

TOWN OF MARBLE

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

February 1 2018

Call to order & roll call for the regular meeting of the board of directors

The regular meeting of the board of trustees of the Town of Marble was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Judy Morande. Other trustees present included Larry Good, Mike Yellico, and Tim Hunter. Staff members present included Ron Leach.

Approve previous minutes

Mike Yellico made a motion that was seconded by Larry Good to approve the January 4th, 2018 minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor's Comments

Judy read her prepared statement regarding her view that the town council's purpose is to be there for the citizens. The town council's purpose is to listen and solve to best of their abilities, the citizens vision for the future.

Discussion regarding meeting with Marble Water Company with mediator

Judy feels that we have reached an impasse with the MWC regarding the development of a Plan B. Plan B would be implemented in case the water monitoring wells adjacent to Slow Groovin restaurant should ever reach a relative level of 5 ppm of nitrate. Judy feels a mediator is needed to facilitate the next meeting of the Town Council and the Marble Water Company.

Discussion of sustainable tourism and recreation committee

Amber asked the trustees to follow up on establishing a sustainable tourism and recreation committee.

It was noted that the County Commissioners had discussed this issue with the trustees last fall in Marble and recommended that the town form such a committee similar to other Gunnison County towns. Ideas for the committee included signage, brochures and education for visitors. The committee would come up with ideas and present them to Town Council. It was noted that the Commissioners wanted to see formation of such a committee before they actually contributed to the process in Marble.

The roles of both the Chamber and the Hub were discussed relative to tourism along with the role of the tourism committee. Mike sees the role of the Hub and the proposed tourism committee as being the same thing. Mike

noted that the town needs the Hub and he does not want to endanger the existence of the Hub. Mike said the Hub is evolving from a consignment store to an information center.

Amber's vision of the committee would be to develop things such as brochures and the Hub would function as an information center.

Ryan explained that the Chamber is working on an illustrated map to be distributed. On the back of the map certain information could be listed including directions to various places, VRBO locations, fire department and restrooms.

Discussion turned to permitting ATVs for access to the Lead King Loop and parking in the town which would produce some revenue for the town. Mike would like to see a permit process for the LKL. The permits could be purchased on line. Richard would like to see the permit process for in town ATV usage as well. Larry does not agree with an in town permit process but supports a workable system to include a parking permit system for the LKL. Steve Finn expressed that until the town does something regarding enforcement of parking rules, nothing will work. Mike explained that enforcement with a court and judge costs money and a property tax increase may be necessary to pay for enforcement. Mike also noted that much of Marble's ATV traffic comes from Crested Butte. Steve Finn suggests a parking ticket system to produce revenue. Steve said that Gunnison County will only step up with help when the Town does something about the ATV problem. Mike noted the town had developed 15 parking spaces in the past few years. Charlie Speer suggested the town use the campground host as a parking attendant in the summer, write tickets and enforce parking laws. Charlie suggested the parking permits could include contact information for people who park with information and education included on the permit. Larry asked Ron to get examples of parking tickets as well as a suggested fee schedule. There was a consensus of the trustees to pursue a paid parking system at the mill site parking spaces this summer.

Current bills payable 11/2/17

Ron presented the current bills payable as well as 3 additional late bills. The additional late bills included Quest for 196.96, Gunnison County for 2017 snowplowing for 996.00 and Hub for 1500 for shed materials and movie rentals in 2017. Ron thanked Mike and Max and Grateful Builders for building the storage shed at the Hub for no labor costs. Ron also reported an 1800 revenue in January from the Colorado Historical Society to reimburse the town for the jail renovation project grant writer. The total amount of the current bills payable is 8226.25.

Larry Good made a motion that was seconded by Judy Morande to pay the bills as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion & status report regarding April 3 2018 municipal election

Meet the candidate meeting with moderator

Judy would like to have a moderator for the meet the candidate meeting. Ron suggested Mark Chain. Discussion followed regarding the format of the meeting and the time and place of the meeting. The consensus of the trustees was to ask Mark to serve as moderator and report back at the March meeting as to Mark's availability. Larry asked Amber to contact the Crystal Valley Echo regarding a meet the candidate feature to include photos of the candidates. Steve Finn will contact the Sopris Sun and the Post Independent with a similar request. Ron asked Amber and Steve to please contact him prior to contacting the media outlets so that everyone is on the same page regarding the candidate's contact information etc. Several dates, times and places were discussed. The consensus of the trustees was to have the meeting on March 10th at the Fellowship Hall.

Ron reported the election judges have not been determined yet but will be discussed at the March 1st meeting. Ron further reported that the polling place will be located at the Hub and will be open from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. And that the results of the election will be posted the night of April 3rd on the window of the Hub. Ron will check into how to handle tie votes on Election Day and report back at the March meeting.

