

**TOWN OF SILT
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MARCH 25, 2024 – 7:00 P.M.**

The Silt Board of Trustees held their regular meeting on Monday, March 25, 2024. Mayor Pro-tem Hanrahan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll call	Present	Mayor Pro-tem Hanrahan Trustee Justin Brintnall Trustee Chris Classen Trustee Samuel Flores Trustee Jerry Seifert
	Absent	Mayor Keith Richel Trustee Andreia Poston

Present were Interim Town Administrator Jim Mann, Town Clerk Sheila McIntyre, Town Treasurer Amie Tucker, Community Development Manager Nicole Centeno, Chief of Police Mike Kite, Planner Mark Chain, Town Attorney Lawrence Bond 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 March 11, 2024 Board of Trustees meeting

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

Conflicts of Interest – There were no conflicts of interest.

Agenda Changes – There were no agenda changes.

Resolution No. 12, Series 2024, A RESOLUTION FINDING SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE WITH AN ANNEXATION PETITION FOR A PROPERTY OWNED BY MATTHEW AND SUSAN JURMU WEST OF COUNTY ROAD 231 INTO THE MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES OF THE TOWN OF SILT, GARFIELD COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO

Planner Chain went over his report regarding this annexation of .0723-acres that would be added to the property that is currently owned by the Laestadian Lutheran Church adding that this application conforms with State Statutes. Logan Jürmu, representative for the Church thanked the Board for their consideration of this annexation.

The public hearing was opened at 7:10 p.m. There were no public comments and the hearing was closed at 7:11 p.m.

Trustee Classen made a motion to approve Resolution No. 12, Series 2024, A RESOLUTION FINDING SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE WITH AN ANNEXATION PETITION FOR A PROPERTY OWNED BY MATTHEW AND SUSAN JURMU WEST OF COUNTY ROAD 231 INTO THE MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES OF THE TOWN OF SILT, GARFIELD COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO. Trustee Seifert seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

First reading of **Ordinance No. 5, Series 2024, AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SILT, COLORADO, ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS WATER AND WASTEWATER ACTIVITY ENTERPRISE DESIGNATING REPRESENTATIVES AUTHORIZED TO COORDINATE WITH THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT AND THE COLORADO WATER RESOURCES AND POWER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REGARDING FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Interim Administrator Mann stated that with the departure of Administrator Layman and Public Works Director Fonner, new signatories for the Water Treatment Plant project need to be formally identified as required by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and the Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority.

The public hearing was opened at 7:19 p.m. There were no public comments and the hearing was closed at 7:20 p.m.

Trustee Seifert made a motion to approve first reading of Ordinance No. 5, Series 2024, AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SILT, COLORADO, ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS WATER AND WASTEWATER ACTIVITY ENTERPRISE DESIGNATING REPRESENTATIVES AUTHORIZED TO COORDINATE WITH THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT AND THE COLORADO WATER RESOURCES AND POWER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REGARDING FINANCIAL MATTERS. Trustee Brintnall seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Proposed Town of Silt Work Week Schedule

Interim Administrator Mann went over the proposed staff schedule stating that the Administration, including Community Development, would utilize a 4 9-hour work schedule Monday through Thursday with a 4-hour work day on Fridays. Public Works and Utilities schedules would not change until April 29, when all Town Departments would begin a 4 10-hour work week, Monday through Thursday.

Board members stated that they have not had any negative feedback from the public regarding the change in hours. The Board encouraged staff to continue to get the word out as much as possible. Mr. Mann stated that staff would report back in April on how the first phase is going before switching over to 4-10's.

February 2024 Financial Report

Treasurer Tucker went over the February 2024 financials.

Sanctuary Community Policy Discussion

Interim Administrator Mann stated that with the influx of individuals who are in the country illegally arriving in locations throughout the state, Mayor Pro-Tem Hanrahan suggested that the Board should have a policy discussion on whether the Town should declare a status as either a non-sanctuary community or a sanctuary community prior to being faced with a situation of an influx of individuals who are in the country illegally. The purpose of the discussion is to provide guidance as to a) whether the Town wants to take a position; b) what that position will be; and c) if taking a position development of policies and action framework to support the policy direction.

There was discussion about what could happen if the Town doesn't take a position and ends up with a large number of people arriving and needing assistance. The Board also voiced their concern about the huge financial strain this would be on the town and that we need to take care of our residents first as we don't have the resources as a community to house and take care of these people. It was also stated that with the increase in water rates that the citizens have been faced with, it wouldn't be fair to assist immigrants who may come to Silt requiring financial support. There was discussion to creating a resolution that would state the Town's position and to also create a policy. Chief Kite also voiced his concern that the town does not have the financial resources or the housing needed to help these people out. Attorney Bond stated that he could draft a resolution for review at the next meeting.

Staff was given direction to move forward with a resolution that reflects the concerns of the Board and bring back at the next meeting.

Administrator and Staff Comments

Interim Administrator Mann announced that the Silt Horseshoe pits are now sanctioned and are available to host leagues and tournaments. He stated that the police department would be stepping up enforcement of dogs not being allowed in parks and that they must be kept on leashes. He asked people to be conscious of this as people use the parks and kids are having games on the fields and we want to keep these areas clean of dog waste. Mr. Mann stated that it is his goal to limit work sessions to just the second meeting of each month and to try and keep meetings at two hours when possible. He stated that he has started the process for getting the Public Works/Utilities Director position posted and that he would like to have an HR Sub-Committee meeting to discuss this. He also shared that the Town received a \$900K grant towards the reconstruction of Community Park adding that part of the process includes public meetings to get feedback for design.

Updates from Board / Board Comments

The Board thanked staff for their efforts to shorten meetings, for the great job on the horseshoe pits, asked for clarification of the code regarding dogs on leashes and trails, commented on the new crosswalk on 7th Street & Main and asked where we are in the process of accepting applications for a new Town Administrator.

Adjournment

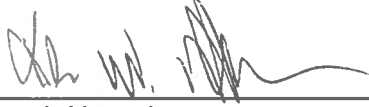
Trustee Seifert made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Brintnall seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. Mayor Pro-tem Hanrahan adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sheila M. McIntyre
Town Clerk, CMC

Approved by the Board of Trustees



Derek Hanrahan
Mayor Pro-tem

