

MINUTES
Town of Crested Butte
Regular Town Council Meeting
Monday, January 4, 2016
Council Chambers, Crested Butte Town Hall

Mayor Michel called the meeting to order at 6:05PM.

Council Members Present: Jim Schmidt, Erika Vohman, Chris Ladoulis, Roland Mason, Laura Mitchell, and Paul Merck

Staff Present: Town Manager Todd Crossett, Town Attorney John Belkin, Town Planner Michael Yerman, Parks and Recreation Director Janna Hansen, and Public Works Director Rodney Due

Chief Marshal Tom Martin and Town Clerk Lynelle Stanford (for part of the meeting)

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Belkin requested the addition of an 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. 24-6-402(4)(e) relative to matters concerning: 1) Cypress Equities connecting to Town's sewer system and 2) US Energy, Freeport-McMoRan, and the Mt. Emmons mine project.

Crossett requested that number four be removed from Consent Agenda. Michel confirmed it was stuck entirely.

Schmidt confirmed the Executive Session could occur after Other Business to Come Before Council.

Schmidt moved and Mitchell seconded a motion to approve the agenda striking item number four from the Consent Agenda and adding an Executive Session as stated by the attorney after Other Business to Come Before Council. A roll call vote was taken with all voting, "Yes." **Motion passed unanimously.**

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) Approval of December 21, 2015 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes.**
- 2) Approval of Resolution No. 1, Series 2016 – Resolutions of the Crested Butte Town Council Designating the Town of Crested Butte's Three Official Public Places for Posting Town Council Meetings and Other Important Items.**

3) Approval for the Town Planner to Issue a Letter of Authorization on the Town's Conservation Easement for the Lower Loop Property Reception #496220 for a New Trail to Lead to the Fairy House Project Proposed by the Trailhead Museum.

4) Approval of Letter of Support to be Signed by the Mayor for RE1J for Safe Routes to School Educational Program.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Alli Melton - Present in her official capacity as Public Lands Director for High Country Conservation Advocates (HCCA) - HCCA's offices located at 411 3rd Street

- Thanked the Council on behalf of HCCA for taking bold and important action last month to call on the Federal government to take action.
- Stated it was impressive and noteworthy to have a Council so pro-active on climate change.

Tricia Kubisiak - 83 Alpine Court

- Commented that people were camping all over Town in the summer. Thought people were camping due to lack of enforcement.
- Suggested that Town figured out a solution out before June.

Benjamin Swift - 169 Slate River Drive in Riverbend

- He was spearheading a campaign called Plastic Bag Free CB.
- He was working to eliminate non-reusable bags in the County.
- Created a logo for Plastic Bag Free CB.
- There was a recycle bin for plastic bags located at the Chamber of Commerce.
- He would be showing a movie at the library to educate the public.
- Alina Smith reported they were collecting plastic bags to recycle at the school, too.
- It was agreed that Swift and Merck would communicate, since Merck was a representative on Cold Harbor.

Molly Murfee - 124 ½ Maroon Ave

- Was present to talk about affordable housing guidelines. She referenced a letter that she sent to the Council (that was included in the packet).
- She was interested in applying for an affordable housing lot. She thought that much attention was put on acquiring and qualifying for a lot, but additional attention was needed in providing a forever home (including post-retirement years).
- She thought that they must validate longevity in the community with affordable housing and not just the workforce.
- She also suggested they reconsider bedrooms being a part of determining the valuation of a home.

STAFF UPDATES

Rodney Due

- Provided an update on snow operations, including that they would be removing the snow banks on Elk Avenue on Friday. On Tuesday, they would be widening Maroon and Sopris Avenues.
- Mentioned there had been two water main breaks: one at the Center prior to the snow event and the second at the Alpine lumberyard.
- Schmidt questioned if they had closed on the lot (across from Pitas), and he wondered if the garage on the lot had value. Due said it was undecided what would be done with the structure.

Michael Yerman

- He would have the Affordable Housing Guidelines in front of Council at the next meeting.
- They were tentatively planning on bringing the Sixth Street Station re-zoning request to Council on February 1.
- Also on February 1, JVA and CDOT would be in Town to present on the Red Lady intersection.
- Schmidt asked Yerman (related to Murfee's comments) if they had removed people from affordable housing at retirement. Yerman explained the Town required the home was a person's primary residence. He thought that if a person had worked in Town for more than five years, they would be okay.

Janna Hansen

- Crews had been working hard. Reminded the Council they were scheduled to work seven days a week, including holidays.
- Both the sledding hill and ice arena had a lot of use over the holidays.
- They had exchanged multiple letters with Renner since August regarding the resurfacing of the tennis courts. Renner was willing to resurface but not according to recommendations. They were looking at another company to complete the resurfacing.

Tom Martin

- Welcomed the new Council members and the Mayor. Told them to feel free to get ahold of him.
- Had been talking to business owners, and the general consensus was that it was extremely busy the past two weeks.
- Michel mentioned Mountain Express carried 10,000 people on New Year's Day.

Lynelle Stanford

- The next Council meeting would be on a Tuesday because of the holiday.

