



**BASALT TOWN COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES – APRIL 28, 2020**

**Basalt is an inclusive, sustainable, mountain community that boasts both historic charm and progressive vision. It is an engaging place to live, work and play while offering an abundance of creative, professional, educational and recreational outlets.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Mayor Whitsitt called her last meeting to order at approximately 6:00 PM on Tuesday, April 28, 2020. Council members present were Bill Infante, Gary Tennenbaum, Katie Schwoerer, Jennifer Riffle, Ryan Slack and Auden Schendler.

**2. CONSENT AGENDA**

**2A. Minutes:** April 14, 2020

**M/S COUNCILORS SCHENDLER AND SCHWOERER THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.**

**3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

**3A. Positive Comments and Gratitudes about Basalt**

**3B. At this time members of the public are invited to address the Town Council on any issue, except for items scheduled for a Public Hearing at this meeting.**

There were no public comments made this evening.

**4. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS**

Jennifer Riffle reminded all to complete their census at [census.gov](https://www.census.gov).

Bill Infante spoke about his meeting with Bill Morris and Blue Star Recycling which will be opening up soon on or around May 1 at Willits Bend for electronic waste recycling – phones, televisions computer, etc. There may be a fee for some recycling items. They also tend to employ a large number of kids on the Autism spectrum who otherwise might find employment. Hoping for a grand opening late June or early July.

Bill Infante also noted that he had reached out to restaurants this week as part of the task force assignments. Restaurants are anxious but prudent in their desire to re-open.

Also Dillon Roberts had a conference call ?Gardner and ?Bennett last Friday in regard to the business-insurance letter the Town sent. Bill Infante said a federal solution is being petitioned for.

A couple citizens reached out to bill seeking a mandatory mask requirement similar to the mask requirement in Aspen. Also to ask that the police enforce social distancing.

Jacque Whitsitt said that City Market had improved their enforcement of masks and social distancing as she had drive by today and they were limiting the number of people into the store and clearly requiring masks of those who entered. She congratulated them for taking those steps.

Jennifer reminded folks to complete their Crown Mountain ballots for board seats; today is the last day to request an absentee ballot. There will be voting in person on May 5 at the Crown Mountain office as well.

Gary Tennenbaum offered a shout out to Greg for responding to him about Eagle County change in the Health Order regarding dog parks and trying to clarify those on-leash and off-leash areas. Gary also thanked Greg for his handling of the enforcement of that; citizens were pleased with the educational approach.

Ryan Slack added that latest information was that Ruedi Reservoir would not be open until June 1 this year.

## **5. MANAGER'S REPORT**

Ryan Mahoney noted it was bittersweet tonight as it was the last meeting for some of the council members. He thanked those council members for their welcoming of him and stated he enjoyed working with them.

Mountain lions have been active in the hill district in Town having taken a couple of deer the last couple of days. Greg Knott noted that Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) posted advisory signage and worked with the PD for outreach in Facebook and other venues.

Last week, we did some videos with the new Council members which have been posted to the town's web and Facebook pages.

Ryan Mahoney noted that the Town has been enforcing the active health orders and working to educate people on those health orders. A matrix is being developed to help identify the health orders between Pitkin and Eagle counties and the State. Ryan discussed some of the business openings and how the businesses were working to comply with the compliance rules. Ryan noted the county websites where additional information on COVID 19 may be obtained.

## **6. COUNCIL ACTIONS**

**M/S COUNCILORS RIFFLE AND SLACK THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL CONVENE AS THE LOCAL LIQUOR AUTHORITY. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS HELD. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.**

**6A. Public Hearing – Application for a New Liquor License – Ocean Seafood & Raw Bar, 241 Harris Street, Basalt**

Town Council member Jennifer Riffle recused herself as she had been an employee of the applicant.

Town Clerk Schilling reviewed the application requirements, investigation agency comments and findings with the Council.

The applicant was called. Mario Hernandez and his wife Vanessa were represented by Attorney Ken Ransford; all were present via phone. There were no additional comments.

Mayor Whitsitt opened the public hearing at 6:35 pm. There were no public comments and the public hearing was closed.

**M/S COUNCILORS SCHENDLER AND SLACK THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL GRANT A NEW HOTEL AND RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE TO OCEAN SEAFOOD & RAW BAR, LOCATED AT 241 HARRIS STREET, BASALT, CONTINGENT ON THE APPLICANT MEETING THE CONDITIONS AS STATED IN THE STAFF RECOMMENDATION SECTION OF THE MEMO DATED APRIL 28, 2020. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.**

**6B. Public Hearing: Change in Corporate Ownership - Heather's Savory Pies, LLC - Addition of new Member to Heather's Savory Pies, LLC 166 Midland Avenue, Basalt (Pam Schilling)**

Town Clerk Schilling explained the change in ownership (addition of a new member). The applicant was offered an opportunity to speak.

