



**BASALT TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES – JANUARY 14, 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.

4:30 Worksession: Joint Worksession with P&Z on the 2020 Basalt Master Plan

Council members met with P&Z members and representatives of Cushing Terrell (CTA) Wayne Freeman and Dave Dickson, as well as Connect One's Heather Henry for a review of the Basalt Master Plan. P&Z representatives present were Bill Maron, Rob Levitt and Bernie Grauer.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Whitsitt called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM. Council members present were Auden Schendler, Jennifer Riffle, Bill Infante, Katie Schwoerer and Ryan Slack.

2. JANUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: Pillar of Fairness

Play by the rules. Take turns and share. Be open-minded, listen to others. Do not take advantage of others. Do not blame others carelessly.

January's Students of the Month are:

BASALT ELEMENTARY: Hunter Raymond and Francesa Lofaro

BASALT MIDDLE SCHOOL: Elise Thomason and Garrett Woelfle

BASALT HIGH SCHOOL: Odayls Cruz Bonilla and Manuel Gomez

3. CONSENT AGENDA

3A. Minutes: December 10, 2019

M/S COUNILORS SCHWOERER AND SLACK THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 10, 2019 MEETING AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no public comments offered this evening.

5. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS

Jennifer Riffle offered gratitude this evening for Public Works working with the new water hog (installed as part of the flood debris flow management); and for their snow plowing situation in

the hill district and for working with the limited snow storage spaces; and for leaving a safe path to walk along there.

Jennifer also asked for an update on the Arbaney Pool noting that the new cover set up looked like it had a little issue.

Mayor Whitsitt offered gratitude for Public Works getting the Willits Trail cleared during the winter and having it done for pedestrians almost before clearing the streets for traffic.

6. MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager Ryan Mahoney discussed that work at the river park had begun; Pitkin County was going to fix that in-channel wave feature or improve it, and some other river work and improvements. They will be mobilizing this week for the river and channel work and finishing by April 30.

Ryan wanted to bring everyone's attention to the Wilds and their wildfire mitigation work at their site. They will be doing a supervised controlled burn of their slash piles which is being permitted through the Roaring Fork Fire district. The removal of the slash will make the town safer. Staff will make sure to notify the public on that and also get EC alerts to notify citizens.

7. PRESENTATIONS

7A. Update on 2020 Census outreach efforts

Staff Planner Watkins Fulk-Gray was present with Brian Meinhart, Senior Partnership Specialist with the US Census Bureau, and Kara Silbernagel, Policy and Projects Manager for Pitkin County, to discuss the upcoming census. The intent is to get a complete count focusing on children, seniors, seasonal workers, people who do not have home mail delivery, Latinos, etc. There is an advertising campaign and outreach planned. The importance of a complete count was discussed. A key message is that the census is important, easy, safe and 100% confidential and not personal. Census survey distribution was also reviewed.

8. COUNCIL ACTIONS

8A. Ordinance No. 01, Series of 2020: An Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Basalt, Colorado, Amending Chapter 4, Article VIII of the Basalt Municipal Code to Eliminate the One Percent For Art Program (Ryan Mahoney)

Town Manager Ryan Mahoney discussed this item with Council.

M/S COUNCILORS SCHWOERER AND RIFFLE THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 01 , SERIES OF 2020 ON FIRST READING AND SET THE PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING FOR JANUARY 28, 2020. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

8B. Ordinance No. 02, Series of 2020: An Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Basalt, Colorado, Amending Chapter 2, Article III (Officers and Employees) of the Basalt Municipal Code to Eliminate the Personnel Review Board
Town Manager Ryan Mahoney introduced this item and discussed with Council.

Mayor Whitsitt had some issues with removing an appeal board and sought more information on an appeal process. Staff agreed to bring back more information on 2nd reading.

M/S COUNCILORS SLACK AND TENNENBAUM THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 02, SERIES OF 2020 ON FIRST READING AND SET THE PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING FOR JANUARY 28, 2020.

8C. Ordinance No. 03, Series of 2020: An Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Basalt, Colorado, Amending Chapter 1, Article IV (General Penalty) of the Municipal Code to Conform with Penalty Provisions in State Law

Town Attorney Jeff Conklin discussed this amendment to the Basalt Code to comply with new State penalty provisions.

M/S COUNCILORS RIFFLE AND SCHENDLER THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 03, SERIES OF 2020 ON FIRST READING AND SET THE PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING FOR JANUARY 28, 2020.

8D. Update and Discussion on Recycle Opportunities

Town Manager Ryan Mahoney and Planning Director Susan Philp discussed the impending closure of the recycle facility due to increased costs associated with the operation of the center, and discussed some potential solutions being sought in conjunction with Eagle County. Some proposed Green Team projects could be more effective and efficient in the overall carbon footprint reduction, given the Town's limited resources.

Various ideas were discussed such as composting, public education workshops on issues related to recycling, composting to reduce and divert waste, energy usage, etc. Reduction of overall waste and ways to incentivize that were also discussed. Outreach to the community and other government agencies for information and partnerships were potential projects as well.

8E. Resolution No. 01, Series of 2020: A Resolution of the Town Council of Basalt, Colorado, Designating the Places for Posting of Public Meeting Notices

Town Attorney Jeff Conklin discussed this item with Council.

M/S COUNCILORS SCHWOERER AND SLACK THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 01, SERIES OF 2020. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

7:28 9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

M/S COUNCILORS TENNENBAUM AND SCHWOERER THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR A CONFERENCE WITH THE TOWN'S ATTORNEYS FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING LEGAL ADVICE ON SPECIFIC LEGAL QUESTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH C.R.S. 24-6-02(4)(B); MORE SPECIFICALLY, AN UPDATE ON TORT NOTICE RELATED TO MICHAEL SCANLON. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Council entered Executive Session at 7:10 pm.

The Executive Session was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

10. INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

- 10A. Accounts Payable
- 10B. Advanced Agendas
- 10C. Updated Sales Tax Report – November 2019
- 10D. Correspondence to the Town

11. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

The minutes of this January 14, 2020 meeting were read and approved this 28th day of January, 2020.

BASALT TOWN COUNCIL:

By: 
Jacque Whitsitt Mayor

ATTEST:


Pamela Schilling, Town Clerk

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