Todd Crossett

- Informed the Council that the process would be quasi judicial when Sixth Street Station came to the Council to request a zone change. Said it would most likely be on the agenda for the first meeting in February.
- Received a report from the County Elections Office on the voter roll project. Staff was asking clarifying questions because it did not provide quite the level of detail.
- Repeated kudos for the crews who had worked hard in the past weeks.
- Revisited the recycling and waste plans relevant to special events. Michel mentioned ORE had already developed a policy related to special events. Michel thought they just needed to re-emphasize.
- Anthracite Place was going into an inspection heavy phase.
- The question of snow banks on Elk was raised. Crossett told the Council they adopted the snow removal plan every year. It had already been adopted, but it could be amended.
- They were working on a number of things at the staff level including: new capital budget, ADU enforcement guidelines, trails work session, and the retreat.

Michel asked if anyone wanted to bring up snow banks under New Business. Merck explained it was brought to his attention by a Council member in Mt. Crested Butte who was forced to back up Elk. Schmidt said they had closed parking on the north side of Elk when it had become too constricted in the past. Martin acknowledged they could have closed parking on the north side the two days before crews widened it. He was balancing the desires of business owners who wanted the parking available. Schmidt said it was snow banks or parking. Michel agreed it was a tough time, and they wanted to keep parking open, yet people also wanted the snow banks. Crossett said there was a lot of positive feedback from people who were visiting Town.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Authorization of the Town Manager to Amend the Scope of Services to the Consulting Services Agreement with JVA, Incorporated dated August 18, 2015 for an Additional \$2,500.00 for the Completion of Final Design Work for the Red Lady Intersection.

Yerman reported to have completed the peer review with CDOT, and he was asking for \$2,500 to allow JVA to participate in the public meeting. He recognized the discussion would result in revisions. Yerman further explained there was \$8,000 in the Transportation Plan budget, and there would still be \$5,500 remaining. He stated that once they were through peer review and had an approved design from CDOT, they could then lobby at TPR meetings to potentially get the intersection on the five or ten year budget for CDOT. Crossett said they would be allocating additional funds to JVA, but it was already in the overall budget. Ladoulis questioned the scope of what would be presented on February 1. Yerman said two designs would be presented with a significant difference in cost between the two.

Schmidt moved and Ladoulis seconded a motion to approve the authorization of the Town Manager amending the consulting services agreement with JVA for the preparation of Concept Intersection Improvement Design for the Red Lady Intersection for an additional \$2,500. A roll call vote was taken with all voting, "Yes." **Motion passed unanimously.**

LEGAL MATTERS

Belkin referred to a memo that he sent regarding action that was deferred on the proceedings before the State on the temporary modifications. Rule-making was deferred and set for 2017. He said they would coordinate with Coal Creek to come with a recommendation as to an entrance point. It would be impacted by where things went with Freeport-McMoRan.

COUNCIL REPORTS UPDATES AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

Paul Merck

- Would be attending meetings this week.

Roland Mason

- Mentioned there were 10,000 riders on Mountain Express on New Year's Day. Reminded the Council that during the X Games, to carry that number of people, they had cordoned off shoots to organize people as the busses arrived. He thought it illustrated that Mountaineer Square was designed efficiently since there were no issues.

Jim Schmidt

- The Cemetery Committee would be meeting this week, and the Creative District would meet next week.
- Flights that were cancelled via the Gunnison Airport were almost all cancelled because of weather in Dallas.

OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Schmidt brought up scheduling a work session for the Nordic skiing/fat biking topic. He acknowledged the meeting on February 1 could be long. Crossett needed to talk to Keith Bauer at the Nordic Center, but he was out of Town. Crossett said they would see where they could slide it in on an upcoming agenda. Michel said that Bauer was meeting with the Nordic Board on Wednesday. Ladoulis asked for information from the Tourism Association or David Ochs to contrast demand as well as supply. Crossett reminded them they were not in the position to direct; it would be more of an issue of facilitating a community conversation.

Michel, after a conversation with Vohman, suggested a broad discussion about the Town's consumption stream. He wanted to incorporate it into the Council's overall priorities and where they were going as a group.

DISCUSSION OF SCHEDULING FUTURE WORK SESSION TOPICS AND COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

- *Tuesday*, January 19, 2016 – 6:00PM Work Session – 7:00PM Regular Council
- *Monday*, February 1, 2016 – 6:00PM Work Session – 7:00PM Regular Council
- *Tuesday*, February 16, 2016 – 6:00PM Work Session – 7:00PM Regular Council

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mason moved and Schmidt seconded a motion to go into 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. 24-6-402(4) (e) relative to matters concerning: 1) Cypress Equities connecting to Town's sewer system and 2) US Energy, Freeport-McMoRan, and the Mt. Emmons mine project. A roll call vote was taken with all voting, "Yes." **Motion passed unanimously.**

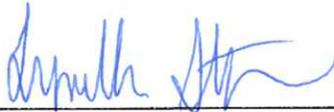
The Council went into Executive Session at 7PM. Council returned to open meeting at 8:28PM. Mayor Michel made the required announcement before returning to the open meeting. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Michel adjourned the meeting at 8:30PM.



Glenn Michel, Mayor



Lynelle Stanford, Town Clerk

(SEAL)

