

Town of Crested Butte
Regular Town Council Meeting
Minutes
Monday, October 7, 2013
Council Chambers, Crested Butte Town Hall

Mayor Huckstep called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Council members present: Jim Schmidt, David K. Owen, Roland Mason, John Wirsing, and Glenn Michel.

Staff present: Todd Crossett, Town Manager; John Belkin, Town Attorney; and Shelley Jansen, Town Clerk.

Staff present for part of the meeting: Lois Rozman, Finance Director; Rodney Due, Public Works Director and Tom Martin, Marshall.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Add an Executive Session below other business to come before the council.

Schmidt moved and Wirsing seconded to approve the agenda with the addition of an Executive Session after other business to come before the council.

A roll call vote was taken with Mason, Huckstep, Wirsing, Michel and Schmidt voting "Yes" and Owen voting "No." **Motion Passed.**

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) Approval of September 16, 2013 Minutes.
- 2) Approval of Special Meeting, September 18, 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

Cathy Steinberger, resident of Crested Butte on Elk Avenue came to speak about Vinotok. Steinberger has a 125 year old home, wood pile and coal shed next to the 4-way lot. Steinberger stated that the crowd mentality is frightening and the worst of it was the embers floating around. Steinberger doesn't feel comfortable leaving over that weekend, due to having to protect her home. Steinberger likes the event, but her main concern is the fire embers floating around.

Veronica Jarolimek, resident of Crested Butte near the 4-way lot came to speak about Vinotok and 7th and Red Lady cross walk. Jarolimek stated she enjoys Vinotok, but wondering if the costs out way the benefits. Jarolimek and Steinberger were outside during the bonfire protecting their homes. Jarolimek is not opposed to the event, but she requested to have the location of the bonfire changed or tone down on the fire size.

Jarolimek is also concern by the 7th and Red Lady cross walk near the Community School. Wirsing communicated the 8th street Safe Route to School. Jarolimek stated that she uses 8th street, but needs to access the Town Park for soccer practice.

STAFF UPDATES

Rodney Due-

- The Crested Butte main Headgate and diversion project has begun to put the creek to a natural path. Scott Garncarz, State Water Quality Control Division took pictures of the headgate.

Lois Rozman-

- Town has e-recording with the County.
- The Finance Department has demoed 3 payment software's to be able to take credit cards online.
- IT consulting plan will be given to the Town tomorrow.
- Several businesses have selected to do a fillable form for sales tax that gets e-mailed directly to Tina.
- August sales tax report is within your e-packet and it is up by 6.2% and up 8.1% year to date.

Todd Crossett-

- Affordable housing project will be starting through BOZAR this month. Planning Board will also be brought in to work on the subdivision issue.
- The recreation path extension is on track and about 2/3 complete. The project will be complete by winter.
- There was a letter to the editor about a cat ordinance.
- Dan Marshall, Director of the Chamber and Todd Crossett, Town Manager has set a date for Monday, November 11, 2013 from 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. at the Pump Room to do a community gathering. The purpose is to enhance communication.

Shelley Jansen-

- Introduce our new Deputy Town Clerk Kathy Napoli.
- Jansen and Napoli are busy putting the Marijuana Establishment application together and receiving numerous inquiries.
- The Weed Pulling Day at the Cemetery was cancelled, due to the snow. Jessie Earley and two community members did persevere and picked about 8 bags of weeds.

Tom Martin-

- There will be a Vinotok debrief on Wednesday and the topics from the public comments will be discussed. Molly Murfee did a great job of organizing the event. The event went well excluding the 40 minutes during the bonfire.
- Schmidt asked about bears and Martin stated that the summer has been great, but we are going to begin to see them.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Discussion and Possible Resolution No. 7, Series 2013 to adopt the Gunnison County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, Scott Morrill, Gunnison County Emergency Management.

Morrill stated that the process was long, but very productive. The members from the Town of Crested Butte were all very engaged and Morrill appreciated the interaction. Morrill also stated that by adopting the plan the Town will receive FEMA funding if a natural hazard happens.

Crossett asked what the obligation was to the Town to fulfill the project outlined in the plan to provide Town Hall with backup power. Morrill stated that each representative was charged with creating a mitigation plan for their community. The designated Town officials selected putting in back up power at Town Hall. Morrill stated that there are grant programs that will pay out 10% to help with that funding, if needed. Owen asked if there is a time frame for this project. Morrill stated that these are projects and there is no deadline.

Wirsing asked about Fire Mitigation and how to educate homeowners. Morrill stated that it has been hard engaging homeowner to create defensive space around their home. There is an incentive for these homeowners (50% match) to do this, but only a few have taken advantage of it. Morrill also stated that they will continue to educate the valley on fire mitigation.

