

**Town of Mancos  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
February 24, 2021  
7:00 p.m.**

**A. CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Queenie Barz called the meeting to order at 6:59 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 Cindy Simpson, Trustee Janice Bryan, Trustee Brent McWhirter  
**Absent:** Trustee Ed Hallam

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

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

**E. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF February 10, 2021:** Trustee Brent McWhirter made the motion to approve the minutes of February 10, 2021 as presented. Trustee Cindy Simpson seconded the motion to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

**F. PROCLAMATION – WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH**  
Mayor Queenie Barz read the proclamation.

**G. AUDIENCE BUSINESS**

- Patty Russell, 37271 Road G.25, Mancos – addressed the Board as an Artisan of Mancos regarding the Main Street Bridge project. She is concerned about the impacts of this project on the business.
- Hannah Van Meter, 11762 Road 39.2, Mancos – addressed the Board regarding the move of LivWell to the Millwood building. She does not feel it meets the distance requirements. Town Attorney David Liberman advised that this was heard and decided during a public meeting at a previous meeting.

**H. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- The Main Street Bridge project is out to bid for construction. We have received feedback from two local businesses concerned about the impact this project will have on their business.
- Staff will be hosting joint Town Hall community meeting on March 9 at 5:30 p.m. to allow citizens to provide feedback regarding the Mancos Marshal’s Office and Main Street Bridge project.

- The quarterly Mayors, Managers & Commissioners meeting will be held in Mancos on March 11.
- Mayor Queenie Barz requested permission to nominate Town Administrator Heather Alvarez for the CML Good Governance Award.

## I. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Montezuma County Planning Commission – there were 6 public hearings regarding subdivision requests in Montezuma County
- Mancos School District – holding a community meeting regarding the superintendent search on March 2 at 6:00 p.m.

## J. PRESENTATION – LAURA LEWIS MARCHINO FROM REGION 9

Laura presented the 2020 Performance Report and Montezuma County information.

## K. ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

### 1. Paths To Mesa Verde

This project was started in 2016 as part of the Governor’s Colorado the Beautiful Initiative. The project partners include the Town of Mancos, Montezuma County, City of Cortez, CDOT, Mesa Verde National Park and several other state and federal agencies. We have completed 20% design at this point using a TAP grant with Mancos contributing \$20,000. The total cost for this phase of the project was \$500,000. The remainder of the project, including finalizing design and construction of approximately 8 miles of trail is estimated at \$5,851,030. We currently have been awarded a GOCO grant in the amount of \$193,350, and Montezuma County is in the process of obtaining a FLAP grant in the amount of \$5,700,000. The total cash match required from the Town and County for this project is \$786,650. This item was tabled until March 10, 2021 to allow County staff to attend.

### 2. Relocation Guide Sponsorship

Maggie Goodell from the Montezuma County Tri-Chambers of Commerce presented information to the Board regarding sponsorship of the relocation guide. This item was tabled until March 10, 2021 to allow information to be presented to the Board.

### 3. 2021 Economic Development Work Plan

Presented to the Board for review and comment.

### 4. Economic Development Incentive Discussion

At the beginning of 2020, the Board discussed possible economic development incentives at several workshops. This project was tabled due to COVID19. Rachael Marchbanks, our Economic Development Coordinator, has been working on this project for the last month or so. Draft information is being provided to the Board for direction. The Board directed staff to move forward with the Façade/Beautification and Sidewalk matching

grants. The fee rebate discussion will be brought to a future workshop for additional discussion.

5. Main Street Bridge Construction Management

Mayor pro tem Fred Brooks made the motion to approve the contract with SEH in the amount of \$72,650 for construction management and testing for the Main Street Bridge Project. Trustee Brent McWhirter seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

6. Small Communities Water & Wastewater Grant Application

Trustee Cindy Simpson made the motion to authorize the Town Administrator to submit the Small Communities Water & Wastewater Grant application in the amount of \$400,000 and execute grant documents upon award. Trustee Betsy Harrison seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

7. 2021 Agency Contributions


The Board does wish to move forward with the second round of grant applications to be due April 15, 2021. After discussion, Board directed staff to cancel this round of agency contributions. This item will be revisited during the 2022 budget discussions.

L. *Items for March 10, 2021 Agenda*

- *Economic Development Incentive Discussion (workshop)*
- *Motorized Vehicles On Public Lands Discussion*
- *2021 Public Art Program*
- *Committee Reports: Region 9, CDOT TPR*
- *February Bills & Claims*
- *Public Hearing: Transfer of Retail Marijuana Establishment License from Willow North Inc dba The Bud Farm to The Cultured Family LLC*
- *Paths To Mesa Verde*
- *Relocation Guide*

M. **ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Cindy Simpson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m. Trustee Betsy Harrison seconded the motion.

  
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Mayor Quenie Barz

  
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Town Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Heather Alvarez