

**TOWN OF SILT  
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
MARCH 14, 2022 – 7:00 P.M.**

The Silt Board of Trustees held their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, March 14, 2022. Mayor Richel called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

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<b>Roll call</b>	Present	Mayor Keith Richel
		Trustee Justin Brintnall
		Trustee Samuel Flores
		Trustee Derek Hanrahan
		Trustee Andreia Poston
		Trustee Jerry Seifert
	Absent	Mayor Pro-tem Kyle Knott

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

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**Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence**

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**Public Comments** – There were no public comments.

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**Consent Agenda**

1. Minutes of the February 28, 2022 Board of Trustees meeting
2. Renewal of Hotel & Restaurant liquor license for Brick House Pizzeria

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

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**Conflicts of Interest** – Trustee Flores stated that he would like to have a discussion regarding the park and ride, dogs at large and construction being locally outsourced. This will take place during staff comments.

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**Agenda Changes** – There were no agenda changes.

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**NEO Connect Broadband Update – Diane Kruse**

Administrator Layman introduced Diane Kruse who would be discussing the Garfield County Broadband plan and Silt’s role in it. He added that Garfield County has contracted with NEO Connect who provide local governments with broadband planning and implementation.

In an effort to improve broadband connectivity throughout the region, Garfield County, in partnership with Region 10 and CDoT, are planning to connect broadband and telecommunication facilities with a high-capacity fiber optic network 3. NEO Connect would focus on what the project is and is not, the value of the project to the region and to the Town, and the relationship of the project to THOR. Ms. Kruse proceeded with her presentation and then answered questions.

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Second reading of **Ordinance No. 5, Series 2022, AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SILT, COLORADO, ZONING AS R-3 AND PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT A TWO-ACRE ENCLAVE LOCATED WEST OF CAMARIO SUBDIVISION, NORTH OF GRAND AVENUE AND EAST OF KIM DRIVE WITHIN THE TOWN OF SILT, COLORADO**

Planner Chain provided his presentation. It was suggested that the entire parcel be zoned as Public Utility. There was discussion regarding this as it would provide the town with more open space in town and also give the town more leverage during negotiations if the entire parcel were zoned as Public Utility. The Board also suggested creating an open space district and Planner Chain stated that staff has already started moving forward with creating that new zone district.

The public hearing opened at 7:50 p.m. There were no public comments and the hearing was closed at 7:51 p.m.

**Trustee Poston made a motion to approve second reading of Ordinance No. 5, Series 2022, AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SILT, COLORADO, ZONING AS R-2 AND PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT A TWO-ACRE ENCLAVE LOCATED WEST OF CAMARIO SUBDIVISION, NORTH OF GRAND AVENUE AND EAST OF KIM DRIVE WITHIN THE TOWN OF SILT, COLORADO. The motion died for lack of a second.**

**Trustee Flores made a motion to approve second reading of Ordinance No. 5, Series 2022, AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SILT, COLORADO, ZONING AS R-2 AND PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT A TWO-ACRE ENCLAVE LOCATED WEST OF CAMARIO SUBDIVISION, NORTH OF GRAND AVENUE AND EAST OF KIM DRIVE WITHIN THE TOWN OF SILT, COLORADO with a change to zoning the entire parcel as Public Utility. Trustee Hanrahan seconded the motion, and the motion carried with Trustee Poston voting nay.**

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### **Irrigation Education / Incentives Program Discussion**

Administrator Layman went over the irrigation program that the town had instituted last year of which assisted with the preservation of irrigation water. With these immediate goals met, the Town should now address developing a more robust education and/or incentive program that promotes the replacement of existing turf with xeric landscaping, to include “water-wise” and native plant species to meet these additional goals.

Administrator Layman spoke about implementing a possible incentive program that would pay homeowners some type of incentive to switch over portions or all of their turf grass. He added that there may be some grant funding available in the future to assist with paying homeowners for switching over as well. Staff suggested the following:

- To distribute materials to homeowners on best irrigation practices,

- To develop a demonstration installation area of low-water native plants for use in our environment/election,
- Administer an incentive program that pays homeowners some kind of inducement for converting turfgrass to native, waterwise planting, and
- Write a grant application to support all of the above activities.

