

Minutes of the Town of Marble  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
August 2 2018

A. Call to order & roll call of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees – The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Mayor Ryan Vinciguerra. Present: Ryan Vinciguerra, Max Gibbons, Tim Hunter and Mike Yellico. Absent: Larry Good. Also present: Ron Leach, Town Administrator and Terry Langley, minutes.

B. Approve previous minutes – Ryan called attention to a minor misspelling in the minutes, the porta-john company is Redi Services. Mike made a motion to approve the corrected minutes from the meeting of July 5, 2018. Tim Hunter seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Max Gibbons made a motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting of July 19, 2018. Tim Hunter seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Mayor's Comments

a. Continued discussion of parking issues in Marble, Ryan – Jim Aarts brought a parking plan to the board. He suggested a reservation system for the parking of truck/trailers with ATVs, similar to the campground reservations. He brought a model showing that there is room for 11 truck/trailer units of 40'. This would require filling out an on-line reservation form and paying the required fees. He suggests starting out with simple fines for those who violate the rules. If more than 25% do not pay fines, then go to the next step, perhaps a boot. If the Forest Service builds a parking lot, they should be encouraged to use a permit system as well. Tim asked about access to the fire hydrant and was assured that it would be left open. Charlie Manus asked about the charge for a permit and Jim said that \$50 was the idea with \$25 for additional ATVs. Nial O'Connor asked about overnight parking and was told that they would have to pay for each day with no overnight camping permitted. Steve Finn asked about using Thompson Park as it is currently used for trailer parking. He is concerned that a permit system would mean more people parking up near the Gold Pan gallery. Terry Langley asked about folks who make a reservation & find someone in their space. Amber McMahill suggested reserving a couple of spaces for "emergencies". Jim said that the proposed system would require an employee acting as a parking host, checking daily reservations, placing reserved signs, etc. Linda Adams said that Maroon Bells charges \$25 and Hanging Lake is considering \$10. She also said that the language of truck/trailer is too specific as some folks will pull a trailer with a car. She encouraged education of the public and involving the Forest Service as well as a more customer friendly approach. Tom Williams said that Pitkin County had banned ATVs and this will mean more ATVs in Marble and the high country. He would like Marble to consider banning ATVs. Mike Yellico said that most towns he visits have paid parking. He said that the town needs to take action before Gunnison County or the Forest Service will do anything. Richard Wells encouraged the town to take a serious look at banning ATVs. Tim Hunter said that calls to the Forest Service and letters to the editor would make a difference. Ryan brought the discussion to the close with a thank you to Jim and the assurance that this would be discussed further.

b. Marble Fest planning and discussion, Ryan – Ryan thanked Richard Wells for planning this event. For future Fests, he would like a specific list of things that the town's financial contribution would be used for. Richard Wells asked for a committee to be formed for future Fests. Parking below the fire station will be reserved for event parking with walking and biking encouraged. He asked for

volunteers. Hours are from noon-11 with music ending at about 8 p.m. Saturday and noon-7ish on Sunday. No smoking or fires will be allowed. Some of the music will be local artists. Slow Groovin' will bring a food truck on Saturday and a different food truck may be there Sunday.

D. Persons present not on the agenda wishing to address the board –

a. Alex Menard and Jason Evanko, Gunnison County Weed Management Co-Coordinator talked about weed control. Alex said that one of the things the town needs is stewardship and that noxious weeds are a major problem within the town. They will take over an ecosystem. He said that the Colorado Noxious Weed Act of 1996 not only allows a town to make and adopt a noxious weed plan, it requires a town to do so. Second it requires a town forming a noxious weed board. Third, it requires control on town property before requiring it on private property. Jason said that the county will take care of weeds anywhere the county plows snow but cannot spray on private property. Mike Yellico said that he feels the county should pay for weed control. Tim Hunter said that he is concerned about spraying near water sources and asked if there were other alternatives. Alex said that physical, biological and chemical methods are some of the ways to fight weeds. Jason said that the county uses specific chemicals for specific weeds so that all vegetation is not killed. Tim asked if Jason or someone in his office could help develop a management plan. Alex volunteered to head up a weed board. Max Gibbons moved that Alex head this up. Mike Yellico seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

b. Martha Roberts thanked Mike for his efforts to help curtail noise at Marble Retreat. Tonight, she wanted to address the noise made by Mike's dogs. The discussion grew heated and Mike left the meeting, saying he resigned from council. (Note: this still left a quorum of three.) Ryan apologized for the outburst.

