

**Town of Mancos
Board of Trustees Meeting
February 26, 2020
7:00 p.m.**

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

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

C. ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Queenie Barz, Mayor pro tem Fred Brooks, Trustee Betsy Harrison, Trustee Brent McWhirter, Trustee Cindy Simpson, Trustee Craig Benally, Trustee Ed Hallam

Staff Present: Town Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Heather Alvarez, Attorney David Liberman

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mayor pro tem Fred Brooks made the motion to approve the agenda. Trustee Betsy Harrison seconded the motion. Motion passed.

E. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF February 12, 2020: Trustee Brent McWhirter made the motion to approve the minutes of February 12, 2020 as presented by staff. Trustee Craig Benally seconded the motion. Motion passed with Trustee Cindy Simpson abstaining.

F. AUDIENCE BUSINESS

- Ed Whritner, Mancos Schools – requested funding from the Board for a regional event on water conservation. He is also requesting funding from Empire Electric. The Board authorized the Town Administrator to work with Mr. Whritner to make up the difference in funding needs once Empire Electric has made their decision. The funds will come from the agency contributions line item.

G. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

H. PRESENTATION – MONTEZUMA LAND CONSERVANCY/TRAVIS CUSTER

Mr. Custer offered an update to the Board on the recent projects of the Montezuma Land Conservancy. They have approximately 46,000 acres in conservation easements in Montezuma, Dolores and San Miguel counties. They are the fiscal agent for the Montezuma Inspire Coalition. They have provided about 75 jobs for high school students. MLC presented at the 2019 National Land Conservation Conference, and they are currently working with CSU, Fort Lewis and SWOS on a water conservation program.

I. WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH PROCLAMATION

Mayor Barz read the proclamation declaring March 2020 Women's History Month.

J. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Planning & Zoning – Carol Stout took her seat as an alternate, water conservation was a topic of discussion.

K. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Building Inspector RFP Discussion

The Town published an RFP for Building Inspection services with a response deadline of Wednesday, February 19 at noon. We received one response from Willdan. They are located in Phoenix, AZ. The Board directed Staff to republish the RFP with the requirement of at least 5 years of construction experience and offering to train the right person.

L. NEW BUSINESS

1. Public Hearing: Special Use Permit at 651 N. Main St.

Public Hearing opened at 7:36 p.m.

No one signed up to speak

Public Hearing closed at 7:39 p.m.

Michael Sagun representing Mesa Verde Ventures LLC was present at this meeting. This item was heard before the Planning Commission on February 19, 2020. There were no objections at the public hearing. The Planning Commission recommended approval to the Board. Trustee Brent McWhirter made the motion to approve the special use permit request for increased square footage from 4,000 square feet to 8,740 square feet for the cultivation of marijuana by Mesa Verde Holdings LLC at 651 North Main Street conditional upon State approval. Trustee Ed Hallam seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

2. Mancos Common Press Inc. Liquor License

Trustee Betsy Harrison recused herself. Trustee Craig Benally made the motion to approve the Art Gallery Permit Application for Mancos Common Press Inc. and authorize the Town Clerk/Treasurer to submit the application to the Dept. of Revenue. Trustee Brent McWhirter seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. Trustee Betsy Harrison rejoined the meeting.

3. Ordinance 755 Series 2020: Abandoning A Portion Of Non-Used Water Line

Trustee Betsy Harrison made the motion to approve Ordinance 755 Series 2020 An Ordinance Abandoning A Portion Of Non-Used Water Line and authorize the Town Administrator to execute the Release & Assumption Of Risk for the property at 325 E. 1st St., Mancos, CO. Trustee Ed Hallam seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

M. *Items for March 11, 2020 Agenda*

- *February Bills & Claims*
- *Economic Development Coordinator Contract (tentative)*
- *General Contractor On Call Contract (tentative)*

N. EXECUTIVE SESSION – LEGAL ADVICE

Mayor pro tem Fred Brooks made the 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). Trustee Brent McWhirter seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Executive session started at 7:55 p.m.


Executive session ended at 8:11 p.m.

Mayor Queenie Barz, Mayor pro tem Fred Brooks, Trustee Ed Hallam, Trustee Craig Benally, Trustee Betsy Harrison, Trustee Brent McWhirter, Trustee Cindy Simpson, Town Administrator/Clerk/ Treasurer Heather Alvarez, Town Attorney David Liberman participated.

No comments with regard to executive session.

O. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.



Mayor Queenie Barz



Town Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Heather Alvarez