

**MINUTES
CARBONDALE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
WORK SESSION
NOVEMBER 19, 2019**

Mayor Dan Richardson called the Work Session to order on November 19, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall meeting room.

ROLL CALL:

The following members were present for roll call:

Mayor	Dan Richardson
Trustees	Lani Kitching
	Erica Sparhawk
	Ben Bohmfalk
	Marty Silverstein

Arrived After Roll Call	Luis Yllanes
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Absent	Heather Henry
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Staff Present:

Town Manager	Jay Harrington
Finance Director	Renae Gustine
Town Clerk	Cathy Derby
Public Works Director	Kevin Schorzman

COMMUNITY REQUESTS/MISCELLANEOUS BUDGET ITEMS

Dan Richardson, who works for grant applicant Ascendigo, recused himself and left the meeting.

Discussion ensued on the community requests.

Mayor Pro Tem Silverstein stated he was glad that Western Slope Veterans applied for a grant. Previously they were based in Grand Junction but now they are providing services in Glenwood Springs. He is also glad that Roaring Fork Orchestra applied for a grant; they have been in the valley a long time and they get by on a shoestring. Mayor Pro Tem Silverstein stated that both KDNK and Thunder River Theatre both asked for \$7,500 – it's a big ask.

Trustee Yllanes arrived at the meeting.

Trustee Kitching explained that she didn't allocate any money to Senior Matters because they are a member of the Mountain Voices Project and she believes Mountain Voices has a political undertone. She does not think that giving public money to political groups is appropriate.

The Board discussed if they should set additional restrictions as to who can apply for a grant (i.e. political groups).

Trustee Bohmfalk suggested that the Community Request packet should be printed next year.

The Board approved the amounts allocated to the applicants.

Mayor Richardson returned to the meeting.

The Board discussed the following miscellaneous budget items and agreed to fund them at the amount listed below:

Carbondale Homeless Project - \$1,500

RF High School Rampage Newspaper - \$1,200 (Marijuana Excise Tax Fund)

Town Hall Board Room Amplification - \$5,500

Census Outreach - \$5,000 (Planning Budget)

CoVenture – \$20,000 (Economic Development)

Hazardous Waste Day – Currently the Town holds Hazardous Waste Day every other year. Kevin asked the Board if they would like to have the event every year beginning in 2021. The Board agreed to hold it every year. Staff will look at ways to fund it.

Colorado River District and the Water Conservation District are conducting an analysis on the Crystal River upstream augmentation. Jay stated that if the Town contributes money to the analysis the Town's funds will be spent on outreach. The Board agreed to contribute \$5,000 to the effort.

TOBACCO TAX

At a previous Board meeting the Trustees discussed the possibility of proposing a tobacco/nicotine to the Town voters in April 2020. Staff is requesting direction on the following questions

Does the Board want to proceed with putting a tobacco/nicotine tax question on the April ballot? If so, what will the tax rate be and where should the money be allocated.

Discussion ensued.

The Board agreed that they want to put a tobacco/nicotine tax question on the April Ballot. A \$4.00 tax per pack of cigarettes and a 40% tax increase on all other tobacco products is proposed. The money should be allocated to tobacco and substance abuse prevention, mental health programs, youth services, etc. Staff will draft an ordinance which will be considered for approval at the January 14, 2020 Board of Trustees meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The November 19, 2019, work session adjourned at 7:50 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on November 26, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED



Dan Richardson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Cathy Derby, Town Clerk