There was discussion regarding what could be done especially in regards to new construction in town, the risk of people changing to xeric scape only have it change back with a new owner, low-flow irrigation heads, House Bill 22-1151 that addresses this same topic, what are people really saving in the long run and getting the word out via the newsletter.

Staff would move forward and bring more information back the Board at a later date.

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### **Senior Program Contribution Refund Discussion**

Treasurer Tucker stated that every year the Town makes a contribution to Senior Programs that assists with covering the cost of rides for our seniors on the Traveler. The overall cost for the Traveler was lower than anticipated, resulting in a refund from our contribution made in 2021. Ms. Tucker went over the options of whether to request a refund of the entire amount, split it with RFTA or return the entire amount to RFTA,

There was discussion about asking for a refund and then using that money towards another type of senior program within the Town.

**Trustee Hanrahan made a motion to request a refund of the entire \$1445.66. Trustee Brintnall seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.**

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### **13<sup>th</sup> Street Cactus Valley Ditch Crossing Discussion**

Director Fonner went over the ditch failure at 13<sup>th</sup> Street that was discovered recently and that had been missed during previous evaluations of ditch crossings. He stated that the new culvert would be delivered on Friday and that staff has already lined up contractors to get this repaired as soon as possible. Director Fonner stated that this was an unbudgeted expense for this year and asked the Board for direction on whether to delay a chip and seal project scheduled for this year or if they would prefer to use approximately \$54,000 out of reserves to cover the costs.

**Trustee Seifert made a motion to use approximately \$54,000 out of reserves to repair the 13<sup>th</sup> Street Cactus Valley Ditch Crossing. Trustee Brintnall seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.**

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### **Administrator & Staff Reports**

Administrator Layman went over his staff report highlighting that the Colorado River Fire Rescue Wildland Fire team would be pretreating some areas inside the Town to try and reduce the fuels within them. One area is up the Stoney Ridge trail and the other one that they would be focusing on is just west of Mesa View in the valley. He stated that he hopes that CRFR would be able to address these areas by fall.

Administrator Layman also went over information regarding the Colorado River Valley Economic Development Partnership. He stated that he had gotten together with other Managers and other interested parties in the region to discuss spurring economic development. Their goal is to focus on bigger pictures endeavors that would benefit our citizens. The group would continue to meet and invite more people who would be able to assist.

Administrator Layman reminded the Board that their next meeting on March 28 would be dedicated to Strategic Planning and that Dana Hlavac with DOLA would be present to facilitate the meeting. This meeting would focus on the long-term future of Silt and how we get there. If a follow up meeting is necessary, it would be scheduled for an off Monday night.

Trustee Flores commented on the park and ride area and if the Town could reach out to CDoT to request that they bring in some rock at help with the parking lot surface. He added that he had been contacted by a citizen regarding a vicious dog that had been running at large in the Veteran's Park area. He also asked if some of the construction projects that would be taking place in Silt soon would be going out to bid so that local workers could apply. It was explained that private developers put their projects out to bid but that locals could bid for town jobs when those projects are announced. Trustee Flores asked for a status on the Brew Pub and staff stated that they were of the opinion that the brewery was still moving forward.

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**Updates from Board / Board comments**

Trustee Poston thanked staff for all of the work they do and for their ability to solve problems quickly. Trustee Seifert reminded everyone that the Election is coming up and to make sure they get out and vote. Mayor Richel commented about a grate that was taken off of a culvert on 16<sup>th</sup> Street.


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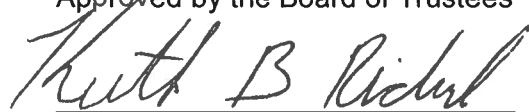
**Adjournment**

**Trustee Seifert made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Poston seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. Mayor Richel adjourned the meeting 8:49 p.m.**

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Respectfully submitted,

  
Sheila M. McIntyre, CMC  
Town Clerk

Approved by the Board of Trustees  
  
Keith B. Richel  
Mayor

