

MINUTES
Town of Crested Butte
Regular Town Council Meeting
Monday, September 19, 2016
Council Chambers, Crested Butte Town Hall

Mayor Michel called the meeting to order at 7:02PM.

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

Staff Present: Town Manager Dara MacDonald, Town Attorney John Belkin, Public Works Director Rodney Due, Town Planner Michael Yerman, and Building and Zoning Director Bob Gillie

Town Clerk Lynelle Stanford, Finance Director Lois Rozman, and Parks and Recreation Director Janna Hansen (all for part of the meeting)

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Schmidt moved and Mason seconded a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of adding to New Business item #1: Discussion of the Red Lady Roundabout Presentation from the State-wide Transportation Improvement Program and under New Business #2 to include request for the Mayor to sign a letter of support for the Town regarding the Crested Butte Mountain Heritage Museum's grant application. A roll call vote was taken with all voting, "Yes." **Motion passed unanimously.**

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) September 6, 2016 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes.**
- 2) Resolution No. 28, Series 2016 - Resolutions of the Crested Butte Town Council Authorizing the Town Manager to Execute the Engagement Letter with Butler Snow LLP for Butler to Serve as Municipal Bond Counsel Regarding the Town Pursuing a Tax Bond Issue for the Town's Land Transfer Excise Tax (RETT) to be Submitted to the Electors at the General Election on November 8, 2016.**
- 3) Resolution No. 29, Series 2016 - Resolutions of the Crested Butte Town Council Authorizing the Town Manager to Execute the Municipal Advisors Agreement with Ehlers & Associates, Inc. for Ehlers to Serve as Municipal Financial Advisor Regarding the Town Pursuing a Tax Bond Issue for the Town's Land Transfer Excise Tax (RETT) to be Submitted to the Electors at the General Election on November 8, 2016.**
- 4) Resolution No. 30, Series 2016 - Resolutions of the Crested Butte Town Council Appropriating Matching Funds in an Amount not to Exceed \$15,000 from the**

General Fund for the Colorado Creative Industries and Boettcher Leadership Award and Authorizing the Town Manager to Execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Colorado Creative Industries Regarding Such Award.

5) Resolution No. 31, Series 2016 - Resolutions of the Crested Butte Town Council Appropriating Matching Funds in an Amount not to Exceed \$10,000 from the Open Space Fund for the 2017 Great Outdoors Colorado Youth Corps Crews Baxter Gulch and Open Space Maintenance Project Grant and Authorizing the Town Manager to Execute the Grant Application Regarding the Grant.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sue Navy

- Was at the meeting because of the first ever joint clean-up of the Slate River Valley on October 16.
- They would be having a BBQ with beer after the clean-up, and she requested a donation from Town for \$800. The money would need to go through CBMBA.
- Merck questioned the location for the event. The majority of the event would be out the Slate River. The party would be at the Musicians Camp or in Town.
- Schmidt added that Alpine Express would be providing a vehicle, and he volunteered to drive.
- The request for \$800 was added under New Business as #4.

Zach Vaughter - Executive Director of Coal Creek Watershed Coalition - Reported to live at 111 1/2 Gothic Avenue.

- Mentioned that they pulled one portable toilet from Musicians Camp, and he estimated that they mitigated 660 gallons of human waste with it.
- There was one more (portable toilet) out there for two more weeks. He estimated they would mitigate 1,500 gallons of human waste in that area.
- They had \$300 left from the Council's award from the spring service grant, which they planned to roll over.

STAFF UPDATES

Lynelle Stanford

- There would be a public hearing at the next meeting for the Sherpa Café's beer and wine license.
- Reported there were eight burials in the cemetery this summer, and six lots had been sold.
- Mentioned upcoming special events.

Janna Hansen

- They had a productive work day at the bike park.

- The built features would arrive on September 26.
- Big Mine Park was looking good, and it was almost done.
- The second community meeting for the Town Park playground would be Thursday, September 29.
- Friday, September 30 would be Arbor Day in Crested Butte. They would be planting trees in the park with fourth graders.

Rodney Due

- The utilities crew at Big Mine finished the last lateral today.
- United had been talking about paving the first part of next week. They needed to work on patching around Town, too.
- The issue with drainage at True Value had been worked out.
- They put in an ADA accessible ramp across the street from Anthracite Place today.
- He would be working with someone from CSI to address sidewalks around Town. Ladoulis confirmed the gully in Crank's Plaza would be addressed.

