

**Town of Crested Butte
Regular Town Council Meeting
Minutes
Monday, March 17, 2014
Council Chambers, Crested Butte Town Hall**

Mayor Huckstep called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Council members present: Roland Mason, Jim Schmidt, David K. Owen, Shaun Matusewicz, Chris Ladoulis, and Glenn Michel.

Staff present: Todd Crossett, Town Manager; John Belkin, Town Attorney and Shelley Jansen, Town Clerk.

Staff present for part of the meeting: Jake Jones, Parks and Recreation Director, Lois Rozman, Finance Director and Tom Martin, Marshal.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Add 2014 National Service Joint Proclamation as item 3 under new business.

Schmidt moved and Owen seconded to approve the agenda with the changes as stated above. A roll call vote was taken with all voting "Yes." **Motion Passed.**

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) Approval of March 3, 2014 Minutes.
- 2) Approval of Special Event Flauschink, April 5, 2014 at 11:00 a.m., Elk Avenue Rolling Closure.

Schmidt moved and Mason seconded to approve the consent agenda. A roll call vote was taken with all voting "Yes." **Motion Passed.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Wirsing, community member stated that it was a great hockey season and wanted to say thanks.

Greg Dyson, High Country Conservation Advocates (HCCA), Executive Director stated that they have to move and are looking for a new office space. Dyson also stated that he was here to discuss the amended VCUP and the review by CDPHE. Dyson stated that HCCA has decided to not submit comments at this time. Dyson stated that CDPHE primary review is of the eligibility of the site not the process and HCCA doesn't believe in submitting comments. Dyson stated that HCCA's and Red Lady's goals are to hire experts to protect the community. Dyson stated that HCCA will submit a letter with the Red Lady Coalition that we all have an invested interest in the process and it is an issue of concern for this community. Dyson thanked the Council in regards to this issue.

STAFF UPDATES

Tom Martin-

- Glenn Michel did a ride along on Saturday night and welcomes any councilmember to do so at anytime.

Jake Jones-

- Rink will reopen during the day for spring break until it is no longer safe to use. Councilman Mason stated that this is great to have the rink open this late in the year with CB South closing in February.

Todd Crossett-

- Big Air on Elk went well.
- Michael Yerman has accepted the position of Town Planner and will be here in early May and brings great experience.

PUBLIC HEARING

1) Ordinance No. 3, Series 2014 - An Ordinance Amending Chapter 10, Article 8 of the Crested Butte Municipal Code to Allow the Open Carry of a Firearm Except in Certain Town-owned Buildings or Other Specific Areas.

Mayor Huckstep asked if public notice has been given and Clerk Jansen stated yes.

Mayor Huckstep opened the public hearing.

Mayor Huckstep asked for public comment.

John Wirsing, community member stated that he understands why people wouldn't want to have a gun in Town Hall or the Library, but the area up by the Glazer reservoir is an area where a lot of individuals walk dogs and would ask for you to scale back your list. Wirsing stated that law abiding citizens with guns are not the ones doing illegal activities.

Mayor Huckstep closed the public hearing.

Discussion ensued among the council about the list of Town-owned Buildings or other specific areas.

Jones, Parks and Recreation Director presented the map in the e-packet with yellow dots to signify locations of signs. Attorney Norman Wright in place of Attorney Belkin for the evening stated that signage is required under state law. Marshal Martin stated that we should have signage wherever we have kids and a lot of people.

Schmidt moved and Michel seconded to approve Ordinance No. 3, Series 2014 with the list of Town-owned buildings or Other Specific Areas being at the discretion of the Town Manager.

Attorney Wright asked for clarification on specific language within the ordinance. Schmidt withdrew his motion.

Matuszewicz moved and Mason seconded to continue the public hearing on April 7, 2014 for Ordinance No. 3, Series 2014 for clarification in section 2. Amending New Section 10-8-30. A roll call vote was taken with all voting "Yes." **Motion Passed.**

2) Approval of a Retail Marijuana Application at 423 Belleview Avenue, SOMA Wellness Center, Lee Olesen Operating Manager.

Mayor Huckstep asked if public notice has been given and Clerk Jansen stated yes.

Mayor Huckstep opened the public hearing.

Mayor Huckstep asked for public comment.

Mayor Huckstep closed the public hearing.

Councilman Schmidt asked where the product is grown and produced. Olesen stated it is grown in Boulder County. Councilman Matuszewicz asked Olesen, if possible, would he grow marijuana in Gunnison County and Olesen stated no.

Olesen stated that the establishment looks like a Professional Art gallery. Olesen stated that many of his clients are 44 and over.

