.



Aaron Huckstep, Mayor



Lynelle Stanford, Town Clerk (SEAL)

