

**Town of Crested Butte  
Regular Town Council Meeting  
Minutes  
Monday, January 6, 2014  
Council Chambers, Crested Butte Town Hall**

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

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

Staff present: Todd Crossett, Town Manager; Kathy Napoli, Deputy Town Clerk; Bob Gillie, Building and Zoning Director; John Belkin, Town Attorney

Staff present for part of the meeting: Lois Rozman, Finance Director

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Schmidt moved and Ladoulis seconded to approve the agenda.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1) Approval of December 16, 2013 Minutes.

Owen moved and Schmidt seconded to approve the consent agenda.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments.

**STAFF UPDATES**

Bob Gillie- Stated that he had no comments unless the council asked anything of him.  
Matuszewicz asked if Melanie Rees completed her final study and Gillie stated he did not know.  
Gillie stated that he will share it with the council when he does have the final report.

Lois Rozman- Referenced a handout she created that included the Sales Tax Report from November. Rozman stated that 2013 is currently closing up by 6.6%. Rozman also stated that the town is still in process with filling the Wastewater Manager Position. However, she stated they hope to have it filled by the end of the week.

Todd Crossett- Stated that Town Council Meetings will start at 6:00 pm until summer.  
Councilman Schmidt stated that he thought the charter stated that regular council meetings start at 7:00 p.m. Crossett stated he thought that council meetings were always at 6 p.m. and moved to 7 p.m. due to Alpenglow. Town Manager Crossett and Attorney Belkin will check this out and make sure that a 6:00 p.m. start time is okay and update the council when they review the charter.

Crossett said that there has been no word on the VCUP process and he assumes that this is due to the Holidays. However, if he does not hear back in the next week then he will follow up. Crossett stated that the Council Retreat is next week on Monday and there will also be two more Community Summits next week in Mt. Crested Butte from 8-10am and 8-10am at Sunset Hall in Crested Butte South.

Crossett stated that he will be attending a Community Development Workshop in Glenwood Springs. He explained that the County took lead on applying for a grant, and he and Councilman Michel will participate in the free training.

Crossett also stated Region 10 is putting a grant submittal together for broadband and this is due by the end of the month. They will be asking for planning/consulting level help to put a package of 'grant asks' together.

Crossett stated that Town Planner Phone Interviews will start this week and go into next week. Cathy Pagano, Planner at County Community Development is helping with this. Councilman Schmidt asked when hiring will happen and Crossett said as soon as possible. Crossett stated that it was pushed back due to VCUP, but hopefully the in person interviews will be complete by end of month and someone will be hired by next month.

Kathy Napoli- Stated that on Tuesday, January 21, Alex Fenlon will be taking a group photo of the Town Council at 6:45 p.m. She also stated that the Council Retreat will take place on Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup> from 2-6 p.m. at the Chamber Building on the second floor in the Art Festival Office. Napoli explained that she will provide sandwiches and chips again and meet the dietary needs of the Town Council. Napoli updated the Town Council that the town facebook page has over 1000 likes and also referenced the January 2014 Newsletter that was handed out to all of the council.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1) Approval of New Hotel and Restaurant Liquor License at 130 Elk Avenue, Kaos Limited, Sweet Spot, Laura Silva:

Mayor Huckstep stated that Clerk Jansen has recommended that the application be approved. Huckstep opened the discussion to the council. Councilman Schmidt asked what is going on in the building; will it be a bar with food? Silva stated they are opening up a bar with and eventually a restaurant. They will open up first as bar until April 7<sup>th</sup>. However, The Momo is in there serving lunch from 11-3 p.m. In April and May they will do a new design in the building and open for the summer. Schmidt asked if it will be a music venue. Silva stated it will be a possible wedding venue on Elk Avenue. Schmidt brings up complaints due to music in the past and they stated they will work with local residents around those issues.

