



BASALT
BASALT TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES – AUGUST 27, 2019

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

The regular meeting of the Basalt Town Council was called to order by Mayor Jacque Whitsitt at 6:03 pm on Tuesday, August 27, 2019. Council member present were Gary Tennenbaum, Auden Schendler, Jennifer Riffle, Ryan Slack, Bill Infante and Katie Schwoerer.

2. CONSENT AGENDA:

2A. Minutes: August 13, 2019

M/S COUNCILORS SLACK AND RIFFLE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 13, 2019 MEETING AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0-2 WITH COUNCIL MEMBERS INFANTE AND SCHENDLER ABSTAINING AS THEY HAD NOT BEEN PRESENT AT THE AUGUST 13 MEETING.

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

Council member Jennifer Riffle wanted to put a 'dump truck' of gratitude for NRCS, Ryan Mahoney and SGM consultants for responding so quickly to improve the Cedar and Pinon intersection.

Mayor Jacque Whitsitt said she had attended a Colorado Association of Ski Towns (CAST) meeting last week in Frisco. They discussed a number of things including the development at Copper Mountain Resort and the ski company housing being built there. They also discussed the census, but did not discuss the census policy issues and why it is important that we count everyone.

5. MANAGER'S REPORT:

Town Manager Ryan Mahoney discussed his time spent in the hill district and up Frying Pan Road with the NRCS and SGM engineer who are doing design and determining where the water goes at the bottom of the hill. They discussed starting construction next week at the top of Cedar and Pinon and following the drainage down to Two Rivers Road and into the Frying Pan River. There will be some traffic issues; the project is estimated to last one month.

Ryan updated the Council on the testing for lead at the shooting range. Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) is waiting for a plan from Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW). They will review the plan then proceed with a private firm to do the work. There was also a question about the shooting range being closed. There were some electrical lines buried in the road that was eroded with the flood waters and they didn't want anyone out there with the lines exposed. CPW has not responded to our letter to them; Ryan thought we might have to take another stab at that one.

Colorado Municipal League (CML) is having their district meeting in Snowmass beginning at 4 pm. Council members can notify the Town Clerk to be registered.

5A. Clarification and Direction re: Council Selection Committee for Committee Appointments

Ryan Mahoney noted that we have put out requests looking to fill some committee vacancies. Staff reviewed the last discussion and it was determined to be unclear as to Council direction on how to proceed with appointments. Some discussion followed.

M/S COUNCILORS SCHWOERER AND RIFFLE THA THE TOWN COUNCIL FORM A SUBCOMMITTEE TO INTERVIEW POTENTIAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND BRING RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE FULL COUNCIL FOR APPOINTMENT. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-1 WITH COUNCILOR SLACK OPPOSED.

6. PRESENTATIONS

6A. Quarterly Financial Report (Christy Hamrick);

Christy Hamrick presented and discussed the 2nd quarter financials with the Council.

7. COUNCIL ACTIONS:

7A. Resolution No. 33, Series of 2019: A Resolution of the Town Council of Basalt, Colorado, Referring to the Eligible Electors of the Town Council of Basalt, at the Coordinated Election to be held November 5, 2019, a Ballot Issue Regarding the Town's General Operating Mill Levy (Jeff Conklin)

Town Attorney Jeff Conklin discussed this item with Council noting that this Resolution would set the ballot question for the November election as it relates to the Mill Levy of the Town.

M/S COUNCILORS SCHENDLER AND SLACK TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 33, SERIES OF 2019. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

7B. Resolution No. 34, Series of 2019: A Resolution of the Town Council of Basalt, Colorado, Endorsing the Declaration of a Climate Emergency and Requesting Regional

Collaboration on an Immediate Just Transition and Emergency Mobilization Effort to Restore a Safe Climate (Ryan Mahoney)

Town Manager Ryan Mahoney kicked off the discussion of this item with Council. Council member Katie Schwoerer offered some statistics related to support of this resolution nationally and internationally. Auden Schendler pointed out strides Basalt has made in support of a healthy climate. He discussed Basalt's Green Team Climate Action Plan released 2 years ago and their work with Holy Cross Energy who has announced that they would meet their 2030 climate goals a decade early. The Town staff has worked to change building codes and install a fast electric car charger. Town owned buildings have been audited and retrofitted, and Basalt has participated in Colorado Communities for Climate Action. Auden said he looked forward to the different things the Town would be doing to roll this out with budget and staff support in the next year or two.