Michel mentioned that he saw that sales tax was up 17% year-to-date as reported by the *Denver Post*. Rozman stated she had not been contacted, and the information was incorrect.

PUBLIC HEARING

1) Ordinance No. 11, Series 2016 - An Ordinance of the Crested Butte Town Council Amending Chapter 7, Article 3 of the Crested Butte Municipal Code to Include New Regulations for the Management of Undesirable Plants.

Hansen confirmed that nothing had changed. Michel confirmed with Stanford that proper public notice had been given.

The public hearing was opened:

Sue Navy

- She wondered how the weed control would interface with organic gardens.
- Hansen said they would make considerations for people who didn't want spraying near their properties. She clarified that private property would not be sprayed.

Public comment was closed, and there was no further Council discussion.

Schmidt moved and Vohman seconded a motion to approve Ordinance No. 11, Series 2016. A roll call vote was taken with all voting, "Yes." **Motion passed unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS

1) Presentation on Red Lady Roundabout for Funding from the State-wide Transportation Improvement Program by the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT).

Yerman and Schmidt attended the TPR meeting. CDOT was taking proposals for the next round of STIP funding, which started in 2021. They were taking proposals from each TPR region. Yerman stated that October 25 was the pivotal date for making it on the STIP list. He needed confirmation from the Council that they wanted to proceed with asking for STIP funding, which took a lot from the transportation fund, a \$750K match. Additionally, Yerman needed to get letters of support. He also asked for a second Councilperson, in addition to Schmidt, to be involved in participating in meetings. He wanted to know for proper public noticing if more than two Council members would be attending the meeting on October 25.

Michel suggested the meeting be noticed on the premise that two Council members would be attending. Vohman volunteered to work with Schmidt and Yerman. Schmidt asked whether Gunnison was still considering redoing Hwy 50. Yerman had read there was opposition. He had a call into the Town Manager in Gunnison to see if they would apply for STIP funding as well.

Schmidt moved and Ladoulis seconded a motion to direct Staff to get letters of support from regional partnerships. A roll call vote was taken with all voting, "Yes." **Motion passed unanimously.**

2) Request from the Crested Butte Mountain Heritage Museum for Matching Funds in the Amount of \$6,500 for a Grant Application to the History Colorado State Historical Fund to Preserve Tony's Conoco.

Shelley Popke, Executive Director of the Crested Butte Mountain Heritage Museum, introduced herself. She spoke about the value of the museum to the community. She explained the museum was an independent non-profit, and the building was an asset to the community. They raised funds 15 years ago to do rehab work on Tony's Conoco, and they were applying to the State Historical Fund for a grant this year. They were asking for an extra \$6,500 from the Town, so the total contribution, including the funds that had already been granted, would be \$15,000.

Molly Frame - Board Member and Community School teacher

- Mentioned the Junior Docent Program, which maintained teaching and sharing with children on what the museum had to offer.
- She hoped history was considered essential to children in the community, and she thanked the Council for their consideration.
- Popke added that they had annual field trips for students.

There was a discussion on the timeline for the funds, and Popke stated they needed the funds in 2017. MacDonald questioned how close they were to reaching the \$80K commitment. Popke voiced confidence they would reach their goal. Showing Town was committed would help as they reached out to donors.

Glo Cunningham

- When she was the director, she wanted to make sure the building was in good shape. She was thrilled they had gone so professionally, and she was comfortable with the historic architects and engineers.

Mason questioned if he had a conflict of interest because his mom worked at the museum. Michel was okay and did not have an issue.

Vohman supported the ask from the museum. She thought it was a special building and an important asset to the community. Ladoulis agreed that it fell in with the Center (for the Arts) and the Creative District. Merck agreed he was in full support. Schmidt also agreed.

There was discussion of budget and the timing of budget cycles. They also discussed if the \$6,500 contribution was contingent upon the grant. Popke stated that other gifts had not been contingent upon the grant, and they could use the funds for maintenance of the building regardless.

Ladoulis moved and Merck seconded a motion for Town to provide \$6,500 to the Crested Butte Mountain Heritage Museum to facilitate their historic preservation of Tony's Conoco building. A roll call vote was taken with all voting, "Yes." **Motion passed unanimously.**

3) Approval for the Mayor to Sign a Letter of Support for the Crested Butte Mountain Heritage Museum's Grant Application.

Schmidt moved and Merck seconded a motion to approve the Mayor signing a letter of support for the Museum's grant application. A roll call vote was taken with all voting, "Yes." **Motion passed unanimously.**

4) Request from Sue Navy for \$800 for the Slate River Valley Clean-Up.

