

**TOWN OF SILT
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
FEBRUARY 8, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.**

The Silt Board of Trustees held their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, February 8, 2021. Mayor Richel called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll call	Present	Mayor Keith Richel Mayor Pro-tem Kyle Knott Trustee Justin Brintnall Trustee Jerry Seifert Trustee Samuel Flores
	Absent	Trustee Andreia Poston Trustee Sam Walls

Present remotely were Town Administrator Jeff Layman, Town Clerk Sheila McIntyre, Public Works Director Trey Fonner, Town Treasurer Amie Tucker, Police Chief Mike Kite, Attorney Michael Sawyer, Planner Mark Chain and members of the public.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Public Comments – Sara Tymczyszyn and Anna with AmeriCorps were present to provide an update on what will be happening this summer at the farm on the Preserve. They stated that they are in the process of hiring ten high school age students and two crew leaders and that they are looking for people who might be interested in hosting the two crew leaders for three months this summer.

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of the January 25, 2021 Board of Trustees meeting
2. **Resolution No. 3, Series 2021, A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR A GARFIELD COUNTY FEDERAL MINERAL LEASE DISTRICT GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000.00, FOR A TOTAL PROJECT COST OF \$62,353.02, IN ORDER TO OFFSET THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PURCHASE OF A NEW POLICE VEHICLE FOR THE TOWN OF SILT, GARFIELD COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO**

Mayor Pro-tem Knott made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Trustee Brintnall seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Conflicts of Interest – There were no conflicts of interest.

Agenda Changes – There were no agenda changes.

Draft Pre-annexation Agreement for out-of-town wastewater tap request for Marioni/Pinela property

Planner Chain went over his report stating that the applicant has requested an out-of-town wastewater tap for their enclaved property and that they are asking the Board to consider reducing the out-of-town fee of three times the in-town tap fee rates. He stated that he believes it is in the town's best interest to allow them to tie onto the towns system as opposed to putting in an individual septic system.

The board talked about their prior discussion about a possible easement agreement with the applicant to allow access to Hairpin Park of which it currently does not have. It was discussed that the tap fee could possibly be reduced in exchange for this easement agreement allowing the public access to this small parcel. The Board discussed reducing the tap fee to possibly 2 – 2 ½ times the out-of-town tap fee rate.

There was discussion that the pre-annexation agreement should clarify that only the residential unit to be allowed to tie onto the wastewater line and that the barn or any other structures would not be allowed to tie on in the future.

Applicant Kenia Pinela was to present to answer any questions from the Board. She did say that it would be less expensive to do a septic system but that they would like to see if they can negotiate something with the Board. She added that they would be considerate of those around them.

There was a consensus to direct Planner Chain to pursue 2 times the tap fees in exchange for an access easement to Hairpin Park as he moves forward with the pre-annexation agreement.

Topics of discussion for upcoming work session between the Board of Trustees and Planning & Zoning Commission

Administrator Layman stated that a joint work session has been scheduled between the Board and the Planning & Zoning Commission on February 22 and that he wants to know what they would like to see on the agenda as items of discussion. Some of the items that the Board suggested included: signs, code enforcement, fence code being too strict, living in recreational vehicles in town limits and vacant lots with vehicles for sale on them.

Topics of discussion for upcoming joint meeting between the Board of Trustees and the Board of County Commissioners

Administrator Layman stated that a joint work session has been scheduled between the Board and the County Commissioners on March 8 and that he wants to know what they would like to see on the agenda as items of discussion. Some of the items that the Board suggested included: oil and gas laws that have changed and their effects on the town, COVID, the overpass, the trail to Coal Ridge High School, the use of OHV's to the north of town with possible use of the tunnel on 16th Street and bulk water.

Administrator Layman did provide a status update on the County funds that are being used on the overpass project and that staff would be meeting next week with individuals regarding the trail to Coal Ridge.

The Board suggested adding a bulk water discussion on the agenda this summer to discuss rates again.

Miner's Claim Restaurant 8th Street License Agreement Extension

Administrator Layman stated that Miner's Claim currently has an agreement allowing them to use a portion of 8th Street due to the pandemic for a tent that allows diners to social distance and help maintain the capacity of the restaurant. The current arrangement has caused few, if any, pedestrian and vehicular conflicts or complaints. After seeing the benefit of the arrangement, staff and owner Christian Harra would like to extend the agreement through the summer and early fall of 2021. Administrator Layman stated that the agreement was changed slightly to allow both staff and Miner's Claim to work with any business that may move into the old Tim's Tools building and identify any conflicts that may arise.

Staff was asked if the fire department had any conflicts with extending the agreement to allow the tent and if it would hinder them getting to the prior Tim's Tools building if necessary. Staff stated that the fire department had approve the arrangement originally but that they have not weighed in on the extension. There was discussion that staff should contact the fire department to make sure that they are still comfortable with the agreement as well as speaking with the new business that is preparing to open up a store in that building to make certain that it doesn't interfere with their business plan.

