

**TOWN OF SILT
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
JULY 8, 2024 – 7:00 P.M.**

The Silt Board of Trustees held their regular meeting on Monday, July 8, 2024. Mayor Richel called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll call	Present	Mayor Keith Richel Mayor Pro-tem Derek Hanrahan Trustee Justin Brintnall Trustee Chris Classen Trustee Kim Ingelhart Trustee Andreia Poston Trustee Jerry Seifert
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Present were Town Manager Jim Mann, Town Clerk Sheila McIntyre, Town Treasurer Amie Tucker, Community Development Director Nicole Centeno, Chief of Police Mike Kite and members of the public.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Proclamation Recognizing Miner’s Claim Restaurant for 25 years of Service

Mayor Richel read a proclamation recognizing Christian Harra and his restaurant Miner’s Claim for his 25 years of service in the town. Mr. Harra thanked the Board stating that it has truly been a labor of love and that he couldn’t have done it without the outstanding employees he has who have take his vision and ran with it.

Public Comments – There were no public comments.

Consent Agenda –

1. Minutes of the June 24, 2024, Board of Trustees meeting
2. Grant Agreement – Silt’s Community Park Renovation Project
3. **Resolution No. 26, Series 2024, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH SUSTAINABLE STRATEGIES, INC. FOR MANAGEMENT AND GRANT SERVICES FOR THE TOWN OF SILT**

Trustee Classen 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.

Introduction of new staff in Police Department

Chief Kite introduced one of the departments newest officers Tessa Berry plus Amber Lehr who would be entering the academy in August. He stated that the department is now at full staff plus one.

Water Plant Construction Update – Dan Galvin with Garney Construction

Dan Galvin was present to provide an update on the project. He went through what has taken place over the last month stating that they have started the form work along with rebar and concrete. The back wash supply tank and chemical trenches are in and poured. He also provided a schedule of what would be coming up for the next month. They have billed \$2.3M to date.

First reading of **Ordinance No. 8, Series 2024, AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SILT, COLORADO, AMENDING CHAPTER 2.16 OF THE SILT MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO THE COMPENSATION AND DUTIES OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION**

Town Clerk McIntyre explained that the changes requested are intended to take care of some housekeeping to this section of code as well as address the recent discussions on increasing the pay of the commissioners.

The public hearing was opened at 7:26 p.m. There were no comments and the hearing was closed at 7:27 p.m.

Trustee Seifert made a motion to approve first reading of Ordinance No. 8, Series 2024, AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SILT, COLORADO, AMENDING CHAPTER 2.16 OF THE SILT MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO THE COMPENSATION AND DUTIES OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION. Trustee Classen seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

First reading of **Ordinance No. 9, Series 2024, AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SILT, COLORADO, REPEALING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 12.20 OF THE SILT MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO THE SKYLINE CEMETERY** (*staff requests a continuance to July 22, 2024*)

Town Clerk McIntyre stated that staff continues to address items in this ordinance and asked that the Board continue the public hearing until the July 22, 2024 meeting.

Trustee Brintnall made a motion to continue the public hearing for first reading of Ordinance No. 9, Series 2024, AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SILT, COLORADO, REPEALING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 12.20 OF THE SILT MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO THE SKYLINE CEMETERY until the July 22, 2024 meeting. Mayor Pro-tem Hanrahan seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Election Participation Discussion

Manager Mann went through his staff report regarding the concept of pursuing an excise tax on the sales of both cigarettes and marijuana to help bolster funds for the town. There was discussion about whether or not to pursue this tax, how much additional revenue could be generated from it and where those funds could be best designated to such as Parks, Recreation and Culture.

The Board commented about seeing statistics, what the social impacts of these tax increases could be, that it might be better not to rush this for the November ballot, to take the next year to do more research and educate people before the 2025 ballot and to determine if there are other departments that could benefit from these revenues.

Mayor Richel stated that he would be in favor of implementing \$2.50/pack for cigarettes and 5% for marijuana if this does move forward.

There was a consensus to continue discussions of possibly pursuing these two ballot questions for the November 2025 ballot.

Administrator and Staff Comments

Manager Mann relayed that he had received a call from a citizen who lives at the Red River Inn complaining about the fact that the town doesn't have an ordinance that requires air conditioning in rental units.

Updates from Board / Board Comments

The Board commented about people speeding in areas such as the post office and the overpass and that employees who to make sure they are stopping at stop signs and not using their cell phones when driving. The Board asked for more information on the Flock system, tax increment financing, the storage project, FreeUp Storage, River Trace, Camario and also the boring project. It was stated that the Silt Historical Park would be hosting a 5k on Saturday.

Executive Session

Mayor Richel made a motion to go into executive session for the purpose of conferencing with the Town Attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions 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 strategies for negotiations, and/or instructing negotiators under CRS Section 24-6-402(4)(e) – acquisition of property including Mark S. Anderson and properties at the base of future pedestrian bridge Eric Monroy and Doug Wight. Trustee Classen seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. The Board adjourned to executive session at 8:05 p.m.

At the end of executive session, Mayor Richel made the following statement: “The time is now 9:29 p.m. and the executive session has concluded. No formal action was taken in

the executive session but negotiators were given direction. The participants in the executive session were: Keith Richel, Derek Hanrahan, Justin Brintnall, Jerry Seifert, Chris Classen, Andreia Poston, Kim Ingelhart, Jim Mann, Nicole Centeno, Mike Kite and Mike Sawyer. 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.

Trustee Poston made a motion to direct staff to acquire a company for the purpose of a property acquisition and to begin negotiations for the Mark Anderson property. Trustee Ingelhart seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment


Trustee Seifert made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Poston seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Mayor Richel adjourned the meeting at 9:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by the Board of Trustees



Sheila M. McIntyre
Town Clerk, CMC



Keith B. Richel
Mayor