Wirsing asked about a large snow fall and if there is an emergency plan to meet basic food, water and heat needs. Morrill stated that it is difficult to plan for everything and a good example of that is what happened in Boulder-1,000 year flood. Morrill stated that it will take Boulder 10 years to get back on track.

Due confirmed that the Town Hall has gravity feed water.

Owen moved and Schmidt seconded to approve resolution No. 7, Series 2013 to adopt the Gunnison County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan.

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

2) Update on the NWCCOG Water Quality/Quantity Committee (QQ) and Approval of Resolution No. 8, Series 2013 to Endorse the Western Slope Principals, Torie Jarvis.

Torie Jarvis, NWCCOG Water Quality/Quantity Committee stated that QQ started in the 70's in a response to the Trans Mountain diversions in Colorado. QQ is involved in more State issues than Federal issues. QQ pulls resources together to communicate what is going on with water policy in the state. That staff at the NWCCOG consists of Lane Wyatt, Co-Director, NWCCOG Water Quality/Quantity Committee and Barbara Green, Legal Council. Since, Crested Butte is a member of QQ and has received reduced rates from Barbara Green to support the creation of a Watershed Ordinance and other land use regulations. Jarvis referenced a fact sheet that is within Council packets to help give an overview of NWCCOG priorities.

Schmidt asked about the principals under 2.6, "The CWP must afford recreational in-channel diversions and CBCB in stream flows the same status as other water rights that are protected under Colorado law. Other west slope non-consumptive water needs must be factored into the CWP," which references water rights. Schmidt asked if the QQ has a solution to the water that is off limits due to private property. Jarvis stated that since it is private property and there has not been a clear answer to the problem QQ hasn't gone in that direction.

Jarvis stated that the annual registration fee of QQ it is computed based upon the amount of water in the area.

Schmidt moved and Wirsing seconded to approve Resolution No. 8, Series 2013- An Endorsement of the Western Slope Principals
A roll call vote was taken with all voting "Yes." **Motion Passed.**

3) Rocky Mountain Biological Field Trips, Crystal Edmunds OSM/VISTA Watershed Coordinator.

Crystal Edmunds of the Coal Creek Watershed Coalition and Lizzy Plotkin of the Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory presented on the Crested Butte Community School & Gunnison Watershed Districts' field trips to RMBL this past September. Edmunds and Plotkin stated that students were engaged in field studies to reach science standards. Over 250 kids participated in the experiential learning program! Edmunds and Plotkin invited the Town Council, and all others interested, to the kids presentation of the program to the Rotary this October or early November.

4) GCBTA: Mini-Vacation Planner Insert in State Vacation Guide, Pamela Loughman. Loughman, Director of the Tourism Association came before council to ask for \$8,333.00 to support the insert in the State Vacation Guide. Since the grant was not funded by the Colorado Tourism Office, the TA is looking for contributions totaling \$96,000. The TA has confirmed the following contributions, TA \$46,000, Local Marketing District \$25,000, City of Gunnison \$8,333, Town of Mt. Crested Butte \$8,333 for a total of \$87,667. Loughman stated that there are three municipalities and two have come forward with funding. Loughman also stated there will be 21 businesses approached to provide advertising at \$650 a piece to be in the vacation planner. So, the municipalities amount needed may decrease based upon how many local ads are sold. So the total contributions from municipalities may be \$3,784, instead of \$8,333.00. These businesses won't be approached until the TA can secure the support of the municipalities.

Mayor Huckstep asked why the Local Marketing District didn't support the full \$96,000. Loughman stated that originally the LMD was approached as a joint sponsorship within the valley and there is a possible effect for a budget reduction to the TA in 2014.

Schmidt asked if the TA or LMD has a fund balance or reserve. Loughman stated that there has been a fund that has begun to collect if needed for monthly expenses.

Wirsing stated that 400,000 vacation planners will be sent to people requesting information. These brochures will not be on brochure racks and this is Loughman's idea and if we don't do it someone else will.

Mayor Huckstep asked if we have an option of doing this next year and Loughman stated that Gunnison County will have first right of refusal, if the TA decides to do again.

Mason asked if the TA is going to come back next year to ask for funds. Loughman stated that it is not her intention to come year after year for funding.

In 2014 the TA is working on a project called DestiMetrics Company that helps with statistical analysis with lodging partners. Mayor Huckstep asked how the TA measures success. Loughman stated a specific URL to see if the customer is taking action.

Financial payment can be split in-between December and January. The real costs of the project won't be known until about 3 weeks or end of October.

Schmidt stated that this is a great idea and it is thinking outside the box, but he had a hard time funding it knowing that there is a specific tax already set up for it.

Wirsing stated that he would compare it to the \$25,000 that was donated to the bike race and it is exposure to our Town that hopefully will fill beds and it isn't a lot of money.

