

TOWN OF MANCOS
BOARD of TRUSTEES MEETING
August 11, 2021
7:00 p.m.

A. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Queenie Barz called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

C. ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Queenie Barz, Mayor pro tem Fred Books, Trustee Ed Hallam, Trustee Betsy Harrison, Trustee Brent McWhirter, Trustee Janice Bryan, Trustee Cindy Simpson,

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

D. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Mayor pro tem Fred Brooks made the motion to amend the agenda by adding item #4, Resolution 12 Series 2021 and item #5 Monument Sign at Corner of Hwy 184 and Hwy 160 and item #6 Redistricting Discussion under Discussion and Action Items. Trustee Brent McWhirter seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

E. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF July 28, 2021: Trustee Brent McWhirter made the motion to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2021 as presented by staff. Trustee Betsy Harrison seconded the motion. Trustee Cindy Simpson abstained. Motion passed.

F. AUDIENCE BUSINESS:

- Karen Sheek, Cortez, CO. – addressed the Board asking them to consider adding a presentation from the Imagination Library book gifting program to a future agenda. Additional information was given about the program.

G. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Registration is open for the CML Fall Conference September 22-24th. We are asking the Trustees to please let Donna know who will be attending in person.
- Communication training has been scheduled for September 30 and October 21 via Zoom.
- The Town will be working with Colorado Rural Water Association regarding updating our 2009 Source Water Protection Plan. This project is scheduled for 1st Quarter 2022.

- We are seeing an increase in COVID 19 cases once again in Montezuma County. If you have not been vaccinated, please consider wearing a mask when indoors in public settings.
- Due to the end of the eviction moratorium, work is being done on a comprehensive list of resources for citizens of Montezuma County. Once it's finalized, it will be disseminated throughout the County.
- The Board was asked if they would like to resume the bi-weekly meetings with the Town Administrator and Mayor. A schedule was set.
- Deputy Marshal David Martin & Marshal Justen Goodall received an award from VFW for bravery and outstanding professionalism for their response to an incident on March 10, 2019.
- Town Administrator Heather Alvarez has attended several housing meetings in the last few weeks. There is tentative discussion of working together with Montezuma County, City of Cortez, the hospital district and the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe to develop a strategic plan for housing in Montezuma County. There is grant funding available under a new technical assistance program through CHFA with the application being due on September 10, 2021.
- The CML District 9 Meeting will be held in Mancos on October 7th. This event will be co-sponsored with the Columbine Bar & Grill.
- Mayor Barz announced the ribbon cutting/ tour of the school will be August 13th at 5:30-8:00pm
- Public Works Director Terry Jennings gave an update on the Main Street Bridge project.
- A Town-wide Cleanup is scheduled for August 19-21st as well a Yard Waste Drop-off on August 21st.

H. Treasurer's Report: July Bills and Claims:

Trustee Cindy Simpson made the motion to approve the July Bills and Claims as presented by staff. Trustee Janice Bryan seconded the motion. Motion passed.

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Region 9- Trustee Janice Bryan gave an update from the last Region 9 meeting. Region 9 has received 25 business loan inquires as well as 13 grant inquiries. Discussion was had regarding turning The Bridge in Montezuma County into an Enterprise zone. Also discussed the 46 page Loan Statement policy that is given to those who apply for funding.
- CDOT TPR- Mayor pro tem Fred Books attended the last CDOT TPR meeting. Discussion was made regarding a raise to the gas tax and vehicle registration fees in CO. There will also be a fee added all deliveries.

- Montezuma County Commissioner Update- Commissioner Stevenson gave a brief update regarding the gravel pit at the Mancos airport property. The County has applied for a reduction in acreage with the State. The process will take 30-60 days. He spoke of the redistricting of the county based on the 2020 Census data. Montezuma County will be split into half. The County has also contributed to the Imagination Library for the development of early childhood education.

J. ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Reappointment of Victoria Petersen to the Tree Board:

Trustee Cindy Simpson made the motion to reappoint Victoria Petersen to the Tree Board. Trustee Betsy Harrison seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.**

2. Water Treatment Plant Project Funding Update:

Town Administrator Heather Alvarez gave a financial update on the project.

3. Paquin/Albert Subdivision Discussion:

This information was presented for Board review and discussion

4. Resolution 12, Series 2021: Main Street DOLA Grant:

Trustee Cindy Simpson made the motion to Approve Resolution 12 Series 2021, A Resolution Authorizing the Main Street Project in Town Of Mancos. Trustee Brent McWhirter seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.**

5. Monument Sign at Corner of Hwy 184 and Hwy 160:

LivWell has been working with the Mancos Creative District on ideas to promote the downtown businesses and Mancos in general. They have agreed to install a monument sign on their property, welcoming the public to the Town of Mancos. The Board was asked to consider a financial contribution to the monument sign. After discussion the Board decided to come back to the topic if funding is needed at a later date.

6. Redistricting Discussion:

Information was presented for Board review and discussion. The Board requested further research on the topic to discuss at a later meeting.


K. Items for August 25, 2021 Agenda

- 1. Joint Workshop with Mancos Creative District*
- 2. Committee Reports*
- 3. Region 9 Redistricting discussion*
- 4. Imagination Library Presentation*

5. Grant Opportunities around water education and discussion

L. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Ed Hallam made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m.



Mayor Queenie Barz



Town Clerk/Treasurer Donna Murphy