

MINUTES
Town of Crested Butte
Regular Town Council Meeting
Monday, March 2, 2015
Council Chambers, Crested Butte Town Hall

Mayor Huckstep called the meeting to order at 7:39PM.

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

Staff Present: Town Manager Todd Crossett, Town Planner Michael Yerman, and Town Clerk Lynelle Stanford

Building and Zoning Director Bob Gillie and Finance Director Lois Rozman (for part of the meeting)

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 February 17, 2015 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes

2) Approval of Consulting Services Agreement with Wright Water Engineers, Inc. for the Performance of Environmental, Water and Wetlands Consulting Services in Connection with the Proposed Slate River Annexation and the Proposed Remediation of the Old Town Landfill.

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

Huckstep confirmed, related to a letter from a group of citizens sent via email, under Consent Agenda, the Council approved an agreement for consultants specifically for the dump.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

STAFF UPDATES

Michael Yerman

- JVA was in Town to start the facility master plan for the public works yard.
- Announced there would be a trail workday on the Coral House Trail on June 13, the weekend after Trails Day. Berkshire wondered what Yerman was planning for Trails Day. Yerman said they were relatively confident the Coral House Trail would be sufficiently dried out by June 13.
- Berkshire asked where the Coral House Trail would come out. Yerman said at the Gunsite Bridge. He commented it would keep people off the road where the Lupine Trail comes out.
- Schmidt asked Yerman when the next Transportation Meeting was scheduled. Yerman said he planned a work session on March 16.

Bob Gillie

- Reported that Gunnison County Electric Association (GCEA) requested the Town partner with them to add an electric vehicle charging station at the 4 Way. GCEA was applying for a grant, but they were not requesting funds from the Town. However, the Town would have to give up two parking spaces in the Chamber Lot. Gillie asked the Council if they had any objections. Berkshire countered by asking if staff was okay with it. Gillie again mentioned the loss of parking spaces. No one on the Council objected.

Lois Rozman

- Mentioned she provided January sales tax numbers to the Council.
- The audit will begin on March 16. She encouraged Council members to stop by to talk to the auditors to ask any questions. She anticipated the auditors would be here until Thursday afternoon (March 20).
- In Due's absence, Rozman stated they reorganized the public works department. Matty Cahir became the second mechanic to assist Kevin McNamara. Vern Cox, a seasonal plow driver, took Cahir's full time position.
- Schmidt said that it seemed like January sales tax could mostly be attributed to MLK weekend. Rozman answered that it had been busy. Sales tax often tracked along with Mountain Express numbers, but she couldn't give them exact details. She said vendors would not submit weekly sales tax until Town made it mandatory, in which case, she would propose the MuniRevs software system. It would cost \$15,000 to get MuniRevs up and running. People would file sales tax online, and Town could make it mandatory to report for special events or weekly for certain vendors. There would be an additional \$1,500 monthly in ongoing costs. However, Rozman said that municipalities do recoup some costs through late fees. MuniRevs has an auto turn on date when penalties and interest are assessed.
- Schmidt noticed that lodging had jumped up 36%. Huckstep commented that bars, restaurants, and the grocery store didn't match the lodging increase.

Lynelle Stanford

- Received a retail marijuana application from BoomTown, who could potentially be dually licensed (both retail and medical marijuana sales).

- Hoped to have collected the necessary information from various applicants to potentially have a number of upcoming special events on the next meeting agenda.

Todd Crossett

- Had been approached by Waste Management requesting a letter of support for a grant for educational programs. There was no “ask” from Waste Management, other than the letter. Crossett questioned the Council if anyone had an issue with him signing the letter. There were no issues mentioned by the Council.
- Spent the weekend on the Bench for the Rocky Mountain Nordic Championships. He said it was tremendous to see what was possible for that venue. People had a great time.
- Regarding the proposed retreat for Council and staff, he has been in contact with a consultant who has done international work. The consultant was getting back to Crossett with a proposal.
- Things are looking better for Big Air. Crews will be balancing Big Air snow hauling and the jump construction with their primary jobs to keep the streets open.
- The One Valley Prosperity Project kick off is Wednesday at 6PM.
- The light agenda was not indicative of staff workloads. Schmidt asked if with the infrastructure for Blocks 79 and 80 and the bathrooms on 3rd Street, would anything was getting knocked off the work plan. Crossett answered nothing had been cut out as of yet; staff was just wrapping up the comprehensive work plan. He was hoping to use it as a model and tie it to budget.
- Mason asked if the RFP had been completed for the building maintenance position. Crossett said Town was hiring that position as an employee, so it was being advertised. Rozman added that there were three positions currently available: building inspector, building maintenance, and parks and rec coordinator. Concerning the building maintenance and inspector positions, they were reviewing applications and moving forward with interviews. She said there were five to six applicants for each position. Crossett added the job market is getting better if you’re looking for a job and more challenging if you’re looking to hire.

Yerman announced there was a Creative District meeting on Thursday, March 12 at the Center from 5PM – 8PM.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Ordinance No. 1, Series 2015 – An Ordinance of the Crested Butte Town Council Amending Chapter 18, Article 9 of the Crested Butte Municipal Code to Allow for the Use of Enterprise Green Certification in Lieu of Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Certification for Buildings Over 20,000 Square Feet.

Schmidt mentioned there were a number of different alternatives. Gillie said not all of them were comprehensive. This one was equal to LEED Silver, which was

comparable to what Town had now. He looked at other programs fairly closely, and he felt like this one was a decent program.