Matuszewicz moved and Owen seconded to approve the application.  
A roll call vote was taken with all voting "Yes." **Motion Passed.**

2) Mt. Express Semi-Annual Report:

Mountain Express Transit Director, Chris Larson, had an annual report and update. Larson stated the fleet is the biggest challenge, but it is getting better. He stated Mountain Express is about to receive two new buses, one small and one big one, per a grant that will come this Spring/Summer. As well, another bus will come in 2015 per grant. Larson has also applied for 4 additional buses in 2015-2016 per a grant and he feels good about it. Larson stated his concern is that buses usually last 10 years and many of our buses are from 1993. 2013 Mountain Express riders are up 4%, 582,000 passengers in 2013 compared to 560,000 in 2012. He expressed they carried 8,300 people on New Year's Eve day and Night and many of those people were at night.

Councilman Michel asked about bus service for next summer and Larson stated that summer is busiest time of year. Larson added that there will be a 4-5 week period where there will be an extra bus added in between the 20 minute usual bus times and it will go from 4-way to Mountaineer Square only to alleviate some of the heavy traffic. Larson stated this will likely happen in July and he thinks it will cost about \$7000 to run the extra bus for that time.

Mayor Huckstep asked about Judd Falls Service and Larson said the road condition is still a concern and they will get together with RMBL and forest service to discuss this.

Councilman Ladoulis asked about CB South Service and Larson said that is the RTA, not the Mt. Express. Larson stated that the RTA will pull in CB South during the summer time.

Councilman Schmidt asked about how many passengers Mountain Express carried in its biggest years. Larson stated that in 1998 they carried 927,000 passengers in the winter and very few in the summer. Larson speculated that it was due to the X-games, etc.

Mayor Huckstep asked about the bus stop by Clark's Market. Larson stated that he has been working with Rodney Due regarding this issue. They are limited by the space and would ideally like to get off of Belleview completely and be further down by the highway. The building can be up to the council and Larson stated they want something better than they currently have. Larson added they need more room to pull buses in. Larson is open to heated and closed bus stops and he is happy to do a site visit with town.

3) Approval of a Special Event Application, 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Alley Loop, Friday, January 31, 2014 – Saturday, February 1, 2014 – Elk Avenue Closure:

Drew Holbrook was at the Council Meeting to represent the Nordic Center. Councilman Schmidt asked about exact elk avenue closures. Holbrook was not certain of exact time, but stated it would be the same as last year. Councilman Schmidt asked if Thursday night and Friday morning the plowing of snow will start and Holbrook stated it will be the same as last year.

Michel moved and Owen seconded to approve the event pending Insurance. A roll call vote was taken with all voting "Yes." **Motion Passed.**

4) Approval of a Special Event Application, Crested Butte Fat Bike Race, Friday, January 31, 2014, 3:30 pm -5:30 p.m. Elk Avenue. Elk Avenue Closure:

Mayor Huckstep stated that he is going to step out of the room, because he is involved with the event. Councilman Schmidt moved into the mayor seat. Holbrook explained that Elk Mountain Events is putting on the event and they will be using the Alley Loop Course for the race. He added that it will be the same start and finish as the Alley Loop at Brick Oven.

Councilman Matuszewicz asked if there will be any changes from last year, and Holbrook said nothing concerning the town only trails outside of the town.

Councilman Owen asked if fat bikes are allowed on Nordic trails normally without a pass, and Holbrook says no they are not. He added that this has been a big debate in the Nordic world. Holbrook explained that many people are for it and many people are against it.

Councilman Michel stated that if this Fat Bike concept takes off then they should bring to town council because maybe they could support it in some way, like making a trail.

David Ochs added that they would like to change the start time at 3 p.m. and end at 5 p.m. to not overlap the alley loop pub crawl. Ochs stated they are expecting maybe double as many people as last year participating in this race. He added that Big Al's Bike Shop will have bike demos and many people can come here and experience fun by renting a bike.

Owen moved and Matuszewicz seconded to approve the special event with the new start time of 3:00 p.m. pending Insurance.

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

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Solar Array and License Agreement with Gunnison County Electric Association, Inc:

Mayor Huckstep stated there is a proposed motion to approve and he opened this to the council for questions. A discussion ensued around solar panels. Councilman Ladoulis asked about the life of panels. Gillie stated at least 20 years and possibly up to 30. Councilman Owen asked if the program works about a possible extension. Gillie stated yes and this is a pilot program because it is only 20 panels. Gillie added this has taken off in other towns. Mayor Huckstep stated that the bottom line sounds like they are starting the pilot program here and if it works we could add to this more.