Christian Harra, owner of Miner's Claim was present and stated that he hasn't spoken with the new business owner recently, but added that he is all for them and in favor of seeing progress on our Main Street. Mr. Harra explained his concern that now that the COVID levels are coming down, it still leaves him at a 50% capacity for many of the levels set by Public Health and that the only place he can expand is in his outdoor dining, which gives him limited seating space. He asked that the Board assist him by approving the agreement, adding that he still wants to work with his neighbors.

Staff was directed to meet with the new business owner next door to make sure that they don't have any issues with the tent and if there is, the town can work with both parties to come up with something that works for both of them. Staff was asked to place this item back on the next agenda.

Middle Colorado Watershed Council Update – Paula Stepp, Executive Director

Present tonight were Paula Stepp and Doug Winter to provide an update and share their power point presentation. Amongst other information, Ms. Stepp discussed the recent grant award received that is meant to begin implementing the first phase of work as part of the Integrated Water Management Plan. She added that a few of these projects that would directly affect Silt interests.

Ms. Stepp stated that they would love to get representation on their board from the Silt Board of Trustees, a member of staff, or a citizen so they can be part of projects that would impact Silt.

Recreation/Events Presentation – 2020 Review / 2021 Plans

Administrator Layman stated that staff is recommending a change in direction for the Board to consider pursuing when putting on the larger events. He went on to discuss the town's possession of the concession trailer, the beer trailer, and large cooler in town hall, adding that when he first came to Silt he was surprised to see town staff working the trailers. He stated that he is not sure if that is the best use of our employees. Mr. Layman stated that the trailers were useful back when the town couldn't get vendors but feels that things have changed and that there may be more vendors now to help step in.

Administrator Layman stated that staff is recommending for 2021 to encourage people to bring their own food as well as beer and wine to our events. He added that vendors would also be invited to sell their food in addition to local restaurants who could partner with the town by being on site or delivering to an event. He stated that he would like to evaluate how this works over the next summer or two before doing anything with the inventory.

Mayor Richel stated that he feels that having the employees working the trailers is not the best use of their time and that they aren't food service workers. He added that he would prefer to see us support our local restaurants and give them a chance to participate and make some money at town venues. Mayor Richel agreed that it is time to change things. There was some discussion to wait before the town considers liquidating the assets until after the summer. There was a consensus of the Board to not continue to sell food and beer agreeing that it is not the best use of our employees. There was discussion about how vendors in the past chose not to participate in town events because they couldn't compete against the town's prices.

Planning Tech Centeno proceeded to go through the events that were held during 2020 as well as the anticipated events planned for 2021 while still working around COVID. Ms. Centeno also went through the few youth sports that the town was able to offer amid COVID in addition to what staff has planned for this year.

Trustee Flores suggested adding an ATV parade or poker run. The Board commended and thanked Nicole for the great job she has done. Administrator Layman also thanked Nicole for a job well done and for adjusting on the fly dealing with COVID and the other changes that have taken place over the last year. Administrator Layman added that she has a good working relationship with Garfield County Public Health, the School District and all of staff. He stated that staff is looking forward to a good 2021 and thanked the Board for their support.

Parks, Recreation and Culture Master Plan Subcommittee discussion and appointment

Administrator Layman stated that in an effort to guide and develop a philosophy around parks, recreation and culture he would like to put together a subcommittee and get this master plan finished up this year. He asked if two Trustees would like to sit on this committee to help staff determine the direction that we should go. Trustee Brintnall stated that he is available on Mondays and Fridays. Mayor Pro-tem Knott stated that he would volunteer as well.

Administrator & Staff comments

Administrator Layman went over his staff report highlighting development news and the fact that the building department has been incredibly busy. He added that there is a lot going on and that staff has done a good job of staying on top of it all.

There was brief discussion about a company possibly coming in to provide "fixed wireless internet" services to the town. Director Fonner also provided an update on the new roundabout that opened east of town adding that the signs are up but that the lights have not been installed yet. There was some discussion about the speed limit in that same area.

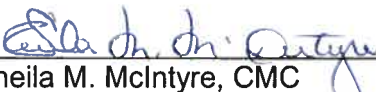
Updates from Board / Board comments

The Trustees thanked staff for hard work and for everything accomplished tonight as well as the event calendar for this year. They also thanked staff for working with the new store and Miner's Claim and reminded everyone that there are a lot of great things going on in Silt. Mayor Richel made a comment to all of the other business in town that if they have any ideas, please don't hesitate to approach us as we are here to support all of our businesses.

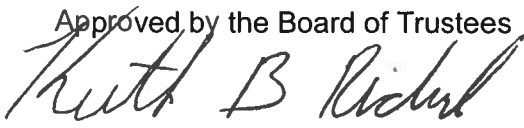
Adjournment

Trustee Brintnall made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Flores seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. Mayor Richel adjourned the meeting 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sheila M. McIntyre, CMC
Town Clerk

Approved by the Board of Trustees


Keith B. Richel
Mayor

