

**TOWN OF SILT
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
JANUARY 24, 2022 – 7:00 P.M.**

The Silt Board of Trustees held their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, January 10, 2022. Mayor Pro-tem Knott called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Roll call	Present	Mayor Pro-tem Kyle Knott Trustee Justin Brintnall Trustee Samuel Flores (remote) Trustee Derek Hanrahan Trustee Andreia Poston Trustee Jerry Seifert
	Absent	Mayor Keith Richel

Present remotely were Town Administrator Jeff Layman, Town Clerk Sheila McIntyre, Public Works Director Trey Fonner, Town Treasurer Amie Tucker, Chief of Police Mike Kite, Town Attorney Joely Denkinger, Planner Mark Chain 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 January 10, 2022 Board of Trustees meeting
2. **Resolution No. 4, Series 2022**, A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR A GARFIELD COUNTY FEDERAL MINERAL LEASE DISTRICT GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$734,314.00 FOR A TOTAL PROJECT COST OF \$1,049,020.00, IN ORDER TO OFFSET THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE INSTALLATION OF A NEW WATER LINE UNDER THE I-70 AND RAILROAD CORRIDOR, WITHIN THE TOWN OF SILT, GARFIELD COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO
3. **Resolution No. 5, Series 2022**, 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 \$60,000.00, IN ORDER TO OFFSET THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE UPGRADES TO THE TOWN HALL HVAC SYSTEM FOR THE TOWN OF SILT, GARFIELD COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO
4. **Resolution No. 6, Series 2022**, A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR A REVITALIZING MAIN STREETS GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$346,500.00, FOR A TOTAL PROJECT COST OF \$495,000.00, IN ORDER TO OFFSET THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH DESIGNING AND CONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALK, CURB AND GUTTER ON THE 500 BLOCK OF MAIN STREET WITHIN THE TOWN OF SILT, GARFIELD COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO

5. Second Amendment to Employment Contract between the Town of Silt and Jeff Layman

Trustee Poston made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Trustee Seifert seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Conflicts of Interest – There were no conflicts of interest.

Agenda Changes – There were no agenda changes.

Second reading of **Ordinance No. 1, Series 2022**, AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING TO THE TOWN OF SILT, COLORADO CERTAIN PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE HIGHWAY 6 & 24 ANNEXATION #4, A 5.81-ACRE PARCEL ALONG HIGHWAY 6 & 24 AT THE EAST END OF THE CURRENT TOWN LIMITS GENERALLY NORTH OF THE AREA KNOWN AS THE VILLAGE AT PAINTED PASTURES WITHIN GARFIELD COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO

Planner Chain went through his report stating that this is the final step in the annexation process and recommends approval.

The public hearing was opened at 7:10 p.m. There were no public comments and the hearing closed at 7:10 p.m.

Trustee Seifert made a motion to approve second reading of Ordinance No. 1, Series 2022, AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING TO THE TOWN OF SILT, COLORADO CERTAIN PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE HIGHWAY 6 & 24 ANNEXATION #4, A 5.81-ACRE PARCEL ALONG HIGHWAY 6 & 24 AT THE EAST END OF THE CURRENT TOWN LIMITS GENERALLY NORTH OF THE AREA KNOWN AS THE VILLAGE AT PAINTED PASTURES WITHIN GARFIELD COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO. Trustee Hanrahan seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Second reading of **Ordinance No. 2, Series 2022**, AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING TO THE TOWN OF SILT, COLORADO CERTAIN PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE SOUTH FIRST STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY ANNEXATION, A 0.11-ACRE PARCEL ALONG THE WESTERN EDGE OF THE SOUTH FIRST STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF HIGHWAY 6 & 24 WITHIN GARFIELD COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO

Planner Chain stated that this is the final step of the annexation process on this parcel as well.

