MINUTES
CARBONDALE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 12, 2019

Mayor Dan Richardson called the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting to order on March 12, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall meeting room.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

A Student from Ross Montessori School were in attendance to receive the "Student of the Month" award. The following student were awarded a Certificate of Achievement from Mayor Richardson:

Annelise Bumgarner

ROLL CALL:

The following members were present for roll call:

Mayor
Trustees

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

Absent
Marty Silverstein

Staff Present:

Town Manager
Town Clerk
Finance Director
Town Attorney
Public Works Director

Jay Harrington
Cathy Derby
Renae Gustine
Mark Hamilton
Kevin Schorzman

CONSENT AGENDA

• Accounts Payable totaling $282,218.09
• BOT 2/19/2019 Work Session Minutes
Trustee Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2019

- BOT 2/26/2019 Regular Meeting Minutes
- Liquor License Renewal – Pour House
- Liquor License Renewal – The Beat
- Liquor License Renewal – Pop’s Liquors
- Modification of Premises/Revocable License Agreement – Allegria
- Resolution No. 5, Series of 2019 – Senior Housing Grant
- Garfield County Intergovernmental Agreement – Mosquito Control
- Garfield County Memorandum of Understanding – Senior Programs
- Bike/Pedestrian/Trails Commission – Recommendation for Appointment
- Carbondale Crystal River Restoration and Weaver Ditch Efficiency Project Grant

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

6 yes votes: Richardson, Yllanes, Bohmfalk, Henry, Sparhawk, Kitching

PERSONS PRESENT NOT ON THE AGENDA

Anna Cole, Crystal Bridge Dr., stated that she is representing the Roaring Fork School District. They are applying for a grant to fund a Substance Abuse Intervention Specialist position. She asked the Board for a letter of support and stated that in the future they will be asking for a $10,000 match.

Discussion ensued.

The Board asked Jay how much money is in the Marijuana Fund. Jay stated that there was $40,000. The Town gave Roaring Fork High School $30,000 for their mental health counselor, so $10,000 is unallocated. Jay noted that at a previous meeting the Board discussed contributing funding for anti-vaping efforts.

The Board agreed to write a letter of support and they will consider contributing the $10,000 match at their March 19th Special Meeting.

Frosty Merriott, Lakeside Drive, stated he is glad the Town is moving forward on requiring the car wash’s lighting to come into compliance.

Frosty stated that Aspen voters approved the Lift One Development by a small margin. One hundred and seventy housing units are being created, with only three units on site. Usually Aspen mitigates housing at 65%. They made an exception with this project, the housing is being mitigated at 35%. He asked how are we going to get ahead with community housing when this type of thing is happening – it’s a regional issue.
TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Kitching attended the Garfield County Commissioners work session where they discussed policy planning. Trustee Kitching stated that she attended the Rotary Club meeting; there was a presentation on recycling. She also attended the Garfield Clean Energy Board meeting. They discussed the expansion of charging stations. She stated that the Carbondale Age Friendly Community Initiative is testing RFTA’s transit service. The Carbondale Age Friendly Community Initiative and Senior Matters may merge and form a Senior’s Commission.

Trustee Bohmfalk stated that he attended the Bridges High School Project Citizen presentation. There were presentations on: vaping, the lack of a mental health counselor at Bridges, and the need for an after school program for older students. Trustee Bohmfalk also attended the Bike/Pedestrian Trails Commission meeting. They had a thoughtful discussion on WeCycle.

Mayor Richardson stated that the town had another successful First Friday. The Coventure opening party was well attended. Mayor Richardson gave a State of Carbondale talk to the Carbondale Leads group.

Trustee Yllanes congratulated the Parks and Recreation Commission for receiving a GOCO grant for (new) pool planning.

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 at the Third Street Center. 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 Liquor License. Trustee Kitching seconded the motion and it passed with:

6 yes votes: Kitching, Bohmfalk, Henry, Sparhawk, Richardson, Yllanes

SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR LICENSE – BLUE LAKE PRESCHOOL

Blue Lake Preschool has applied for a Special Event Liquor License for their annual fundraiser to be held at the Orchard. All fees have been paid and the Police Department has reported no problems with the applicant or the premises.
Trustee Bohmfalk made a motion to approve Blue Lake Preschool’s Special Event Liquor License. Trustee Kitching seconded the motion and it passed with:

6 yes votes: Bohmfalk, Henry, Sparhawk, Richardson, Yllanes, Kitching

SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR LICENSE – COLORADO ANIMAL RESCUE

Colorado Animal Rescue has applied for a Special Event Liquor License for an event to be held at the 4th Street Plaza. 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 Colorado Animal Rescue’s Special Event Liquor License. Trustee Kitching seconded the motion and it passed with:

6 yes votes: Bohmfalk, Henry, Sparhawk, Richardson, Yllanes, Kitching

SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR LICENSE – 5 POINT FILM FESTIVAL

5 Point Film Festival has applied for Special Event Liquor Licenses at the following locations: Steve’s Guitars, Town Hall Parking Lot, Carbondale Recreation Center, and the Launchpad. 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 5 Point Film Festival’s Special Event Liquor Licenses at the locations listed above. Trustee Yllanes seconded the motion and it passed with:

6 yes votes: Henry, Sparhawk, Richardson, Yllanes, Kitching, Bohmfalk

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING – RENEWAL OF RETAIL MARIJUANA STORE LICENSE – TUMBLEWEED

Applicant: Tumbleweed Carbondale, LLC
Location: 304 Highway 133

Staff asked the Board to continue the public hearing to renew Tumbleweed’s Retail Marijuana store license to April 9, 2019 due to on-going negotiations.