Roger Grogg from GCEA explained that this is a feel good project to do the right thing for the community and no one will be making money with this project.

A discussion ensued around the solar panels and that the town will still have an electric bill.

Councilman Michel reminded everyone that conservation is still the best thing. He stated it is way easier to switch light bulbs to become energy efficient.

Councilman Ladoulis asked about security and he does not like the clause stating that the town is responsible for any damage to the panels. Grogg stated that the way he sees it, the insurance is provided by GCEA. Attorney Belkin said he can change language if needed due to Councilman Ladoulis feeling uncomfortable if town is solely responsible for these. Gillie stated he does not want the public around Wastewater Plant and this would be a bigger problem. Mayor Huckstep is comfortable with how it is currently written and asks the council to make a motion.

Michel moved and Owen seconded to approve the agreement.  
A roll call vote was taken with all voting "Yes." **Motion Passed.**

### **LEGAL MATTERS**

Attorney Belkin stated that he had no legal matters, but asked if he was needed at the Council Retreat. The Town Council did not see any reason for Belkin to attend the retreat on Monday.

### **COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE UPDATES**

Councilman Owen reported that on December 17<sup>th</sup> he attended the first incubator committee meeting. He stated he was there among other people, council members and there was a good conversation about a shared physical space for businesses. He added this would also potentially offer mentoring and training in this space. Councilman Owen reported that the consensus from the group is that something should be on the ground by summer and they hope to move towards that timeline.

Councilman Owen also reported that there will be a Business Conference on Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. at the Bacchanale. On Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, at 3pm in meeting room junior there will be another Incubator Committee Meeting. Councilman Owen stated that three people on the council are on the committee and confirmed with Crossett that public notice is given. Councilman Owen added that more council members could show up due to the public being notified.

Councilman Schmidt asked about the group renting a building and Councilman Owen stated it is currently in the visionary stage. Councilman Matuszewicz added that there is a lot of momentum in the group and the one common thing is that they want to share a physical space.

Councilman Schmidt stated that he will not be here on January 21<sup>st</sup> for the Council photo and Councilman Matuszewicz added that he will not be here either. Deputy Clerk Napoli will call Alex Fenlon and ask him to come to the February 3<sup>rd</sup> Council Date.

Mayor Huckstep- Pointed out a few thank you letters that were in the e-packet for variety of donations the council recently gave. Mayor Huckstep stated that there was a Mayor Manager Meeting, softly attended last Friday. He added that Mt Crested Butte, the Town of Crested Butte, and WSCU are all doing well. WSCU is up over 2400 students. As well there are five finalists being interviewed in Denver for President of WSCU.

Mayor Huckstep stated that the Recovery planning course will be on February 12, 13, and 14. As well, there will be a RTA meeting in Gunnison Friday morning.

**OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL**

Councilman Matuszewicz brought up how this meeting was so light and he does not want to meet to just meet. Councilman Schmidt stated we do have to do two meetings a month per the charter. Huckstep stated light meetings are not a trend. Attorney Belkin stated that the Code says council can start whenever they want. Council decided that regular meetings can start at 6 p.m. and if there is a work session that will start at 6 p.m. with the regular meeting starting at 7 p.m.

**DISCUSSION TO SCHEDULE FUTURE WORK SESSION TOPICS**

None.

**COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE**

Monday, January 13, 2014- Council Retreat- 2-6 p.m.

Tuesday, January 21, 2014-6 p.m. Work Session- 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. Regular Council

Monday, February 3, 2014-6 p.m. Work Session-7 p.m. Regular Council

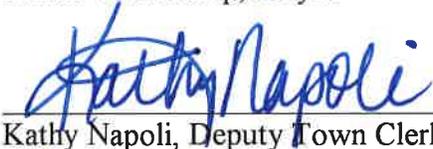
Tuesday, February 18, 2014-6 p.m. Work Session-7 p.m. Regular Council

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Huckstep adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.



Aaron J. Huckstep, Mayor



Kathy Napoli, Deputy Town Clerk

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