M/S COUNCILORS SCHWOERER AND SCHENDLER THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 34, SERIES OF 2019. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

7C. Public Hearing and Second Reading of Ordinance No. 17, Series of 2019:

An Ordinance of the Town Council of Basalt, Colorado, Providing for a Supplemental Appropriation for the Year Ending December 31, 2019 Related to the Voluntary Refund of Overcollected Revenues from the Town's General Operating Mill Levy and Repayment of the Affordable Housing Line of Credit (Christy Hamrick/Jeff Conklin)

Finance Director Christy Hamrick discussed this item with council.

Mayor Whitsitt opened the public hearing at 6:57 pm.

Glenn Drummond of East Valley Road, spoke to this matter congratulating the Town for the way they have handled this difficult issue and indicating he and his wife had agreed to return their refund to the Town.

There were no further public comments and the hearing was closed.

M/S COUNCILORS SLACK AND TENNENBAUM THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL

Bill Infante stated he intended to vote in favor of Ordinance No. 17 of 2019 which performs the basic administrative function of approving the supplemental appropriation for this year. Bill wanted to note, however, that he voted against ordinances 15 and 16 because he believes felt the decision to incur debt for the purpose of refunding property tax should be made by the voters.

Auden Schendler noted he was going to vote no on this, not out of malice for anybody, but he generally felt the same as Bill Infante.

THE MOTION CARRIED 6-1 WITH COUNCIL MEMBER SCHENDLER OPPOSED.

7D. Public Hearing and Second Reading of Ordinance No. 18, Series of 2019: An Ordinance of the Town Council of Basalt, Colorado, Amending Chapter 16, Zoning, of the Municipal Code to Provide for the Regulation of Wireless Communication Facilities in the Town (Jeff Conklin/Susan Philp)

Town Attorney Jeff Conklin gave a brief overview of the Ordinance for the benefit of those who were not present at the first reading.

Mayor Whitsitt opened the public hearing at 7:03 pm. There were no public comments and the hearing was closed.

Councilor Riffle commented that there were other municipalities, in Michigan, who were interested in our language for this item.

M/S COUNCILORS RIFFLE AND SLACK THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 18, SERIES OF 2019 ON SECOND READING. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

7E. Resolution No. 35, Series of 2019: A Resolution of the Town Council of Basalt, Colorado, Approving an Equipment Lease/Purchase Agreement with NHB Bank for a Street Sweeper (Ryan Mahoney)

Town Manager Ryan Mahoney noted that staff had not received the necessary documents in time to include in the packet and requested the item be tabled to the next meeting.

7E. M/S COUNCILORS TENNENBAUM AND SLACK THAT RESOLUTION NO. 35, SEIRES OF 2019, BE TABLED TO THE SEPTEMBER 10, 2019 MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

8. M/S COUNCILORS SLACK AND SCHENDLER THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR A CONFERENCE WITH OUR ATTORNEY FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING LEGAL ADVICE ON SPECIFIC LEGAL QUESTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(B) SPECIFICALLY TO DISCUSS 2019CV030183 - CLASEN QUIET TITLE ACTION. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Council entered executive session at 7:05 pm.

M/S COUNCILORS SCHENDLER AND SCHWOERER TO ADJOURN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECONVENE THE COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:30 PM. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

9. INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE:

- 9A.** Accounts Payable
- 9B.** Advanced Agendas
- 9C.** Sales Tax Update – July
- 9D.** Correspondence to the Town

10. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.

The minutes of this August 27, 2019 were read and approved this 10th day of September, 2019.

BASALT TOWN COUNCIL:

By: 
Jacque Whitsitt, Mayor

ATTEST:


Pamela Schilling, Town Clerk

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