



**BASALT TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES – MARCH 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.

5:00 PM **WORKSESSION:** Fire Mitigation Discussion (Ryan Mahoney)

Fire Chiefs John Mele and Scott Thompson, and Fire Marshal Brooke Stott were present to discuss Fire Mitigation and encourage fire mitigation practices.

5:45 **Break**

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL (Mayor and Clerk)

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jacque Whitsitt. Council members present were Auden Schendler, Katie Schwoerer, Mark Kittle, Bernie Grauer, Jennifer Riffle, Katie Schwoerer and Gary Tennenbaum.

2. STUDENTS OF THE MONTH for March 2018 (Council)

March is the Pillar of Character – Citizenship: Do your share to make your school and community better. Cooperate. Stay informed; vote. Be a good neighbor. Obey laws and follow rules. Respect authority. Protect the environment.

MARCH'S STUDENT CITIZENS ARE:

BASALT ELEMENTARY: Cash Haarklou and Siomara Vergara-Gomez
BASALT MIDDLE SCHOOL: Caitland Peterson and Jared Tennenbaum
BASALT HIGH SCHOOL: Stephanie Anglin and Jake Reuss

3. CONSENT AGENDA

3A. Minutes: Minutes of February 27, 2018

3B. Continue to March 27, 2018: Public Hearing and First Reading of an Ordinance Amending the Town's Sustainability Building Regulations (Jim Wilson)

M/S COUNCILORS RIFFLE AND KITTLE THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC (Please limit comments to 3 minutes.)

4A. Positive Comments and Gratitudes about Basalt

4B. 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.

There were no public comments presented at this time.

6:21 5. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS

Council member Bernie Grauer said he had attended a vaping education talk at the Basalt High School put on by School Resource Officer Thomas Wright. It is a concern that vaping is a gateway to other tobacco, nicotine, marijuana use. Bernie felt the talk was very useful and common sense.

Jennifer Riffle said she and Council member Auden Schendler had attended the Pitkin County stakeholders meeting on the whitewater park. Jenn felt it was pretty stunning what Pitkin County was putting forth as far as options on the Park and she was 'stoked' to continue the partnership.

6:27 6. MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager Ryan Mahoney reported:

- Several staff members were invited to attend the Annual Sopris Meadows HOA meeting and had prepared an update for homeowners mainly on East Valley Road projects, and to talk about mosquitoes. Chief Greg Knott, Ryan, Matt Wagner and possibly Susan Philp will attend.
- A training, in conjunction with the Town of Carbondale could be held May 14 or 16, depending on Council preference. Council members were asked to respond by noon tomorrow with their preferred date. The training is being conducted by....
- When Council member Kittle leaves the Town Council there will be a vacancy on the RWAPA (Ruedi Water And Power Authority) Board. Ryan suggested Council wait until the new council takes their seats before finding a volunteer for that opening. The RWAPA deals with local water issues including the mussel issue at Ruedi Reservoir.
- Ryan noted he would not be at the next Council meeting on March 27.

- Ryan thanked Judi Tippetts for the final close out on the underpass project. He said all it's had been dotted and t's crossed. He was grateful for an immense project that was finished.
- Ryan offered thanks to Kris Mattera and Eric Rodel for speaking with the tobacco retailers and explaining to them the reasons the town is requesting the tobacco and nicotine tax increase. Some good feedback was obtained from those meetings.
- Ryan noted that the Library was seeking one volunteer to interview applicants for the library Board. Dates and times had been sent to Council, and would be sent again for replies.

7. ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

7A. DISCUSSION: Eagle County Mid-Valley Area Community Plan – P&Z Invited

Planning Director Susan Philp and Assistant Planning Director James Lindt, along with P&Z member Ryan Slack were present for this discussion.

Council discussion followed. Council determined they wished to provide comments as a united group and asked that staff draft a letter for Council review and distribution to the County Commissioners as soon as possible.

8. COUNCIL ACTIONS

8A. Approval of Roaring Fork Conservancy Agreement Re: Construction of Old Pond Park Improvements

Planning Director Susan Philp was present with Rob Morey, owner's representative, and Rick Lofaro, Executive Director of the Roaring Fork Conservancy.