Discussion of a winter work plan for town building, Ron

Ron reported on the work plan for the town office building this winter. Replacement solid core exterior doors are needed for the building as well as one interior door including thresholds, frames and hardware including deadbolts. The trustees has previously budgeted 15,000 for needed improvements in 2017. Tim has offered to troubleshoot the electrical system and raise the fluorescent lights in the main room. A new records room has been completed in the building with help from Mike & Max. Ron reported that he plans to order internet service for the building as well as a pay phone for the front porch. Mr. Joe Zamora donated a nice desk to the town for the building. The consensus of the trustees was to proceed with the improvements. Linda would like to get the location of the pay phone placed on the new chamber map.

Discussion regarding request to host weekly lectures at the campground

Amber would like to pursue weekly lectures this summer in the campground. Lectures would include Audubon, birds, CDOPW representatives. Mike suggested that the Mill Site Park would be more appropriated for such events. The consensus of the trustees was to support the idea in the Mill Site Park. Amber said there is no request funding at this point.

Discussion regarding short term rental draft ordinance, Charley Speer

Gary Wagner gave the Short Term Rental Committee report. Gary reported that there had been 2 meetings since the committee has started up. There has been spirited debate at the meetings. Gary is in favor of circulating a 2 question survey to see how the town feels about the SRT issue. Gary asked if the town council would want to go with the survey. Judy Morande said she supports the survey idea. Larry Good feels the survey is not needed and that the town should put the issue on the November ballot. Larry feels a survey would be a duplication of efforts. Larry explained the STR committee is an advisory group to the town council. Tim Hunter asked Gary about the survey. Gary explained the survey could be circulated on a door to door basis as well as on the web site. Gary asked the trustees if they want the committee to keep going forward. Gary said that an ordinance is not needed but rather a list of options for the trustees to consider.

Ron explained that the town has two options should they wish to proceed. The town council can adopt an ordinance or put the issue on the ballot in November. Ron does not think a survey is needed, is redundant and suggests the town council put the issue on the November ballot. Ron explained that the committee, as originally commissioned, has gone as far as it can without direction and support from the Town Council. The trustees are going to decide this issue, not the committee. The committee is being drug into a political stance on the issue and the politics of the issue belongs with the Town Council. The committee, as commissioned, did not go into this issue with advocacy on either side, but simply to gather information and report back to the Town Council. The committee is not going to mitigate the political issues associated with STR.

Steve Lucht commented on the committee's work so far and noted that the committee had ordered an ordinance, and posted it online. Steve Lucht said the committee has to do a better job of recommending to the attorney what needs to be done. The draft ordinance should not have gone out. A new ordinance needs to be drafted prior to the November election. The committee needs to come up with an information sheet to be circulated before the issue is put on the ballot and the planning & zoning commission needs to hold hearings on the issue before it goes on the ballot. Steve Lucht asked what and how is the next ordinance going to be written prior to the November election.

Tim Hunter would like more information from the SRT committee in the form of a synopsis of the committee's work. The synopsis should be placed on the website. The committee's work is not done and a public hearing is needed. Tim does not think a survey is needed. Tim is interested in what the committee's take on the issue is.

The consensus of the trustees is that this is an important issue and that a synopsis from the committee is needed. Judy thanked the committee for their work.

Consider approval of letter to Charley Parker regarding denial of variance, Dec. 2014

Judy asked the trustees to approve a letter to Charley Parker regarding the denial of Charley's variance request in December of 2014, to leave his tee pee up all year long.

Ron explained how this issue got on the agenda tonight. In December 2014 the variance was denied by a vote of 2-2 so the variance request was denied. Mayor Pettijohn recused himself from the discussion and vote. The vote was recorded in the minutes of the meeting but a letter was never sent to Charley Parker regarding the variance denial.

Judy asked Ron to read a letter from Ms. Hall regarding the Parker property and the Tee Pee present on the lot. Ron read the letter and will make it a part of the record of tonight's meeting. Ron will be happy to send a letter to Charley if the trustees decide that is what they want to do. Ron requested the trustees not re litigate the issue and simply decide if they want to send the letter.

Carol Parker asked Judy to recuse herself from the discussion tonight. Judy said this is just cleaning up things that were not done three years ago. Judy asked Ron if she should recuse herself and Ron agreed that she should. There was discussion on whether Judy should leave the room or stay in the audience when she recused herself. Larry would like Judy to leave the room as he has had to do in the past. Steve Lucht encouraged Judy to stay in the room.

Tim Hunter asked Charley if he had talked to his neighbors about leaving his tee pee up and Charley said he is willing to talk to anyone about the issue. Charley feels the issue was resolved in 2014.

Tim Hunter made a motion that was seconded by Larry Good to not send a letter to Charley Parker regarding the denial of his variance request in December 2014. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Discussion was had regarding installing Wi-Fi in the town office building and it was the consensus of the trustees to not pursue Wi-Fi to the campground at this time due to the data limits on satellite internet in Marble.

Adjourn

Mike Yellico made a motion that was seconded by Larry Good to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Lech, Clerk