MINUTES
CARBONDALE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 28, 2018

Mayor Dan Richardson called the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting to order on August 28, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall meeting room.

ROLL CALL:

The following members were present for roll call:

Mayor
Marty Richardson

Trustees
Dan Richardson
Erica Sparhawk
Lani Kitching
Luis Yllanes
Heather Henry
Ben Bohmfalk

Staff Present:

Town Manager
Jay Harrington

Town Clerk
Cathy Derby

Town Attorney
Tarn Udall

Finance Director
Renae Gustine

Public Works Director
Kevin Schorzman

Utilities Director
Mark O’Meara

CONSENT AGENDA

• Accounts Payable totaling $264,780.09
• BOT 8/14/18 Regular Meeting Minutes
• Resolution No. 10, Series of 2018 – Employee Handbook Amendments
• Liquor License Renewal Application – Phat Thai
• Planning & Zoning Commission – Recommendations for Appointments
• Board of Adjustment – Recommendations for Appointments
• Grit System Installation Waste Water Plant
• Resolution No. 10, Series of 2018 – FMLD Mini Grant

Trustee Silverstein made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Trustee Sparhawk seconded the motion and it passed with:

7 yes votes: Silverstein, Sparhawk, Richardson, Kitching, Bohmfalk, Henry, Yllanes
PERSONS PRESENT NOT ON THE AGENDA

There was no one present who wished to address the Board.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Silverstein stated that he attended the Tree Board Meeting. They reviewed the Thompson Park project’s landscape plan. The plan did not show much detail. The Tree Board was happy to have a Trustee in attendance.

Trustee Silverstein also attended the Senior Matters meeting. They are doing outreach to increase their base and get more people involved. They will be having a meet and greet event and they will be writing a column in the Sopris Sun.

Trustee Silverstein informed the Board that the last summer concert will be September 9th.

Trustee Silverstein said that Potato Day is October 6th. They will have music and they need volunteers.

Trustee Silverstein encouraged everyone to read the article on Juul (vaping) in the August 27th New York Times.

Trustee Henry stated that she attended the Environmental Board meeting last night. They recommended Frosty Merriott be approved as a Board member. They had a presentation from Garfield County on air quality monitoring. They also discussed Waste Diversion Day and Dandelion Day.

Trustee Kitching thanked staff for the irrigation practices presentation.

Trustee Kitching stated that she will be attending the Ruedi Water and Power Authority meeting on August 30th. She noted that the Town will soon be asked for a financial contribution.

Trustee Sparhawk stated that she attended the Colorado Communities for Climate Action policy meeting. The have hired a new lobbying firm.

Trustee Bohmfalk thanked staff for creating social media posts on water restrictions, waste hauling and the press release regarding the Town’s new website.

Trustee Bohmfalk asked if the Town is changing fire restrictions back to Stage 1? Jay responded that the Town defers to the Fire District to determine the appropriate Stage. Jay noted that we are still in drought conditions.

Mayor Richardson congratulated the founders of the new Compassion Fest event.
Mayor Richardson thanked staff and everyone involved in the One Town One Table event; over 1,000 people attended.

Mayor Richardson met with the Canadian Counsel General during his tour of western Colorado. They discussed the trade partnership between Colorado and Canada.

Mayor Richardson thanked staff and the neighboring ranchers who have helped us during the drought.

Trustee Silverstein stated that the Cowboy Up event raised money for Stepping Stones.

ATTORNEY’S COMMENTS

The attorney did not have any comments.

SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR LICENSE – WILDERNESS WORKSHOP

Wilderness Workshop has applied for a Special Event Liquor License for an event to be held in Sopris Park. All fees have been paid and the Police Department has reported no problems with the applicant or the premises.

Trustee Sparhawk made a motion to approve Wilderness Workshop’s Special Event License Application. Trustee Henry seconded the motion and it passed with:

7 yes votes: Kitching, Silverstein, Sparhawk, Richardson, Bohmfalk, Yllanes, Henry

GARFIELD CLEAN ENERGY (GCE) UPDATE

Trustee Sparhawk, who is a Garfield Clean Energy employee, recused herself and left the meeting.

Jason White and Matt Shmigelsky gave an update on Garfield Clean Energy’s accomplishments. The following key points were made:

- GCE is funded through annual appropriations from its members and it has a $310,000 budget
- GCE has done $1.5 million - $3 million in projects
- Carbondale receives a lot of benefits (11 families benefitted from the 2017 CARE Program)
- GCE is currently working with the Recreation Department to purchase an energy efficient water heater
- 42 people have purchased electric vehicles through the buyback program
- GCE is helping keep $1.8 in the local economy
- GCE is responsible for almost $7 million in energy savings
- Transportation is a very successful program
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- Their major goal is to find dedicated funding

WASTE HAULING DISCUSSION

Trash consultant Laurie Batchelder Adams was present at the meeting.

The Board is considering changing the town’s waste hauling policy. Staff and Laurie conducted extensive outreach including: meetings with each hauler, meeting with the E-Board, put a survey on the Town’s website, ran ads and placed articles in the newspaper, had a discussion on KDNK, had a booth at First Friday and at the Farmer’s Market and hosted an open house at Town Hall.

Staff and Laurie are asking the Board for direction on the following topics:

- Having recycling included in the base cost of trash service
- Requiring organics collection to be offered at an additional cost
- Volume based pricing
- Limiting days of collection
- Options to decrease wildlife interaction
- Public contracting

Discussion ensued and the Board agreed to the following:

- Recycling shall be mandatory
- Organic collection should not be required
- Move to volume based pricing for residential, individual containers
- Limit days of collection – haulers will be asked to put in their bid how many days they propose to collect trash in Carbondale
- Options to decrease wildlife interaction – in the bid haulers should include if they will provide bear proof containers and a price list - also, the police should increase enforcement
- Public hauler – support a single trash hauler with one district

Mayor Richardson opened the meeting to public comment.

Hal Van Berlow, Crystal Circle, suggested the Board keep it simple; have one rate, no opt out, and no requiring organics be picked up. He told the Board that it was very easy to modify his trash can to make it bear-proof resistant.

Kathy Hall, S. 8th Street, is the Pitkin County Solid Waste Manager. She said franchising controls rates. She supports moving to a single hauler.

Doug Goldsmith from Mountain Waste stated that the process has been very open and very interesting.
Becky Moller, member of the Environmental Board, explained that the EBoard did not support many of the (proposed) policies because of the possible increase in fees.

Staff will prepare a Request for Proposal which will be reviewed at a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The August 28, 2018, regular meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on September 11, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED

Dan Richardson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cathy Derby, Town Clerk