

**Town of Mancos
Board of Trustees Meeting
September 23, 2020
7:00 p.m.**

A. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Queenie Barz called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND 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 Janice Bryan,
Absent: Trustee Ed Hallam

Staff Present: Town Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Heather Alvarez, Public Works Director Terry Jennings, Marshal Justen Goodall, Attorney David Liberman

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mayor pro tem Fred Brooks made the motion to amend the agenda by adding item #2 under Unfinished Business Peace Officer Mental Health Grant. Trustee Brent McWhirter seconded the motion. Motion passed.

E. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF September 9, 2020: Trustee Cindy Simpson made the motion to approve the minutes of September 9, 2020 as provided by staff. Trustee Betsy Harrison seconded the motion. Motion passed.

F. AUDIENCE BUSINESS

- Tim Hunter, 10686 Rd 41.2, Mancos – addressed the Board regarding the rumors surrounding the potential relocation of a marijuana business to the old Millwood Junction restaurant location. He read a prepared statement.
- Bobbi Black, 100 Bauer Ave, Mancos – spoke against the proposed relocation of a marijuana business to the old Millwood Junction restaurant location.
- Don McKenna, 9150 Road 39, Mancos - spoke against the proposed relocation of a marijuana business to the old Millwood Junction restaurant location.
- Tom Weaver, 41998 Hwy 160, Mancos – addressed the Board regarding the proposed changes to the Montezuma County Land Use Code. He suggested the Board pass a resolution opposing the reduction in minimum lot size from 3 acres to 1 acre.
- Mayor Queenie Barz advised the audience that the Town has not received any transfer of location applications from any marijuana business to date. The Board instructed staff to work with Mr. Weaver to bring a resolution to the next meeting.

G. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mancos Trails Group is working with the school to paint directions to Town parks on the sidewalks using the funding from their 2019 Agency Contribution Grant.
- FastTrack is donating the high speed internet in Boyle Park to assist with distance learning during COVID19. The Town is working with them and Mancos School District on a public statement.
- Angelita Topaha has submitted her resignation effective 9/21/2020. We are working to fill this position in the Marshal's Office.
- Boyle Park turf maintenance will be conducted on 10/1/2020. Notices will be posted at the park, on our website and Facebook pages.
- CML's Fall District Meeting is being held virtually on 9/24/2020.

H. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Montezuma County Planning Commission – discussion regarding the proposed changes that were submitted to the Board of County Commissioners related to the County land use code. Discussions are ongoing.
- Mancos School District – no report, audio was not available
- Planning Commission – proposed County land use code changes were discussed.
- Tree Board – no meeting

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. 2021 Budget Discussion

2021 Operating budget is balanced at this time. Board discussed 2021 projects and capital improvements. This item will be presented at a public hearing at the October 14, 2020 Board meeting.

2. Peace Officer Mental Health Grant

Trustee Cindy Simpson made the motion to authorize the Town Administrator to apply for the Peace Officer Mental Health Grant from the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) in the amount of \$230,201 and direct the Mayor to execute the contract if awarded funds. Trustee Betsy Harrison seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. Cortez Dispatch Billing Discussion

The Mancos Marshal's Office uses Cortez Communication Center (Cortez Dispatch) for communication service. The City of Cortez Finance Director is going to start charging Cortez Dispatch rent in the City-owned building starting 2022 at a cost of approximately 195,000 dollars annually. This would raise the MMO bill approximately 13,650 dollars annually. Town Administrator Heather Alvarez and Marshal Justen Goodall met with Cortez City Manager John Dougherty to discuss this item. This item will be discussed at the City of Cortez starting in June 2021 for their 2022 budget.

2. First Round 2021 Agency Contribution Requests

Mayor pro tem Fred Brooks made the motion to approve the 2021 first round agency contribution request from Axis Health in the amount of \$1,500. Trustee Janice Bryan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

3. Town Hall/MMO Remodel Discussion

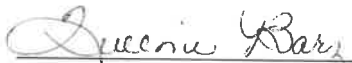
We've discussed the need for additional space at Town Hall for the Marshal's Office due to changes in legislation over the past few years. We have discussed two options, either adding space on to the existing Town Hall or purchasing a new location for the Marshal's Office. A very rough estimate to expand our existing location is \$570,000. If we wish to purchase a separate location and remodel, a very rough estimate is \$425,000. We will not have time to apply for grant funds, so the property purchase would be made using cash reserves. The Board directed staff to research alternate location for the Marshal's Office.

L. *Items for October 14, 2020 Agenda*

- *Committee Reports: Region 9 Southwest Colorado Economic Development*
- *Public Hearing: 2021 Proposed Budget*
- *Watershed Protection Discussion*
- *Chavolo's Liquor License Renewal*
- *One Mile and Three Mile Plan Discussion*
- *Resolution Opposing the Proposed Minimum Lot Size in Montezuma County*

L. **ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Cindy Simpson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:31 p.m. Trustee Brent McWhirter seconded the motion. Motion passed.



Mayor Queenie Barz



Town Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Heather Alvarez