

**TOWN OF SILT
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
AUGUST 23, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.**

The Silt Board of Trustees held their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, August 23, 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 Derek Hanrahan Trustee Samuel Flores Trustee Andreia Poston Trustee Jerry Seifert
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Present remotely were Town Administrator Jeff Layman, Town Clerk Sheila McIntyre, Town Treasurer Amie Tucker, Public Works Director Trey Fonner, Attorney Michael Sawyer and members of the public.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Public Comments – Gil and Marcia Villarreal wanted to appeal to the Board regarding the speed limit on Main Street. Mr. Villarreal commented that Main Street has a speed limit typically found on a county road, adding that the traffic is fast and loud coming out of the roundabout and that it is dangerous for children and elderly people who are trying to cross the street. Mr. Villarreal read a letter into the record from Geneve Kashnig, owner of Silt Gourmet Grocer asking that the speed limit be reduced to 20 mph.

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of the August 9, 2021 Board of Trustees meeting
2. **Resolution No. 20, Series 2021**, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF SILT TO SET VARIOUS TOWN FEES AND DEPOSITS FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 TO DECEMBER 31, 2021

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

Conflicts of Interest – There were no conflicts of interest.

Agenda Changes – Mayor Pro-tem Knott stated that he would like to have a discussion about the speed limit on Main Street later in the meeting. Trustee Seifert stated that he represents the Town of Silt on the Middle Colorado Watershed program but it was determined that he would not have a conflict of interest with the discussion on tonight’s agenda.

Interview for Planning Commission Vacancy – Robert Doty

The Board interviewed Robert Doty for the Planning Commission vacancy.

Mayor Pro-tem Knott made a motion to appoint Robert Doty to the Planning Commission vacancy. Trustee Seifert seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Adopt a Mile Program – Middle Colorado Watershed District Executive Director Paul Stepp

Present tonight were Paula Stepp, Executive Director and Dawn Randolph both with the Middle Colorado River Watershed. They presented a power point that went over current project information and requested that the Board consider a three-year annual support commitment of \$2500 per year through their Adopt-A-River Mile of the Middle Colorado. Funding received would be used towards operations and matched funding for grant requests for specific projects plus it would show that the Town of Silt is a sponsor and a partner to help support the Middle Colorado.

Staff was asked to determine where this donation would come from within the 2021 budget and bring it back for approval on the consent agenda, and to also include a similar donation in the 2022 budget.

7th Street Irrigation Bid Award

Director Fonner stated that the Town received a GCFMLD grant in the fall of 2020 for irrigation system improvements. The project included upgrading two of the irrigation pump stations and adding a new eight-inch line along 7th Street. Also included in the bid process was the unexpected replacement of the Cactus Valley Ditch crossing on 7th Street. Two bids were received and staff has recommend awarding the bid to Canyon Excavating in the amount of \$344,078.50.

Director Fonner stated that since the replacement of the ditch crossing was unexpected, the additional cost to replace it at the same time the grant work is being done would need to be addressed through a supplemental budget in the amount of \$86,458.00.

Director Fonner stated that the contractor hopes to start in the next few weeks and that the box culvert is about 8-12 weeks out since it would be precast. It should arrive about the time the ditches are shut off for the season. He added that the Town has already purchased the pipe from a well-known vendor that had it in stock so that there was no risk of it being out of stock once the bid was approved. There was discussion regarding any liability the Town would be faced with by purchasing the pipe themselves instead of having the contractor purchase it. It was stated that a staff member would be on site to monitor the pipe fittings when they are put together and that the pipe would be pressure tested before it is accepted.

Trustee Seifert made a motion to award the 7th Street Irrigation Bid to Canyon Excavating in the amount of \$344,078.50. Mayor Pro-tem Knott seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Water Quality Report

Administrator Layman stated there have been some expressions of concern from the community regarding the delivery of brown water with most comments being received from bulk water customers. Mr. Layman reassured the community that our drinking water is safe. Director Fonner and Engineer and Town of Silt ORC Tony Zancanella went over the water quality and that the brown water is caused by the manganese in the water and that per water regulations the level of manganese in the water is not a health concern. He added that the reaction between the chlorine and the manganese in the water creates the dirty look but that it is safe. Director Fonner pointed out that the recent mudslides in Glenwood Canyon have also contributed to the increased levels of manganese in the water.