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 Seifert made a motion to approve second reading of Ordinance No. 2, Series 2022, AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING TO THE TOWN OF SILT, COLORADO CERTAIN PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE SOUTH FIRST STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY ANNEXATION, A 0.11-ACRE PARCEL ALONG THE WESTERN EDGE OF THE SOUTH FIRST STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF HIGHWAY 6 & 24 WITHIN GARFIELD COUNTY,

STATE OF COLORADO. Trustee Poston seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Second reading of **Ordinance No. 4, Series 2022, AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SILT, COLORADO DIRECTING THE TOWN TO ACQUIRE A PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS AN APPROXIMATELY TWO-ACRE TRACT OF LAND LOCATED NORTH OF GRAND AVENUE AND EAST OF KIM DRIVE, SILT, COLORADO**

Attorney Denkinger provided her presentation stating that there have been no changes since first reading and that staff recommends approval.

The public hearing was opened at 7:18 p.m. There were no public comments and the hearing closed at 7:19 p.m.

Trustee Brintnall made a motion to approve second reading of Ordinance No. 4, Series 2022, AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SILT, COLORADO DIRECTING THE TOWN TO ACQUIRE A PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS AN APPROXIMATELY TWO-ACRE TRACT OF LAND LOCATED NORTH OF GRAND AVENUE AND EAST OF KIM DRIVE, SILT, COLORADO. Trustee Flores seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Second reading of **Ordinance No. 3, Series 2022, AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SILT, COLORADO SETTING THE TITLE AND CONTENT OF A BALLOT ISSUE FOR A TAX INCREASE TO THE LODGING TAX RATE FOR AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON APRIL 5, 2022**

Attorney Denkinger provided her presentation stating that there have been some minor changes since first reading of the ordinance that requests an increase to the lodging tax collected from 2.5% to 5%. She stated that Kutak Rock had reviewed the language and their recommended changes have been included in the ordinance that is before the Board tonight. Attorney Denkinger went over the changes.

There was discussion on whether or not the estimated amount of \$90,000 would be sufficient. After discussions it was determined that that number should be acceptable. Attorney Denkinger explained TABOR and how it relates to the estimated amount written into the ballot language.

The public hearing was opened at 7:42 p.m. Rob Doty stated that he follows the logic of the Board and Staff as everything is going up in cost, adding that the Board should be cautious as to how much to raise the tax amount if should they choose too. The hearing closed at 7:44 p.m.

Trustee Seifert made a motion to approve second reading of Ordinance No. 3, Series 2022, AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SILT, COLORADO SETTING THE TITLE AND CONTENT OF A BALLOT ISSUE FOR A TAX INCREASE TO THE LODGING TAX RATE FOR AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON APRIL 5, 2022 with the changes listed in Exhibit A. Trustee Hanrahan seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Broadband 101 – Providing Additional Service to Silt – Nate Walowitz

Present tonight was Nate Walowitz with Northwest Council of Governments (NWCCOG) to provide a presentation on why we need reliable resilient broadband and to provide suggestions on how Silt could move forward to attain additional service. NWCCOG researched providing technical assistance to local communities to address poor or non-existent broadband service across Region 12 in Northwest Colorado in 2013 of which project THOR was born. Project THOR is a middle-mile network establish carrier-class connectivity between communities across Northwest Colorado and the NWCCOG Point of Presence in Denver. The network is designed to provide accessible, affordable, reliable broadband to rural communities across northwest Colorado.

The critical infrastructure has been completed by NWCCOG, in conjunction with Counties across Northwestern Colorado. Several communities were already in the public broadband business in one form or another, specifically Glenwood Springs, Vail and Steamboat Springs and a number of others who were in early stages of planning or discussing local challenges related to their internet service. Many of these communities are now part of the Project THOR initiative.