Mason agrees with Wirsing and we should take advantage of it. Mason also stated that if it is successful he would like the TA to fund it 100% next year.

Owen stated that he agrees with Wirsing and Mason.

Mayor Huckstep asked how the pages will be distributed between the communities. Loughman stated that each community will have an identity, express the seasonality and the events.

Mayor Huckstep stated that this Council will be hesitant to support this ever year, but he will support it for this year.

Michel moved and Mason seconded to approve to support no more than \$8,333.00 for a mini-vacation planner insert in State Vacation Guide.

A roll call vote was taken with Mason, Owen, Huckstep, Wirsing and Michel voting "Yes" and Schmidt voting "No." **Motion Passed.**

5) Discussion & Possible Action to Finish Manager House/Dormer.

Mayor Huckstep stated that in the second floor of the Managers home it is unfinished and does not have a dormer. Mayor Huckstep stated that the funding will be taken out of the Affordable Housing fund.

Owen asked why it is not being taken out of the Manager fund. Crossett stated that we can do it either way.

Wirsing asked if an RFP would be done and Crossett said that a local contractor was approached that has worked on the building.

Schmidt stated that we should complete the home, take it out of the general fund, include the flooring/installation and do an informal RFP.

Wirsing stated that if you put out an RFP someone could under bid it by \$2,000.

Mason also agrees to go out to an informal bid.

Mayor Huckstep reminded the council of a policy that we don't have to go out to bid until the cost exceeds \$25,000. Mayor Huckstep stated that maybe we should look at changing the policy.

Council directed the staff to do an informal RFP process and the bid should not exceed \$15,000. There was no vote.

6) Discussion & Approval of Snow Cat Route Resolution No. 12, Series 2013.

Due stated that we will revise the snow pack to 6 inches on all roads that are on the route to help protect the roads from the metal track, except for the bus route and emergency routes.

Schmidt moved and Wirsing seconded to approve Resolution No. 12, Series 2013.

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

LEGAL MATTERS

None

COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

Schmidt-

- The Weed Pulling day at the Cemetery was cancelled due to too much snow. Our next Cemetery Committee meeting will be on Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. The Committee will provide guidelines to the Council to approve.
- Thursday, 4:30-6:30 at the Museum is a reception for Kay Peterson and Don Cook in appreciation for all the hard work they put into the Crested Butte Mt. Bike Museum that is leaving the Town of Crested Butte.

Owen-

- Gunnison Housing Foundation met and Cabin parcel has been subdivided. The first phase of the Pitch project land exchange should generate 1.5 million dollars for the Housing Project.

Huckstep-

- Check out the Recreation Path extension on 8th Street that connects to the Town Ranch pathway to Riverbend.
- Saturday morning he helped out the Nordic Center with the Homologation trail.
- RTA Board meeting on Friday at 1 p.m. in Town Hall.

OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Cat Ordinance-Council agreed not to take action.

Vinotok Fire-After the debriefing of Vinotok the Council requests feedback.

Process for RFP's-Council agreed to not take action.

Holiday Lights for visitors-Have Jake report next time in regards to Christmas trees being ½ way decorated.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

For a conference with the Town Attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(b).

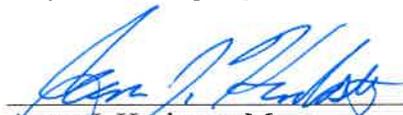
Council went into executive session at 9:15 p.m. and ended at 10:58 p.m. Mason, Owen, Huckstep, Wirsing, Schmidt, Michel Crossett and Belkin attended the executive session. No action was taken.

**DISCUSSION TO SCHEDULE FUTURE WORK SESSION TOPICS
COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE**

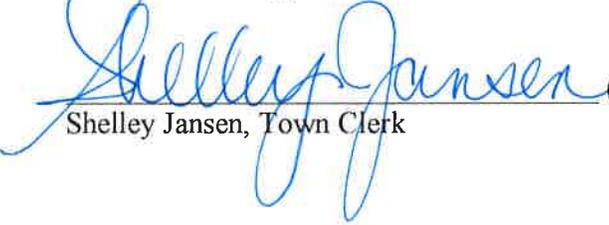
Tuesday, October 15, 2013-6 p.m. Special Budget Meeting
Monday, October 21, 2013-6 p.m. Work Session-7 p.m. Regular Council.
Tuesday, September 3, 2013-6 p.m. Work Session-7 p.m. Regular Council
Monday, September 16, 2013-6 p.m. Work Session-7 p.m. Regular Council

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Huckstep adjourned the meeting at 10:59 p.m.



Aaron J. Huckstep, Mayor



Shelley Jansen, Town Clerk

