

MINUTES
Town of Crested Butte
Regular Town Council Meeting
Monday, July 15, 2024

Mayor Billick called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Council Members Present: Mayor Ian Billick, Anna Fenerty, Jason MacMillan, Gabi Prochaska, and Kent Cowherd

Staff Present: Town Manager Dara MacDonald, Town Attorney Karl Hanlon, Community Development Director Troy Russ, Public Works Director Shea Earley, Town Clerk Lynelle Stanford, and Finance Director Kathy Ridgeway (via Zoom)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

1) July 1, 2024 Special Town Council Meeting Minutes.

Staff Contact: Town Clerk Lynelle Stanford

2) Bridges of the Butte Special Event Application and Special Event Liquor Permit for Sunday, September 8th, 2024, Closing 3rd Street from Elk Avenue to the Alley Between Sopris and Elk Avenues and Elk Avenue from 2nd Street to 5th Street.

Staff Contact: Deputy Town Clerk Kellie Cheever

3) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between the Town of Crested Butte and the Town of Crested Butte Municipal Court Judge James R. McDonald.

Staff Contact: Town Clerk Lynelle Stanford

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Billick recognized written public comments from Archie Hoyt, Abby Whitaker, Jim Day, Chad Reich, and Chris Kopf.

Celeste Helminski, Executive Director of the Chamber in Gunnison; Joyce Cohen; David Leinsdorf, 3 Treasury Hill Road; and Scott Desmarais, lives on Maroon Avenue and serves on the board of the Valley Housing Fund, spoke during public comment.

STAFF UPDATES

MacDonald mentioned a scheduling change from what was reflected in the staff report. She answered questions from Council members.

LEGAL MATTERS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1) Resolution No. 13, Series 2024 - A Resolution of the Crested Butte Town Council Approving and Utility Extension Agreement to Provide Water and Sewer Service to the Gunnison County, Colorado Whetstone Project.

Staff Contact: Public Works Director Shea Earley

Billick read the titles of Resolution No. 13, Series 2024 and Resolution No. 14, Series 2024. Earley presented regarding the engineering requirements and the Utility Extension Agreement. Council members asked questions. Gunnison County Commissioner Laura Puckett-Daniels and Assistant County Manager for Operations and Sustainability John Cattles reported. Billick turned the meeting over to questions from Council members. Staff fielded questions. The timeline was discussed. Billick summarized the agreement and MacDonald elaborated.

Billick opened the meeting to public comment. Marcus Martin, 11 Ruth's Road, commented.

Billick acknowledged written comments received from Paula Martin, Laura Puckett-Daniels, David Leinsdorf, Marcus Martin, George Gibson, Nan Lumb, a second note from David Leinsdorf, Rusty Spinney, and Jim Schmidt.

The meeting returned to public comment:

Jim Watson, 206 Butte Avenue; David Leinsdorf; John Hess, 325 Sopris Avenue; Paula Martin, 11 Ruth's Road; Scott Desmarais, 120 Maroon Avenue; George Gibson, 31 Powderview Drive; Charlie Martin, 11 Ruth's Road; Jim Starr (via Zoom), 323 Gothic Avenue; and Haden Spencer, 109 3rd Street, commented.

Puckett-Daniels spoke. Hanlon responded. Council members posed questions. County Attorney Matt Hoyt opined. The discussion amongst Council members continued.

Fenerty moved and Prochaska seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 13, Series 2024. A roll call vote was taken with all voting, "Yes." **Motion passed unanimously.**

2) Resolution No. 14, Series 2024 - A Resolution of the Crested Butte Town Council Approving a Preannexation Agreement with Gunnison County, Colorado Regarding the Whetstone Project.

Staff Contact: Town Manager Dara MacDonald

MacDonald reviewed the agenda item and outlined its implications. Council members asked questions and discussed.

Billick opened the meeting to public comment:

Jim Day, 427 Maroon Avenue; Haden Spencer, 109 3rd Street; and Jim Watson commented.

Russ referred to the process for annexation within the Town Code, on which Hanlon expounded. Council members asked questions, and the discussion continued.

Fenerty moved and MacMillan seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 14, Series 2024. A roll call vote was taken with all voting, "Yes." **Motion passed unanimously.**

3) GVRTA Strategic Operating and Capital Plan - Town of Crested Butte Comments.

Staff Contact: Community Development Director Troy Russ

Russ presented, the Council discussed, and Billick summarized the discussion.

MacMillan moved and Fenerty seconded a motion suggesting improvements and endorsing the attached comment letter to the GVRTA Board of Directors regarding the GVRTA Strategic Operating and Capital Plan's initial list of projects and authorizing the Mayor to sign the letter on behalf of the Town of Crested Butte with the understanding there will be an amendment concerning the Town's prioritization on clean busses with the Mayor authorized to sign that amendment. A roll call vote was taken with all voting, "Yes." **Motion passed unanimously.**

4) Colorado Association of Ski Towns 2024 Legislative Position Statement on Housing.

Staff Contact: Housing Director Erin Ganser

MacDonald outlined the position statement on housing. Hanlon answered questions from Council members.

Fenerty moved and Prochaska seconded a motion to support the CAST 2024 Legislative Position Statement on Housing. A roll call vote was taken with all voting, "Yes." **Motion passed unanimously.**

COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

Prochaska provided an update.

OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Fenerty and Prochaska brought forth concerns with a parklet location and from written public comment.

DISCUSSION OF SCHEDULING FUTURE WORK SESSION TOPICS AND COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

- *Tuesday*, August 6, 2024 - 6:00PM Work Session - 7:00PM Regular Council
- *Monday*, August 19, 2024 - 6:00PM Work Session - 7:00PM Regular Council
- *Tuesday*, September 3, 2024 - 6:00PM Work Session - 7:00PM Regular Council

Billick asked the Council whether they should proceed with going into the planned Executive Session. The Council agreed to have the discussion regarding Whetstone in Executive Session during the meeting on August 6th, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Billick adjourned the meeting at 10:45PM.



Ian Billick, Mayor



Lynelle Stanford, Town Clerk (SEAL)

