



**BASALT TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES – FEBRUARY 13, 2018**

**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 the meeting to order at approximately 6:02 PM on Tuesday, February 13, 2018. Council members present were Auden Schendler, Katie Schwoerer, Bernie Grauer, Mark Kittle, Gary Tennenbaum and Jennifer Riffle.

**2. CONSENT AGENDA**

**2A. Minutes:** January 23, 2018

**2B. Re-appointment:** Suzanne Wheeler to BACH (Basalt Affordable Community Housing Commission) (Sara Nadolny)

**2C. Special Event Activity Permit:** Frying Pan River Clean Up (Watkins Fulk Gray)

**M/S COUNCILORS RIFFLE AND SCHWOERER THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS AS PRESENTED.**

**3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

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

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

Chamber Director Kris Mattera noted her gratitude for the recent snow the valley has been receiving.

Rick Stevens said the recent B-Talks was well done and well attended. He noted the Joe Coffey has passed away recently. Mr. Coffey was a valley local, skier and housing director for Snowmass Village for the past 38 years. Rick noted there would be a fairly informal meet and greet of the six council candidates at the Basalt Library on Tuesday, February 20 from 5 to 7 pm.

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

Jennifer Riffle asked about the status of the tiny library in town. Auden Schendler said he and staff were seeking good sites for the little libraries. Ryan Mahone said he had reached out to the Sopris Meadows HOA to see if they would like a Tiny Library near the new playground. Their HOA meets in March. Jenn added that a citizen had suggested to her that a Tiny Library be located by Arbaney Park. Auden asked to be put in touch with that citizen for future interest in helping to maintain a Tiny Library.

Auden Schendler said he spoke with Ryan about the formula Pitkin County has for housing employees and suggested Ryan speak to Pitkin County Manager Jon Peacock about their variety of financing approaches, participation from the County, etc., and have a more involved conversation about this in the future. This deals with town employees, but could bleed over to be a BACH process later.

Jacque Whitsitt noted the letter from Vice President Pence recognizing our local athletes representing the US at the winter Olympics. Jacque further recognized local valley athletes representing the US at the Olympics: Wiley Maple, Aspen, Simi Hamilton, Noah Hoffman and Alex Ferreira all of Aspen, Torin Yater-Wallace of Basalt, and Red Gerard from Silverthorne, and Ariel Gold of Steamboat Springs.

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

Town Manager Ryan Mahoney sought feedback from Council on the Holy Cross (Electric) Franchise Agreement. Ryan sought direction from Council to bring back an Ordinance to extend the Holy Cross Franchise Agreement for another 10 years.

**M/S COUNCILORS SCHENDLER AND RIFFLE TO BRING BACK AN ORDINANCE TO EXTEND THE HOLY CROSS FRANCHISE AGREEMENT FOR AN ADDITIONAL 10 YEARS. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.**

Ryan noted Pitkin County started their river park improvements to allow people to sneak down the left side of the river without having to commit to the wave or the hole as they kayak down. People will still need good skills during high waters to navigate through the hole. Ryan also felt the County was at a point that the local subcommittee could begin to set some meetings to discuss future improvements at the whitewater/river park. Bernie asked about warning signage for kayakers as good skills will even be needed for the sneak-around section. Mark Kittle noted there was guardrail as you come down the driveway from the Meyer's property, but there wasn't any guard rail as you come out of Elk Run Drive.

Mayor Whitsitt thanked Chamber Director Kris Mattera and Geoff Hasley of the Roaring Fork Club for their work on the B-Talks held at the Club recently.

#### **6. ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION AND DIRECTION**

**6A. Letter to Verizon re: Cell Service in the Willits Area (Mayor Whitsitt and Ryan Mahoney)**

Town Manager Ryan Mahoney noted the draft letter to Verizon formatted from the complaints of the community concerning poor service at Willits. Ryan said that Verizon had responded to his request for information by indicating their frame for construction of the Willits Verizon tower was to be between June and August of this year.

Mayor Whitsitt opened the meeting to public comments. David Panico, Lakeside Drive in Willits, spoke of his and his family's experiences with communication issues through Verizon, including emergency contacts, and said he wanted to add his voice to any process there might be between the Town and the Verizon corporate entity.

Mayor Whitsitt asked that the letter to Verizon be copied to the FCC.

Kris Mattera distributed copies of the letter being circulated and signed by Chamber members in support of the letter drafted by the Town, and summarized the content of the letter for Council members.

**M/S COUNCILOR STENNENBAUM AND SCHENDLER THAT THE MAYOR BE AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THE LETTER TO VERIZON. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.**

**6B. Discussion:** Regarding an Increase in the Age from 18 to 21 for Tobacco/Nicotine Products sales in Basalt (Bernie Grauer and Ryan Mahoney)

Town Manager Ryan Mahone, Council member Bernie Grauer and Eagle County Public Health's healthy systems coordinator Mandy Ivanov, were present for this discussion.

**M/S COUNCILORS TENNENBAUM AND GRAUER THAT STAFF PROCEED TO BRING AN ORDINANCE TO COUNCIL INCREASING THE LEGAL AGE TO 21 FOR THE PURCHASE OF TOBACCO AND NICOTINE PRODUCTS IN THE TOWN OF BASALT. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.**

## **7. COUNCIL ACTIONS**

**7A. First Reading of Ordinance No. 02, Series of 2018:** An Ordinance of the Town Council of Basalt, Colorado, Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Cable Television System Franchise Agreement and the Town of Basalt Customer Service Standards Between Comcast of Colorado/Florida/Michigan/New Mexico/Pennsylvania/Washington, LLC., and the Town of Basalt, Colorado (Ryan Mahoney)

Town Manager Ryan Mahoney outlined the Franchise Agreement before Council this evening.

**M/S COUNCILORS RIFFLE AND SCHENDLER THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 02, SERIES OF 2018 ON FIRST READING, AND SET THE PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING FOR FEBRUARY 27, 2018. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.**

**7B. Continued Public Hearing and Second Reading of Ordinance No. 28, Series of 2017:** An Ordinance of the Town Council of Basalt, Colorado, Approving Amendments to the Approval Documents for the Willits Town Center PUD (Susan Philp)

Planning Director Susan Philp, IND Ventures Tim Belinski and Annie Glatz, and Attorney Jody Edwards were present for this item.

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:09 PM. Citizens speaking at the public hearing were Diana Elliott of Lewis Lane in Eagle County. There were no further public comments and the hearing was closed at 7:10 PM.

Council comments and questions followed.

**M/S COUNCILORS GRAUER AND KITTLE THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 28, SERIES OF 2018 ON SECOND READING WITH THE CHANGES TO CONDITION 22 OF EXHIBIT A REGARDING RETA 2; AND CHANGES TO CONDITION 8C OF EXHIBIT A-1 REGARDING BLOCK 11 AS PER THE GREEN SHEET HANDED OUT AT THE COUNCIL MEETING THIS EVENING.**

Jody Edwards clarified, for the record, comments regarding the RETA made by staff earlier.

**THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.**

**8. INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE**

- 8A. Accounts Payable
- 8B. Advanced Agendas
- 8C. Correspondence to the Town

**9. ADJOURN**

**M/S COUNCILORS RIFFLE AND SCHWOERER THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL ADJOURN THE MEETING AT APPROXIMATELY 7:20 PM. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The minutes of this February 13, 2018 meeting were read and approved this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018.

**BASALT TOWN COUNCIL:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jacque Whitsitt, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Pamela Schilling, Town Clerk



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