Matuszewicz moved and Schmidt seconded to approve retail marijuana at 423 Belleview Avenue, SOMA Wellness Center.

A roll call vote was taken with all voting "Yes." **Motion Passed.**

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Huckstep has recused himself from the discussion, as he is a member of the Pro Challenge Local Organizing Committee and gave the gavel to Mayor Pro-Tem Schmidt.

1) Discussion and Possible Action in Regards to the USA Pro Challenge 2014.

Karl Trujillo gave all councilmember's the 2012 USA Pro Challenge budget.

David Ochs and Karl Trujillo presented on the USA Pro Challenge 2014.

David Ochs stated an appreciation for the support of the Town for the USA Pro Challenge in the past. Ochs stated that we have strong stakeholders to put on a professional finish. Ochs stated that we don't have an area with big business sponsors as other areas do. Ochs stated that the USA Pro Challenge is advertised all over the world with 14.6 million viewers. Ochs also stated that the goal of race organizers is to put the USA Pro Challenge on the same level as other professional events.

Ochs stated that the committee is trying to start with a 4th of July street ride to begin to pump up the race and being a part of the 4th of July parade. Ochs explained that there is a budget of \$110,000 and most of the funds go towards hotels and CBMR is a great partner. Ochs stated that there are confirmations from Mt. CB at \$35,000 and Ochs made a request of \$35,000 to the Town of CB. Ochs stated that in the past CBMR puts up about \$27,000 in-kind, but now they don't own Elevation and costs will be greater.

Mayor Pro-Tem Schmidt stated that the Town of CB has budgeted \$25,000 and USA Pro Challenge is looking at an additional \$10,000.

Peter Maxwell stated that his numbers have improved with sales tax during the USA Pro Challenge and not to mention all the great advertisement for Mt. Crested Butte and Crested Butte.

Councilman Mason asked if a committee has approached the County for funds. Ochs and Trujillo stated that the County puts out in-kind funds to improve roads and the cost is approximately \$12,000 per mile for magnesium chloride on Cottonwood. Councilman Michel asked about the Town of Mt. Crested Butte recognizing about \$3,000 revenue from hotel sales/admissions tax.

Trujillo stated that there will be a postcard of Crested Butte/Mt. Crested Butte as advertising for future vacationers. Ochs stated that Crested Butte receives a lot of exposure.

Dan Marshall, Director of the Chamber stated he would volunteer to help fundraise the additional funds, if the Town could put in at least \$32,500.

Councilman Mason asked Lois Rozman, Finance Director what the cost would be in-kind to USA Pro Challenge in the past and Rozman stated approximately \$11,000. Councilman Mason asked where we would take the additional \$10,000 and Rozman stated from the reserve.

Gunnison is dropping their contribution from \$65,000 to \$25,000 as a starting location, due to Colorado State University being a Founding Partner and the conflict with Western State University of Colorado. Ochs stated that the amount of exposure is more at the end of the race then the beginning.

Joan Windsor is a resident of Crested Butte stated she was a volunteer the first year of the event and sees it as a non-event for the Town of Crested Butte. Windsor would not recommend expending tax payer funds to support the USA Pro Challenge. Windsor also stated that if you compare this non-event to other events planned by other local non-profit organizations such as the Nordic Center, they have multiple events that positively impact the community all winter long.

Council agreed to continue the discussion of a \$35,000 USA Pro Challenge request until April 7, 2014.

2) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Marshal Department Vacancy.

Councilman Schmidt asked what the town would save with the difference in pay. Marshal Martin stated that there will be salary savings, but there will still be administrative costs and academy expenses.

Councilman Owen asked how much it would cost the Town for a new police officer. Marshal Martin stated \$36,000 before academy and after the academy \$40,000 and benefits at 20%. Finance Director Rozman stated for the 1st year about \$70,000 and about \$50,000 after the first year.

Marshal Martin stated that replacing Ted is monumental and does the work of 1.5 people. The Marshal's office needs 7 officers at a minimum.

Councilman Michel asked about succession planning for replacing retirements and should the town be considering this during budget planning.

Councilman Schmidt asked with the savings of not paying for a planner could we just transfer the funds. Manager Crossett stated that we won't have a savings.

Matuszewicz moved and Schmidt seconded to approve allocating \$17,000 from general fund reserve, so the Marshal's Department may start the hiring process immediately and have the option of sending a new recruit to the academy in May.

A roll call vote was taken with all voting "Yes." **Motion Passed.**

3) 2014 National Service Joint Proclamation as April 1.