Director Fonner stated that staff has been flushing the lines regularly in an attempt to clear up the water. He added the Town has also had the dive teams out to clean two of the tanks to eliminate built-up manganese. Mr. Fonner stated that he believes the worst is behind us adding that the Town would be replacing some of the older lines that tend to attract the manganese.

Engineer Zancanella added that there is also some residual iron in the river water that was triggered by the mudslide events that could be causing some of the brown in the water as well. He reassured everyone that the water is safe to drink and that there are no health concerns with drinking the manganese at its current levels.

July 2021 Financial Report

Treasurer Tucker went over the July 2021 financial report.

Speed limit discussion (agenda addition)

The Board addressed the citizens who expressed that they would like to see the speed limit on Highway 6 reduced. There was discussion regarding adding a crosswalk at 8th Street and the fact that CDoT has not been in favor of crosswalks on Highway 6. There was continued discussion regarding the reduction in speed from 9th Street to 1st Street and the possible addition of flashing crosswalks to assist visually at the existing one on 7th Street.

Administrator Layman stated that staff has had success working with CDoT on various speed reductions. He added that they have been willing to work with the Town in the past and that staff would approach them about this concern. He stated that staff would budget for the flashing signs in 2022.

Administrator & Staff Reports

Administrator Layman stated that he would be leaving on vacation tomorrow until September 10 adding that he would still be working on budget to a degree while he is gone. Director Fonner stated that the town has received five comments so far on www.silti70.com site regarding the pedestrian bridge survey and asked everyone to go online and make their comments.

Updates from Board / Board comments

Trustee Seifert stated that they had their first in person CCOGC meeting and that there is a new board for the Oil & Gas that haven't been paying much attention to this side of the State. He added that Kirby Winn and Commissioner Tom Jankovsky have been trying to make certain that we are heard in this area. Trustee Brintnall thanked Town staff for their help with Silt Heyday adding that it had a huge turnout. Trustee Poston encouraged the citizens to voice their opinions and concerns. Trustee Hanrahan thanked Director Fonner and the crew at the water and wastewater plants who provide him with a tour. He also complimented the Heyday Committee for all of their hard work and that it was a fantastic time in the midst of a pandemic.

Mayor Pro-tem Knott stated that he would like to move the meeting back to normal with both the Board and the staff in Chambers and seating for the public. He added that he feels that Zoom as run its course and that the information that is provided is better if it is in person. Mayor Richel stated that he missed Heyday since he was out of town but hopes to be there next year. He also thanked staff for all of their hard work and always being productive, adding that the town has a great staff. He also thanked Administrator Layman and that even though it is a working vacation he hopes that it will be an enjoyable one.

Burning Mountain Pizza & Subs comment

Attorney Sawyer stated that Jennifer Gerstner is present and that she may have a public comment that may be relevant at this time if the Board would like to have her speak. Ms. Gerstner stated that she is hopeful that the Board would approve their liquor license renewal so that they could move forward. She added that she had provided notes to the Board regarding their upcoming discussion and that both her and Cori Gerstner are present to answer any questions. Attorney Sawyer recommended that the Board adjourn to executive session to discuss sales tax collection. Ms. Gerstner stated that they appreciate the support from community of Silt and by no means have they tried to not follow any guideline or rules in this regard.

Executive Session

Mayor Richel made a motion to go into executive session for a conference with the Town Attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on a specific legal question under CRS Section 24-6-402(4)(b) and for the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiation and instructing negotiators under CRS Section 24-6-402(4)(e) – Burning Mountain Pizza and Subs. Mayor Pro-tem Knott seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. The Board adjourned to executive session at 8:52 p.m.


At the end of executive session, Mayor Richel made the following statement: “The time is now 9:56 p.m., and the executive session has concluded. No formal action was taken in the executive session. The participants in the executive session were: Keith Richel, Kyle Knott, Jerry Seifert, Andreia Poston, Justin Brintnall, Samuel Flores, Derek Hanrahan, Jeff Layman, Michael Sawyer, Sheila McIntyre, Amie Tucker and Michael Churchill. 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.

Adjournment


Mayor Pro-tem Knott made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Seifert seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. Mayor Richel adjourned the meeting 9:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sheila M. McIntyre, CMC
Town Clerk

Approved by the Board of Trustees



Keith B. Richel
Mayor