Merck moved and Vohman seconded a motion to grant CBMBA up to \$800 for Slate River clean-up to facilitate refreshments from discretionary funds. A roll call vote was taken with all voting, "Yes," except for Vohman who was absent from the room. **Motion passed unanimously.**

LEGAL MATTERS

Belkin distributed a memo on the Fair Campaign Practices Act in reference to the ballot issue. Basically, Council lobbying for the issue was constrained by the act; they could

not lobby for the ballot issue. Other groups could advocate for it. Michel confirmed with Belkin they could answer questions of fact. Belkin told Michel they could not go door to door. They could personally, but the lines would be blurred. Michel asked about an interview on the radio. Again, Belkin said it would be difficult because Michel would be heard as the Mayor. Ladoulis mentioned that the governing body could adopt a resolution in support. Belkin said he was on it.

COUNCIL REPORTS UPDATES AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

Jim Schmidt

- The Housing Committee meeting had been postponed to this Wednesday.
- Attended a highway meeting in Montrose with Yerman. The takeaway from the meeting was that Telluride applied for a very similar measure, and they were funded. Telluride's contribution was bigger than what Crested Butte's would be.
- There was discussion on the widening of 135 through Little Blue Canyon, and the funding for that project.

Erika Vohman

- Sustainable CB had a website.
- The bag bin at Clark's was full, and it was working well.

Roland Mason

- Attended a RTA meeting. They decided to continue summer flights. Houston was a successful route.
- There were two diesel busses coming. They were over the road coaches.
- They discussed hiring an administrative assistant to help get education pieces out to the public and to help in the office.
- Schmidt questioned the airport closure schedule. Mason reported it started at the beginning of May and would run through June 11. It could possibly be extended to June 23, with leeway for weather.
- Attended a Mountain Express meeting. They discussed service to Judd Falls for next summer. However, the County and Forest Service had not done much. They hoped there would be work done next season, and they could run service in 2018.
- They looked at four trips a day to Gothic next year. They were taking it on without requesting funding from RMBL.
- The bus service to CB South service would continue. They would request \$16K from their board.
- RTA had been running a GPS app on busses to give people an idea of when busses would be at the stops. It was working well, but it was based on cell phone coverage. Mountain Express considered using the app on busses that ran to CB South.

OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Schmidt questioned MacDonald on an email notification, which Stanford explained.

Schmidt mentioned that the short-term rental committee had been meeting, and they wanted to present to Council. Committee Chair, Alex Fenlon, and Staff would lead the presentation. Schmidt identified a timing issue with hiring a possible position and changing fees by January. He suggested a special meeting for next Monday. Gillie concurred. He stated the committee recommendations were done in July, and there were a lot of material and decision points. If they didn't get ahead of 2016, they would lose a year. Six of the Council members said they could attend a meeting next Monday; Ladoulis would be out of Town. The Council directed Staff to schedule a special meeting for next Monday, September 26 at 6PM.

Vohman referred to an email from the Mountain Pact that they were working to secure more funding for wildfire funding and mitigation. They wanted Council to sign on to a letter. Two Council members, Merck and Vohman, supported the consideration of the letter on an agenda. It was decided it would be under New Business on the next agenda.

Vohman brought forth complaints she heard from neighbors of busses speeding down Whiterock Avenue. She thought that if they pursued Elk being a one-way they should focus on mitigating speeding in Town. Michel thought that after budget, they could do a work session on the transportation grid in Town as a policy discussion with the new Chief Marshal. Mitchell supported Vohman's proposal.

DISCUSSION OF SCHEDULING FUTURE WORK SESSION TOPICS AND COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

- Monday, October 3, 2016 - 6:00PM Work Session - 7:00PM Regular Council
- Monday, October 17, 2016 - 6:00PM Work Session - 7:00PM Regular Council
- Monday, November 7, 2016 - 6:00PM Work Session - 7:00PM Regular Council

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Merck moved and Mason 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. Section 24-6-402(4)(e) Regarding Cypress Equities Pre-Annexation Agreement. A roll call vote was taken with all voting, "Yes." **Motion passed unanimously.**

The Council went into Executive Session at 8:26PM. Council returned to open meeting at 10:16PM. Mayor Michel made the required announcement before returning to open meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Michel adjourned the meeting at 10:18PM.

Glenn Michel

Glenn Michel, Mayor

Lynelle Stanford

Lynelle Stanford, Town Clerk (SEAL)

