

**TOWN OF SILT
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
JULY 12, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.**

The Silt Board of Trustees held their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, July 12, 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 Samuel Flores Trustee Andrea Poston
	Absent	Trustee Jerry Seifert Vacancy

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 and members of the public.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Public Comments – There were no public comments

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of the June 28, 2021 Board of Trustees meeting
2. Columbine Liquors – Retail Liquor License Renewal

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.

P&Z Appointments – Eddie Aragon, Chris Classen and Kim Leitzinger

The Board stated that the Commissioners have done a great job and appreciate that they all wish to continue to serve on the Planning Commission.

Mayor Pro-tem Knott made a motion to re-appoint Eddie Aragon, Chris Classen and Kim Leitzinger to the Planning Commission. Trustee Flores seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Aspen Valley Land Trust – Property Purchase discussion – Bud Tymczyszyn

Administrator Layman stated that AVLT and the Town have been exploring the possibility of conserving the Silt Island Parcel that is currently listed for sale. The property is owned by Asphalt Paving Company of Golden, Colorado, and is currently being marketed for sale for the purposes of gravel mining and gas/oil extraction. AVLT representative Bud Tymczyszyn was present to go over a power point regarding this 112-acre parcel that sits between the Silt River Preserve on the west and the Town's dog park on the east. He went through the notable features of the property and the opportunities that come with it.

Mr. Tymczyszyn then went over the steps that could be taken to try to conserve the property. He requested approval by the Board for the following in order to continue to pursue this parcel:

- Direct Staff to work with AVLT to develop and submit a GOCO grant application for purchasing the property,
- AVLT requests a contribution of \$20,000 to be used towards acquisition or associated project costs at the time of closing in about Spring/Summer 2022. If the grant application and/or the purchase is unsuccessful, the money would not be expended, and
- AVLT requests a contribution of \$1,000 to cover the cost of a preliminary rough valuation of the property that has been completed. This money would come from the General Fund and would not be refundable to the Town.

There was additional Board discussion on a conservation easement, making an offer on the parcel, GOCO grant timelines, tax credits, finding a partner/angel investor and annexation of the property whether or not the Town purchases the parcel.

There was a consensus of the Board to move forward and support staff to apply for a GOCO grant.

Mayor Pro-tem Knott made a motion to direct staff to work with AVLT to develop and submit a GOCO grant application to purchase the property, to add \$20,000 into the 2022 for acquisition costs and to support the request of a \$1000 contribution to cover the costs of a preliminary valuation of the property. Trustee Poston seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

First reading of **Ordinance No. 4, Series 2021**, AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SILT, COLORADO AMENDING THE SCHEDULE OF USES IN SECTION 17.30.020 OF THE SILT MUNICIPAL CODE, TOWN OF SILT, GARFIELD COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO

Attorney Sawyer stated that this is more of a housekeeping ordinance as staff has noted an error and an omission in the code. The Town was approached recently by someone interested in bringing in an Internet Sweepstakes Café. After having a conversation with Colorado Bureau of Investigation, they indicated that these types of businesses are very often a front for illegal gaming operations based on State gambling statutes.

While researching the code regarding this potential business it was discovered that the schedule of uses allows for Adult Entertainment in all zone districts when actually it is prohibited.

The public hearing was opened at 7:13 p.m. There were no public comments and the hearing closed at 7:14 p.m.

Trustee Poston made a motion to approve first reading of Ordinance No. 4, Series 2021, AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SILT, COLORADO AMENDING THE SCHEDULE OF USES IN SECTION 17.30.020 OF THE SILT MUNICIPAL CODE, TOWN OF SILT, GARFIELD COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO. Trustee Brintnall seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Administrator & Staff Reports

Administrator Layman went through his staff report stating that the town did receive a check for \$400,000, the first of two payments to the Town under the American Rescue Plan Act. He added that he also went on a tour of the Spring Born Lettuce plant and encouraged all of the Board members to take a tour in the future.

Mayor Richel commented about the report for the electric car charging station and that if it is the same cars using it, then the town should start charging people to use those stations. Director Fonner stated that he would look into this and report back.

Updates from Board / Board comments

Trustee Brintnall thanked staff for their hard work and he reminded everyone to keep their kids and themselves out of the irrigation ditches. Trustee Flores thanked the Planning Commissioners who were reappointed tonight for continuing to serve. Mayor Pro-tem Knott asked everyone to please slow down. Mayor Richel reminded everyone of the new speed limit signs on Highway 6 by the Painted Pastures roundabout. He also asked everyone to please slow down as well. Mayor Richel asked for an update on the Painted Pastures project on the south side and Administrator Layman stated that they have been delayed due to the rising cost of building materials and that they have gone back to the drawing board to make some changes and are hoping to break ground on the multi-family project by September 15, 2021.

Executive Session

Mayor Richel made a motion to go into an executive session for the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiation, developing strategy for negotiation, and instructing negotiators under CRS Section 24-6-402(4)(e) – Silt Island Park and for discussion of a personnel matter under CRS Section 24-6-402(4)(f) – Town Administrator evaluation. Mayor Pro-tem Knott seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. The Board adjourned to executive session at 7:58 p.m.

At the end of executive session, Mayor Richel made the following statement: “The time is now 8:43 p.m., and the executive session has concluded. No formal action was taken in executive session. The participants in the executive session were: Keith Richel, Kyle Knott, Jerry Seifert, Andreia Poston, Justin Brintnall, Samuel Flores, Jeff Layman, Michael Sawyer, Trey Fonner and Bud Tymczyszyn. At 8:30 p.m. the following persons

left the executive session: Trey Fonner, Michael Sawyer and Bud Tymczyszyn. For the record, if any person who participated in the executive session believes that any substantial discussion of any matters not included in the motion to go into the executive session occurred during the executive session, or that any improper action occurred during the executive session in violation of the Open Meetings Law, I would ask that you state your concerns for the record". No objections were stated.

Mayor Pro-tem Knott made a motion to approve the quarterly bonus of \$2000 for Administrator Layman. Trustee Brintnall seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment


Mayor Pro-tem Knott made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Brintnall seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. Mayor Richel adjourned the meeting 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sheila M. McIntyre, CMC
Town Clerk

Approved by the Board of Trustees



Keith B. Richel
Mayor