First reading of **Ordinance No. 6, Series 2022, AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SILT, COLORADO, AMENDING CHAPTERS 3.32 AND 5.04 OF THE SILT MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO LODGING TAX AND BUSINESS LICENSES IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE OPERATION OF SHORT-TERM RENTALS IN THE TOWN**

Attorney Denkinger went over her presentation regarding the draft ordinance that was requested by the Board at a previous meeting that would regulate short-term rentals by requiring them to pay a lodging tax as well as obtain a business license. Planner Chain added that staff would monitor this change and be prepared to react as necessary.

The public hearing was opened at 8:52 p.m. There were no public comments and the hearing closed at 8:52 p.m.

Trustee Hanrahan made a motion to approve first reading of Ordinance No. 6, Series 2022, AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SILT, COLORADO, AMENDING CHAPTERS 3.32 AND 5.04 OF THE SILT MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO LODGING TAX AND BUSINESS LICENSES IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE OPERATION OF SHORT-TERM RENTALS IN THE TOWN. Trustee Brintnall seconded the motion, and the motion carried with Mayor Pro-tem Knott voting nay.

2022 Events Schedule

Administrator Layman started by providing an update on the disbursements of the concession trailer that is currently up for auction, the beer trailer that was donated to the Silt Historical Park and the walk-in cooler that has been sold. He stated that the town's goal for 2022 is to foster a sense of community among a broad range of townfolk with a special focus on highlighting our business community. Administrator Layman went over the 2022 event calendar that lists events very similar to those that took place last year.

Community Development Coordinator Centeno then went over an overview of each of the events planned for 2022 along with the approximate costs to put them on and the staff time involved for each.

December 2021 Financial Report

Treasurer Tucker went over the December 2021 financial report.

Topics of discussion between the Board of Trustees and the New Castle Town Council

Administrator Layman explained that during budget season the Board had expressed a desire to meet with the New Castle town Council to discuss items of mutual interest, including recreation, marketing and economic development. He asked what kinds of things the Board would like to talk about.

The Board suggested the following:

- Recreation and to see if they could combine or use each other's resources
- New Castle's perception of growth in their town
- Trail to Coal Ridge High School
- Ice Rink
- Their bulk water station and how their sales have been
- What is working for them in regards to their Chamber of Commerce
- Their downtown area and promoting their downtown

The Board added that they would like to meet with them in New Castle. Staff would develop an agenda from comments made by both bodies and set a time and place for such meeting.

Administrator & Staff Reports

Administrator Layman went over his report highlighting the new TextMyGov platform that the Town has just introduced adding that the Town would be getting more info out to the public soon. Mayor Pro-tem Knott asked for a status on the street sweeper and commented about the hillside above Stoney Ridge and the rocks. Director Fonner stated that public works would be addressing the rocks of concern soon. Trustee Seifert asked if staff had seen a decrease in the amount of bulk water being sold once the rates increased and Director Fonner stated that he would bring back a report comparing the usage at the next meeting.

Updates from Board / Board comments

Trustee Flores thanked everyone for their patience and his ability to participate by Zoom tonight. Trustee Hanrahan provided feedback that he received while circulating his nomination petition. He did comment on the request for a change machine at senior housing and a business roundabout with the Main Street businesses that maybe they could take place quarterly. He added that he heard a large amount of praise from residents and businesses regarding town staff. Trustee Poston agreed with Mr. Hanrahan and how hard town staff works to keep the

town running. She also encouraged the community to come to meetings and/or approach staff with any questions or concerns they may have.

Mayor Pro-tem Knott stated that he is looking forward to a great year and concurred that staff is doing a great job and thanked public works for their work on snow removal. He also thanked Administrator Layman for his quick action in addressing the hillside. Pro-tem Knott suggested that based on the discussion that took place tonight on broadband that maybe they should consider forming a sub-committee to get more information and to see what could be done about providing this service to our citizens.

Adjournment


Trustee Brintnall made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Seifert seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. Mayor Richel adjourned the meeting 9:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sheila M. McIntyre, CMC
Town Clerk

Approved by the Board of Trustees



Keith B. Richel
Mayor

