

TOWN OF MANCOS
BOARD of TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
March 13, 2024
7:00 p.m.

A. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Queenie Barz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

C. ROLL CALL – Present: Mayor Queenie Barz, Mayor Pro Tem Cindy Simpson, Trustee Nick Manning, Trustee Janice Bryan, Trustee Richard Tokar, Trustee Brent McWhirter, Trustee Ed Hallam, Student Liaison Torie McKinley.

Absent: None

Staff Present: Town Administrator Heather Alvarez, Town Clerk/Treasurer Jamie Higgins, Community and Economic Development Director Jason Armstrong, Public Works Director Terry Jennings, Town Marshal Justen Goodall, Town Attorney David Liberman, Student Liaison Haylie Higgins and Student Liaison Randi Lewis

Absent: None

D. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Trustee Richard Tokar made the motion to approve the March 13, 2024 agenda. Trustee Brent McWhirter seconds the motion. Motion passed.

E. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Trustee Janice Bryan made the motion to approve the minutes of February 14, 2024. Trustee Brent McWhirter and Trustee Nick Manning seconds the motion. Motion passed.

F. Treasurer Report: February Bills & Claims: Mayor Pro Tem Cindy Simpson made the motion to approve the February Bills & Claims. Trustee Nick Manning seconds the motion. Motion passed.

G. AUDIENCE BUSINESS:

- Katie McClure, 6554 Road 41, introduced seven students with the Mancos Elementary School who presented to the Board of Trustees organic weed management in Boyle Park.

H. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Jamie – Updated the Board regarding the Student Liaison’s attending the Mancos School Board.

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Montezuma County Commissioner Update – Gerald Koppenhafer updated the Board regarding what is happening in County.
- Student Liaison Update – Torie McKinley updated the Board regarding the schools activities
- Region 9 – Janice Bryan updated the Board regarding the 2023 Corporate Annual Report

J. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

1. Trustee Nick Manning made a motion to set the perimeters as the Town of Mancos town limits for petition circulation for the Tavern license application and Takeout Delivery Application from Hand in Hand Shop LLC and set a Public Hearing for April 10, 2024 for licensing decision. Trustees Ed Hallam and Brent McWhirter seconds the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.
2. 2023 Sales Tax Revenue Update – No Action
3. Resolution 6 Series 2024: 2024 Dispatch Agreement Renewal – The Board of Trustees discussed the new agreement renewal and asked Town Administrator Heather Alvarez to request a Board to Board workshop with the County Commissioners and Cortez Board. Mayor Pro Tem Cindy Simpson made a motion to table Resolution 6 Series 2024 to another date. Trustee Brent McWhirter seconds the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.
4. Trustee Brent McWhirter made a motion to approve Resolution 7 Series 2024A Resolution of the Town Board of Trustees of the Town of Mancos opposing State Bill 24-1152 regarding accessory dwelling unit preemptions. Mayor Pro Tem Cindy Simpson seconds the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.
5. Trustee Ed Hallam made a motion to authorize the Community & Economic Development Director to submit the REDI grant application, and authorize the Town Administrator to execute the contract upon grant award. Trustee Janice Bryan seconds the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.
6. Unhoused Discussion – The Board of Trustees set a date for April 18, 2024 at 6pm at the Mancos Community Center to have the unhoused public meeting. Board members picked for this panel are: Mayor Pro Tem Cindy Simpson, Trustee Brent McWhirter, Trustee Nick Manning and Trustee Richard Tokar.
7. Public Hearing: Ordinance 778 Series 2024: Empire Electric Franchise – Public Hearing Opened at 8:46pm. Town Attorney read Ordinance 778 Series 2024. Public Hearing closed 8:50pm. Trustee Brent McWhirter made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 778 Series 2024. Mayor Pro Tem Cindy Simpson seconds the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.
8. Trustee Janice Bryan made a motion to approve the IGA between the Town of Mancos and Cortez Animal Shelter. Trustee Richard Tokar seconds the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

K. Items for March 27, 2024 Meeting


- *Public Hearing: Ordinance 778 Series 2024: Empire Electric Franchise Agreement Second Reading and Adoption*

L. Executive Session – Trustee Brent McWhirter makes a motion to go into executive session for a conference with the Town Attorney for purposes of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions under C.R.S Section 24-6-402(4)(b) regarding Wastewater Treatment Plant Litigation. Mayor Pro Tem Cindy Simpson seconds the Motion. Motion passed. 9:12pm enter executive session. Present: Mayor Queenie Barz, Mayor Pro Tem Cindy Simpson, Trustee Nick Manning, Trustee Janice Bryan, Trustee Richard Tokar, Trustee Brent McWhirter, Trustee Ed Hallam, Town Administrator Heather Alvarez, Town Attorney David Lieberman, and Town Clerk Jamie Higgins. 9:55pm conclude executive session. No Action.

M. **ADJOURNMENT** – Trustee Ed Hallam made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:57pm.



Mayor Queenie Barz



Town Clerk/Treasurer Jamie Higgins