Matuszewicz moved and Schmidt seconded to approve the 2014 National Service Joint Proclamation as April 1, 2014

A roll call vote was taken with all voting "Yes." **Motion Passed.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

For the Purpose of Determining Positions Relative to Matters that may be Subject to Negotiations, Developing Strategy for Negotiations, and/or Instructing Negotiators, Under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(e).

Schmidt moved and Owen seconded to go into an executive session as stated above.

A roll call vote was taken with all voting "Yes." **Motion Passed.**

Council went into executive session at 9:05 p.m. and ended at 10:55 p.m. Mason, Huckstep, Schmidt, Michel, Ladoulis, Owen, Matuszewicz, Town Manager Crossett and Town Attorney Belkin (by phone) attended the executive session. No action was taken.

LEGAL MATTERS

None

COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

Councilman Mason-

- RTA's goal is to increase seating capacity about 5%. The direct Chicago route went really well. RTA is also discussing a 12 bus schedule to get workers down to Gunnison from Crested Butte by 8 a.m.

- Mt. Express ordered two buses and cameras will be on the short bus (two internal and two external). The big bus will be here sometime in the summer. Councilman Owen asked about how the snow has affected plane travel and Councilman Mason wasn't sure. Councilman Mason did confirm that the drive market was strong this year.

Councilman Matuszewicz-

- Incubator meeting was last week and everyone began to share what the project looks like. The group is looking at how the space will be managed and how much it will cost. The group is going to do a community outreach and connect with WSCU. Councilman Schmidt asked what type of businesses you want to incubate and Councilman Matuszewicz stated that initially the space would be filled with established people. Then the group would segway into new businesses. Diversity and Inclusiveness will be the key.

Mayor Huckstep-

- Wednesday, March 26 at 7:30 p.m. there is a Gunnison trails meeting at Brick Oven with Senator Michael Bennet to have a discussion around what we want our public lands to look like.
- March 28, 2014 at 4 p.m., WSCU Field House will have an Open House.
- CAST meeting in Denver and the discussion was on Marijuana with Breckenridge receiving \$38,000 from excise tax. Aspen airport has set an amnesty box for leftover marijuana before boarding a plane. The Town of Nederland has issued the first cannabis club. Frisco received \$22,000 in revenue from marijuana in January and in Steamboat a guy was busted with 80 pounds of marijuana. Al White, Director from Colorado Tourism Association stated that Amendment 64 has positively impacted our tourism. CML stated that there may be an issue with TABOR if the Retail Marijuana gets bigger. There is a possibility that the state may conceive more income and the state may have to refund the funds.

Councilman Ladoulis-

- Chamber meeting tomorrow and a newspaper ad will be in the paper for the replacement of the Director.
- The Tourism Association has concerns about guests requests made in regards to retail marijuana and what image that may have on the town. Councilman Ladoulis just expressed it is important to make sure we treat all businesses the same, when an inquiry is made.

Councilman Schmidt-

- Land Preservation Board met last week and fulfilled all grant requests at approximately \$120,000 throughout the County. Four grant requests were fulfilled; Ohio Creek Valley was awarded funds at the entrance to the Castles, two grant requests were awarded in the North Fork Valley and one on way to Lake City.

Owen-

- April 5th will be a Housing Authority meeting.

- Last Wednesday was a Housing Foundation meeting and the first phase of the land trade has gone through. The first grant has been paid into the Masters in Environmental Management program for the shared executive director position with Cold Harbor, another Butch Clark gift of land east of Gunnison creating another foundation that focuses on sustainability.

OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Cittaslow presentation from a WSCU class.

DISCUSSION TO SCHEDULE FUTURE WORK SESSION TOPICS

None

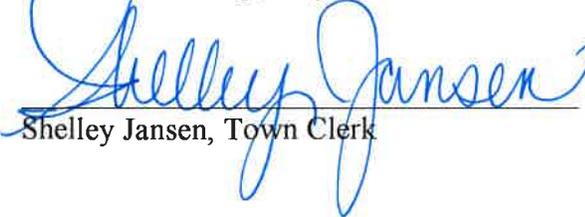
COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Monday, April 7, 2014-6 p.m. Work Session-7 p.m. Regular Council
Monday, April 21, 2014-6 p.m. Work Session-7 p.m. Regular Council
Monday, May 5, 2014-6 p.m. Work Session-7 p.m. Regular Council
Monday, May 19, 2014-6 p.m. Work Session-7 p.m. Regular Council

Mayor Huckstep adjourned the meeting at 11:20 p.m.



Aaron J. Huckstep, Mayor



Shelley Jansen, Town Clerk