M/S COUNCILORS SCHENDLER AND SCHWOERER THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZE THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE OLD POND PARK IMPROVEMENTS. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

8B. First Reading of Ordinance No. 05, Series of 2018: An Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Basalt, Colorado, Amending Chapter 6 of the Municipal Code of the Town of Basalt – Business Licenses and Regulations – to add a new Article VI Entitled: Licensing of Tobacco Retailers

Council Member Bernie Grauer and Town Manager Ryan Mahoney led discussion of this item.

M/S COUNCILORS GRAUER AND RIFFLE THA THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 05, SERIES OF 2018, ON FIRST READING, AND SET THE PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING FOR MARCH 27, 2018. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

8C. Renewal of Holy Cross Franchise Agreement

Discussion of this item was led by Town Manager Ryan Mahoney.

M/S COUNCILORS KITTLE AND SCHENDLER THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZE RENEWAL OF THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH HOLY CROSS FOR A 10 YEAR PERIOD BEGINNING NAPRIL 3, 2018 AND ENDING APRIL 3, 2028. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

8D. Public Hearing and Second 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

Town Manager Ryan Mahoney led discussion of this item.

Mayor Jacque Whitsitt opened the public hearing at approximately 7:21 PM. There were no comments and the hearing was closed.

M/S COUNCILORS RIFFLE AND GRAUER THAT THE TOWN OCOUNCIL ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 02, SERIES OF 2018 ON SECOND READING. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

8E. Public Hearing and Second Reading of Ordinance No. 03, Series of 2018: An Ordinance of the Town Council of Basalt, Colorado, Authorizing Borrowing on a Line of Credit for the Purpose of Purchasing Affordable Housing for the Town of Basalt, Colorado.

Assistant Town Manager/Finance Director Judi Tippetts led discussion of this item.

Mayor Whitsitt opened the public hearing at 7:29 PM. There were no comments and the hearing was closed.

M/S COUNCILORS SCHWOERER AND KITTLE THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 3, SERIES OF 2018 ON SECOND READING. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

8F. Public Hearing and Second Reading of Ordinance No. 04, Series of 2018: An Ordinance of the Town Council of Basalt, Colorado, Authorizing Borrowing on a Line of Credit for the Purpose of Constructing an Underpass at Basalt Avenue for the Town of Basalt, Colorado.

Assistant Town Manager/Finance Director Judi Tippetts led discussion of this item.

Mayor Whitsitt opened the public hearing at 7:31 PM.

Ryan Slack spoke to Council thanking them for the new pedestrian underpass.

There were no further comments and the hearing was closed.

M/S COUNCILORS KITTLE AND SCHENDLER THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 4, SERIES OF 2018 ON SECOND READING. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Town Council Member Mark Kittle left the meeting at this time.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

9A. For purposes of discussing Personnel Matters in accordance with C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(f), more specifically, Review of Town Attorney Tom Smith.

9B. For purposes of discussing Personnel Matters in accordance with C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(f), more specifically, Review of Town Manager Ryan Mahoney.

M/S COUNCILORS GRAUER AND SCHWOERER THA THE TOWN COUNCIL ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSES OF DISCUSSING PERSONNEL MATTERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH C.R.S. 24-6-4—2(4)(f) AS NOTED, MORE SPECIFICALLY REVIEW OF THE TOWN MANAGER RYAN MAHONEY AND REVIEW OF THE TOWN ATTORNEY TOM SMITH. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

10. INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

- 10A.** Accounts Payable
- 10B.** Advanced Agendas
- 10C.** Correspondence to the Town
- 10D.** Update on Administrative Liquor Reviews

11. ADJOURN

THE EXECUTIVE SESSION AND COUNCIL MEETING WERE ADJOURNED BY COUNCIL AT APPROXIMATELY 8:10 PM.

The minutes of this March 13, 2018 meeting were read and approved this 27th day of March 2018.

BASALT TOWN COUNCIL:

By: 
Jacque Whitsitt, Mayor

ATTEST:


Pamela Schilling, Town Clerk



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