Schmidt moved and Berkshire seconded a motion to set Ordinance No. 1, Series 2015 for public hearing on March 16, 2015. **Motion passed.**

LEGAL MATTERS

Belkin provided an update on the pre-annexation agreement status. He reminded the Council that they approved the services agreement for Wright Water on Consent Agenda. They would work with them for the next week or so to talk with the applicant about the dump issues. He expected to bring the pre-annexation sometime in March. He explained that Wright Water had a really good expert who would be counterpart to Paul Casey, who was hired by the applicant. Schmidt asked if it would be done before the public works study. Yerman explained the applicant would have to submit the public works study with the application for sketch plan review. He said the pre-annexation agreement considered the applicant covering the cost, but they went along with covering the costs already in order to get moving. Schmidt wondered when the process would become quasi-judicial. Belkin said they would communicate with the Council when it reached that point.

COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

Jim Schmidt

- The Cemetery Committee met last week. They talked about spending a fair amount of money on weed control. They also planned on spending \$5,700 on monument stabilization. He mentioned a firm out of Grand Junction, Carlson Memorials, who restored monuments. The committee was concerned about the ones that were tipping, with foundations falling apart. They asked Carlson for an estimate on what could be done with the budget. He also stated there was a lot of interest in developing the adopt-a-grave program. He said if there was a family connection, they would not bother the graves. The committee also discussed the possibility of repairing fences that were falling apart.
- Mentioned that a neighbor invited him to talk about the annexation. He went with maps and explained the facts, which he has also done with a few other people. Yerman said there were lots of opportunities for citizens to have input.

Aaron Huckstep

- Thanked Crossett for organizing the retreat.
- Mentioned Mayor/Manager meeting this Thursday. Also, mentioned there was a lunch for Lauren on Thursday.
- Said he would be gone for the April 20 meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Huckstep brought up the article in last week's paper on allowable uses in the Slate River Drainage. He talked with Corey Wong from the Forest Service. There was a possibility

the Town would not advocate, but could encourage local groups to come together representing all types of users trying to get a position for making a recommendation to the Forest Service. There was a map that showed motorized and non-motorized areas, but perspectives could have changed. Huckstep said the bottom line was that if the Town was interested, they could draft a letter that could go to the Forest Service to encourage them to listen to this type of constituent group. Huckstep said they were not advocating, but it would be great to see everyone come together and talk. Berkshire said there was a difference between winter and summer travel management. Summer travel management was fully funded by the Forest Service. They orchestrated the process, but they didn't plan to do that with the winter travel management plan. Berkshire felt the Forest Service wanted someone to come to them with the answer. Huckstep again mentioned a letter from the affected municipality indicating they supported a process that would resolve this issue that would result in an updated revised winter travel management plan. He said they were not taking a position. Mason wondered if the Forest Service would implement rules if the groups did not come together. Huckstep said it was not clear if that was the case. Berkshire said it was up to each forest to plan. He said if there were not rules in place right now, it was closed/not allowed. He felt the summer travel management plan was a collaborative process. He said the Forest Service was sitting back and hoping it happened with the winter travel management plan. Huckstep said it was due to resources. Schmidt added that they never made anything mandatory. He said they set guidelines and not rules. Berkshire said their version of an ordinance was allowed to expire without telling anyone. There were reports of violations, and the Forest Service answered that it expired seven years ago. Huckstep explained that rather than Town taking a position, they would support a public process. It sent a message they wanted them to come together and find a common ground. The intended outcome of this process would be a recommendation. Berkshire suggested the purpose was the municipality would send a letter encouraging the Forest Service to begin a process and to not leave it for stakeholders to come together. Huckstep countered that the onus was on constituent groups. Berkshire said the key was the Forest Service had to be the facilitator or they needed a neutral facilitator. Huckstep asked the Council if they were interested in conveying to the Forest Service and community at large that they would be supportive of the process. The Council agreed, and there were no objections.

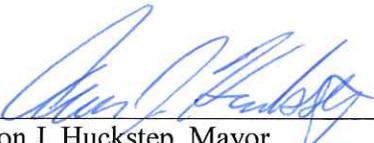
Schmidt brought forth the topic of BLM assessing a fee at Oh Be Joyful campground. He had no problem with the fee, but he wondered if they considered it holistically. He said BLM owned a small chunk of the land compared to what was owned by the Forest Service. He wondered if they should write a letter to ask if they were working together. Huckstep explained that when they requested donations last year, it was a litmus test for the fee, which went very well. Yerman expounded that the fee was going back into the campsite to make it more usable, and the Land Trust and BLM have hired an intern to collect data. He said the idea was to gather quantitative data. Huckstep wondered what Council's role and responsibility were if they were promoting events and creating demand. Crossett said that being at the table was minimal. Schmidt asked Yerman to keep the Council informed. Yerman said the idea was the fee went back to the campsite, such as trying to keep it stocked with toilet paper. He said if they started planning and implementing he would encourage them to keep the Council updated.

DISCUSSION OF SCHEDULING FUTURE WORK SESSION TOPICS AND COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

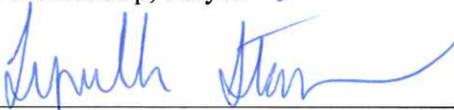
- Monday, March 16, 2015 – 6:00PM Work Session – 7:00PM Regular Council
- Monday, April 6, 2015 – 6:00PM Work Session – 7:00PM Regular Council
- Monday, April 20, 2015 – 6:00PM Work Session – 7:00PM Regular Council

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Huckstep adjourned the meeting at 8:36PM.



Aaron J. Huckstep, Mayor



Lynelle Stanford, Town Clerk (SEAL)