E. Clerk Report

a. Discussion of current fire restriction status, Ron – Ron reported that Gunnison County had gone to Stage 1 fire restrictions about 2 weeks ago, then lifted them completely one week ago. They have now gone back to Stage 2. All other surrounding areas have stayed at Stage 2. He reported that Lake Christine fire is now almost out but 9 other fires have started in Colorado. Costs to fight all of these fires is close to \$100 million. Ryan reported that he is still trying to get an electronic sign letting visitors know about the restrictions. Judy Morande reported that the county has a sign waiting for us.

b. Current bills payable 8/2/18, Ron – There is a total of \$19,829.95 to be approved for payment tonight. This includes a bill of \$6,850.00 for the annual audit. Max Gibbons made a motion that the bills be paid as listed. Tim Hunter seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Ron pointed out that the campground has brought in about \$35,000 since last September. He thanked Amber and the Hub and Jim Aarts for their hard work in managing reservations and the campground.

c. Consider Mark Chain letter of engagement for planning services, Ron – Mark charges \$60.00 per hour for his services. Max asked about setting a cap on Mark's services and Ron suggested a cap of \$2,000. Izzy Palen asked if there was a need for these services, given the plan that Jim has proposed. Ryan said that his vision was to use Mark to help us work with the Forest Service as well as consulting on parking and other town planning issues. Ryan also feels that it is valuable to have a third party to help us address these types of issues. Charlie asked if there was a need for an RFP. Ron said that there was no need for an RFP unless a project was over a certain dollar amount. Richard spoke in favor of hiring

Mark. Mark was the town planner for Carbondale for 25 years and currently has a private planning business and works with public and private entities throughout the state. Ryan asks for more time to review the contract. This is tabled until next month. Steve suggested using Mark to update the master plan. Tom Williams emphasized that Mark should work with the town's vision rather than his own.

F. Current Land Use Issues - none

G. Old Business

- a. Up-date on jail restoration project, Emma – Emma did not attend so this is tabled.
- b. Consider business plan for mill site restoration project, Emma – see above.

H. New Business

a. Consider business license application for Aspen Adrenaline ATV Rental operations in Marble, Ron – Discussion of the applicant's business model followed. Jim spoke to supporting the local ATV and Jeep tour businesses and denying the license. The board elected not to approve the license at this time.

b. Building permit application (shed) & setback variance, Ron – Ron presented an engineered drawing and plans for his proposed shed. Ron is requesting a building permit. Ryan asked about the variance process. Ron said that he does not think that a setback variance is needed due to the layout of the shed. This will be a 12'x24' shed and will be built by Ron and Mike. Max Gibbons moved to approve the building permit. Tim Hunter seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

c. Other – Judy Morande said that a lot of people have asked her about the protocol for hiring a town employee. Judy said that when the town hires a new employee for a new position or when an existing employee is hired for a new position, the town must follow the following protocol. The procedures are to request an RFP, post an ad in the newspaper and online and on the bulletin board. The town must interview the applicants and then the council & mayor decide. This law has not been followed. This protocol would apply to Terry and to Ron for changing jobs. All towns have the same procedure. If the town didn't go through this procedure it would be breaking the sunshine law. Judy said that now everyone understands what the town has to go through when the town wants to hire a new employee or an old employee changing jobs.

d. Linda Adams asked about the pay phone that was to be installed as it has been put on the town map. Ron said that he had not put one at the office as he does not feel like it is a good idea to have a phone there. Other possible locations were suggested, with the Hub being the most popular. Amber will ask Marlene if that would be permissible.

I. Public Comment – Steve asked about protocol for filling a board opening. It was felt that this was premature and would be addressed if it becomes necessary.

J. Adjourn – Max Gibbons moved to adjourn. Tim Hunter seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Langley