Mayor Whitsitt opened the public hearing at 6:42 pm. There were no public comments and the hearing was closed.

**M/S COUNCILORS SCHWOERER AND SLACK THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZE THE TOWN CLERK TO SIGN AND SEND THE REPORT OF CHANGES TO THE STATE OF COLORADO. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.**

**6C. Public Hearing: Change in Corporate Ownership - Kedai, LLC – Removal of existing member and addition of two new Members to Kedai, LLC, dba K'Gen Asian Cuisine, 231 Harris Street, Basalt (Pam Schilling)**

Town Clerk Schilling explained the change in ownership (removal of an existing member and addition of 2 new members). The applicant was offered an opportunity to speak.

Mayor Whitsitt opened the public hearing at 6:42 pm. There were no public comments and the hearing was closed.

**M/S COUNCILORS SCHWOERER AND SLACK THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZE THE TOWN CLERK TO SIGN AND SEND THE REPORT OF CHANGES TO THE STATE OF COLORADO. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.**

**THE LOCAL LIQUOR AUTHORITY ADJOURNED AND THE COUNCIL RECONVENED.**

**7. Parting Council Member Comments**

Parting Council Members Auden Schendler, Jennifer Riffle, Katie Schwoerer and Mayor Whitsitt shared their thoughts upon leaving office.

**8. Oaths of Office – New Council takes office**

Mayor Bill Kane and Council members Glenn Drummond, David Knight and Elyse Hottel took the Oaths of Office.

**9. Appoint Mayor Pro-tem and RFTA Appointee** (Ryan Mahoney)

Gary Tennenbaum was nominated and accepted the nomination to continue as Mayor Pro tem.

**M/S COUNCLORS DRUMMOND AND HOTTEL TO APPROVE GARY TENNENBAUM AS THE MAYOR PRO TEM. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0-1 (GARY TENNENBAUM ABSTAINING)**

**M/S COUNCILORS SLACK AND DRUMMONG TO APPOINT BILL KANE AS THE RFTA REPRESENTATIVE. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0-1 (BILL KANE ABSTAINING).**

**10. Resolution No. 13, Series of 2020:** A Resolution of the Town Council of Basalt, Colorado, Approving an IGA with the Colorado Information Sharing Consortium (CISC) (Greg Knott)

Police Chief Greg Knott explained the purpose and need for the Resolution approving an IGA with the Colorado Information Sharing Consortium (CISC). A data clearing house for law-enforcement entities; sharing of data and information that streamlines investigations, allows for better collaboration among agencies, and to best serve the community.

**M/S COUNCILORS SLACK AND KNIGHT THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 13, SERIES OF 2020. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.**

**11. Financial Update and Community Assistance** (Ryan Mahoney/Christy Hamrick)

Town Manager Ryan Mahoney and Finance Director Christy Hamrick updated the Council on the Town's finances and fund balance. Staff made a recommendation to Council to make two \$10,000 donations out of the general fund now – to Food Bank of the Rockies, and to the COVID 19 Regional Response Fund through the Aspen Community Foundation who serves as the clearinghouse for local assistance with food, rent, etc. within the community. We can also ask that it be specific to the local mid-valley community working through Basalt Gives organization. A third donation of \$50,000 would go to The Hope Center for mental health services. The source of those funds would come from the cigarette tax.

General discussion among the council followed.

Christy Hamrick reviewed the Town's financial projections and explained the only change from the last report shown to the council which indicated a favorable \$900,000 fund summary. Christy offered a detailed overview of the Town's current financial statements.

**12. INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE**

- 12A. Accounts Payable
- 12B. Advanced Agendas
- 12C. Future Board Appointments
- 12D. Correspondence to the Town

**13. ADJOURN**

The meeting was declared adjourned by Mayor Kane at 8:15 pm.

The minutes of this April 24, 2020 meeting were read and approved this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.

**BASALT TOWN COUNCIL (first portion of meeting):**

By:   
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Mayor Jacques Whitsitt (outgoing Mayor)

**BASALT TOWN COUNCIL (second portion of meeting):**

By:   
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Mayor William G Kane (incoming Mayor)

**ATTEST:**

By:   
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Pamela K Schilling, Town Clerk



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<https://townofbasalt.ompnetwork.org/sessions/132908?embedInPoint=1&embedOutPoint=9216&shareMethod=link>