Trustee Henry made a motion to continue the public hearing to renew Tumbleweed’s Retail Marijuana Store’s license to April 9, 2019. Trustee Kitching seconded the motion and it passed with:

6 yes votes: Sparhawk, Richardson, Yllanes, Kitching, Bohmfalk, Henry

CLEER – REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE 2019 ENERGY PLAN

Trustee Sparhawk, who works for CLEER, recused herself and left the meeting.
The Town of Carbondale annually contributes $30,000 to CLEER for energy-reducing projects.

CLEER employee Katharine Rushton presented the 2019 Scope of Services and Work Plan. The scope of services continues to implement the action steps set forth in the Climate & Energy Action Plan while also leveraging and enhancing Carbondale’s membership in Garfield Clean Energy and the programs offered through the county-wide approach.

The 2019 Scope of services include:

- Advance the concept of net zero buildings and districts ($14,000)
- Focus on Carbondale climate-friendly transportation ($7,500)
- Continue the low-income energy efficiency program ($3,000)
- Continue the Sustainability Educational Series ($5,500)

Discussion ensued.

Trustee Henry asked if the low-income energy efficiency program is linked to the net zero district on 2nd Street. Katharine answered that they focus on low-income households town-wide. 2nd Street has a mixture of incomes. However, they will solicit the low-income residents on 2nd Street.

Trustee Yllanes likes the education series and he hope it will address waste reduction.

Mayor Richardson stated he likes that the climate-friendly transportation project is focusing on infrastructure rather than purchases. He believes in beneficial electrification. He asked how can we ween ourselves off of natural gas? Do we create greater incentives for electrification?

Trustee Bohmfalk asked if we keep doing this work will be get to net zero in 2040? Katharine responded that we can’t get there without collaboration; we all need to play our part.

Trustee Bohmfalk stated that we need to focus on the transportation sector soon.

Trustee Bohmfalk doesn’t believe we have the expertise to eliminate the usage of natural gas.

The Board would like CLEER to provide updates throughout the year.
HOLY CROSS RENEWABLE ENERGY PURCHASE PROGRAM DISCUSSION

Kevin explained that Holy Cross Energy has a program whereby customers can purchase renewable electricity sourced from Colorado produced solar, wind and hydro power. Currently Holy Cross supplies the town with approximately 39% of our electricity through renewables. CLEER reviewed the information from Holy Cross and has determined that participation in the program would support the intent of the goal in the Town’s Energy Action Plan to “accelerate use of renewable energy sources, both on-site in Carbondale, and by working with utilities for greater use of renewables.”

There is no long-term commitment required to participate in the program.

Discussion ensued.

Trustee Henry asked if we are doing everything possible to reduce energy consumption. Jay responded that staff has significantly lowered electricity usage at the waste water treatment plant, the largest consumer of electricity of all of the Town’s buildings. When we do upgrades we purchase the most efficient equipment possible. The easy energy-reducing projects have been done. When we look at capital replacements we also consider energy efficiency.

The only way waste water will get to net zero is if Holy Cross puts green on the grid.

Katharine Rushton recommends buying renewable electricity; it’s low risk and you can change your mind next month since you are not signing a contract.

Mayor Richardson proposed taxing ourselves on the natural gas we consume and put the funds in an Electrification Fund. He stated that he is fixated on shifting away from natural gas. The Board did not agree.

Trustee Bohmfalk made a motion to authorize staff to purchase 100% of wind power from Holy Cross on a monthly basis. Trustee Sparhawk seconded the motion and it passed with:

6 yes votes: Kitching, Bohmfalk, Henry, Sparhawk, Richardson, Yllanes

EXECUTIVE SESSION – LAND ACQUISITION

At 8:05 p.m. Trustee Kitching made a motion to go into an Executive Session to discuss the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer, or sale of real, personal, or other property interest under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(a). Trustee Sparhawk seconded the motion and it passed with:

6 yes votes: Bohmfalk, Henry, Sparhawk, Richardson, Yllanes, Kitching
At 8:27 p.m. Trustee Kitching made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session and return to the regular meeting. Trustee Bohmfalk seconded the motion and it passed with:

6 yes votes: Henry, Sparhawk, Richardson, Yllanes, Kitching, Bohmfalk

ADJOURNMENT

The March 12, 2019, regular meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be held on March 19, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED

Dan Richardson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cathy Derby, Town Clerk