



BASALT TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES - JUNE 9, 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.

5:00 PM 1. WORKSESSION WITH POST: Parks, Open Space and Trails 2020 Work Plan and Arbaney Park Pool

Council members present were Bill Kane, Gary Tennenbaum, Bill Infante, David Knight and Glenn Drummond. POST members present were Cindy Bruce, Jason Groves, Paul Hitz, Carol Hawk and Julie Kolar. Gyles Thornley of Connect One Design was present as his team worked to prepare the bid documents for the Arbaney Park Pool.

6:00 2. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The regular meeting of the Basalt Town council was called to order by Mayor Bill Kane at 6:05 PM on Tuesday, June 9, 2020. Council members present were Gary Tennenbaum, David Knight, Bill Infante, Glenn Drummond, Bill Kane, Elyse Hottel and Ryan Slack.

3. CONSENT AGENDA:

3A. Minutes: May 26, 2020

3A. MOTION: That the Town Council Approve the Consent Agenda items as presented.

M/S COUNCILORS SLACK AND DRUMMOND TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 26, 2020 MEETING ON THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

4A. Positive Comments and Gratitudes about Basalt

4B. 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.

Janice Vos Caudill, Pitkin County Clerk and Regina O'Brien Eagle County Clerk were present to update the Council and public of the June 30 primary elections. The Clerks encouraged the use of mail to return ballots, discussed ballot drop off locations, when ballots would be mailed to voters, the use polling places if needed, and election night reporting.

Toni Kroneberg thanked Recreation Director Brian Passenti for working on the guidelines to safely open the swimming pool. Toni also discussed that she would like to see more public input on the proposed pool improvements before the final documents are completed.

Stacey Craft had indicated she wanted to make public a comment, but staff was unable to reach her.

5. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS

Ryan Slack noted that the inspectors at Ruedi had intercepted 7 boats with Nuisance Aquatic Species (NAS) before they entered Ruedi Reservoir. The money we are spending for this project is doing its job and protecting our water source.

Elyse Hottel said she and Sara Nadolny participated in a meeting with Colorado Communities for Climate Action. They are having a board retreat next Friday and have submitted a policy statement for review by participating communities. Elyse didn't anticipate there would be any issues or conflicts; her understanding was that the policy was almost identical to last year's policy

Bill Infante said he had spoken with a constituent today who heaped praise on Brian Passenti for opening the pool.

Bill Infante reported on the reopening of the area restaurants who hoped revenues would keep for the summer. Bill said the signs concerning face coverings were not consistent throughout town. Bill asked if something could be done in the way of an art project with the concrete blocks that have been placed to help create additional restaurant outdoor seating areas.

Bill brought forth information from the Mountain Pac, a Durango-based NGO, that was in touch earlier this year soliciting people to sign on to the Great American Outdoors Act. (The Mountain Pac is an effort to educate, mobilize, and empower mountain towns with outdoor recreation-based economies in the American West.) The Act could permanently fund the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LCWF) and provide money for deferred maintenance projects at our national parks and other public lands.

Bill spoke about the 70 acre parcel which sits behind Crown Mountain. The USFS and Senator Bennett's office are soliciting input on that property; the comment period is open until July 6. The big issues are the duration of the lease (proposed to be 30 years). Senator Bennett is looking to make the 70 acres a showcase/signature project.

Bill Infante said Council should watch for an invitation from Blue Star Recycling who will be opening their e-waste recycling site at the Willits bend area. Blue Star will employ 6 to 10 individuals, some of whom are on the Autism spectrum; they will be employing people who are not always employable. The opening event is slated for June 24.

Elyse Hottel said she spoke with Chris Menges of the City of Aspen Climate Office who had good things to say about the Mountain PAC.

Mayor Bill Kane thanked the town and the community for the heartfelt memorial for George Floyd last Sunday afternoon; he saw compassion, caring and consciousness from the community. Bill said he would like to see us revive the general principles of the Charter for Compassion – from the Compassionate Cities campaign.

Gary Tennenbaum said one thing on the Council's strategic plan is to engage with other populations, especially the Latino population. Gary said he really believes that we've got to find a way to do better. Gary appreciated the PD doing community policing; the PD is not the issue however. Gary said Chief Knott does a great job. Gary felt Council was not representative of the real community, though overall, felt we all have good intentions. Gary felt the Council issue was trying to include more people more so they have a say and don't feel left out or left on the sidelines.

David Knight thanked Greg Knott for the VALE Board meeting which David attended for the first time as a Board member. David noted the funding awards to 4 applicants.

(The sound was lost from the video and was off until a connection was re-established).

6. MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager Ryan Mahoney noted that TACAW and the Chamber were working together to couple with the Basalt Bucks program. TACAW and the Chamber will be supporting multiple live acts, clusters of music, creative acts and entertainment. In order to avoid having crowds gather, and with people dining al fresco, these 'buskers' will be making the rounds to provide entertainment every Wednesday night from 5:30 to 8:30 this summer in both Willits and old town Basalt.

Eagle County is submitting another variance request for the next phase (the Black Diamond Phase) to reopen. They are working with the State to allow groups of up to 250 people, removing the cap on the indoor dining at restaurants while maintaining the social distancing, removing the cap for lodging yet maintaining social distancing, and opening swimming pools. They are still promoting social distancing, use of face coverings, use of hand sanitizer and frequent hand washing, and staying home if you don't feel well.

Between Garfield, Pitkin and Eagle county there are 4 new cases of COVID as of today. There was discussion that those folks may have been employed by or in the El Jebel City Market store; there is no reason to believe the City Market store itself is a risk to the public. Eagle County will follow up with the business and go over their cleaning protocol; City market was already on it doing extra and deep cleanings. We should expect to see more cases.

Ryan Mahoney said he spoke with Matt Yamashita of Colorado Parks and Wildlife about the shooting range update. Soils samples were collected at the end of May and sent to the lab; results are expected in August after the report is completed through a third party. New shooting range hours will take effect on July 1. The camera system is built and ready to go after a walk-through with the contractor on site tomorrow. The cameras will face the range, club range, parking lot and road entering the site. Matt Yamashita has been in touch with Fire Chief Scott Thompson and Eagle County Sheriff Van Beek who have indicated that fire restrictions will not necessarily trigger a closure of the shooting range. The concern being it could push people out to the forest if the range is closed. A range officer has been hired for 40 hours per week in addition to the uniformed officers. They will try to be at the range during the busiest times through November. CPW is actively working on the fire break. An equipment operator has been working with the fire chief and Holy Cross to essentially build a big roadway. They will come back in with fire resistant seed mix that requires low water. The water source is the final piece to work on there. The signage was the last piece of the short term fixes. The layout and language for the signage needs final approval; the signs will then be posted on the interior to the

shooting area, exterior to the shooting area and at the entrance to the range. Matt Yamashita would like to come speak with Council to discuss general rules changes. Matt did indicate CPW was still keeping long range options on the table and will be working on those over time.

7. PRESENTATIONS:

7A.1 Financial Update – June 8 2020 Council Revenue Modeling (Christy Hamrick)

7A.2 Financial Update – May 2020 Sales Tax Report (Christy Hamrick)

Finance Director Christy Hamrick reported to the Council the May Sales Tax Report (April Collections) and overall year to date collections. There was good news in collections and Christy thought she and Ryan could meet with Department heads to begin discussing return of some of the critical items that had been removed from the budget.

7B. Basalt Bucks Update (Ryan Mahoney/Christy Hamrick)

Town Manager Ryan Mahoney outlined the website that links consumers to participating Basalt Businesses, and links participating Basalt businesses to a toolkit. The toolkit contains an FAQ and instructions, a sign up form, participation posters for business windows, and voucher return form. An email address has been set up as basaltbucks2020@basalt.net. Vouchers are being printed and mailed locally. The summer programming is set to tie in with the Chamber and TACAW music partnership for Wednesday night entertainments.

8. COUNCIL ACTIONS:

8A. Continued Public Hearing and Second Reading of Ordinance No. 11, Series of 2020:

An Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Basalt, Colorado, Granting Approval for a Two-Family Dwelling Unit Located at 710 E. Sopris Drive, Basalt Colorado (Perko Application) (James Lindt)

Assistant Planning Director James Lindt introduced the continued public hearing and second reading of project Ordinance No. 11. Applicant John Perko also attended to discuss the project and answer questions.

After a presentation by staff and applicant comments, Council members commented on the project.

Mayor Kane opened the continued public hearing at 7:45 PM.

Keith McDougal, 680 E Sopris Drive commented on the proposed project. There were no additional public comments and the public hearing was closed.

Some council discussion followed.

M/S COUNCILORS DRUMMOND AND TENNENBAUM THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 11, SERIES OF 2020 ON SECOND READING. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

8B. Public Hearing and Second Reading of Ordinance No. 12, Series of 2020: An Ordinance of the Town Council of Basalt, Colorado Approving a License and Indemnity Agreement for the Installation and Maintenance of a Fence in the Right-Of-Way Along Spur

Lane for the Property at 105 West Sopris Drive, Basalt, Colorado (Barbara Reese Property)
(Sara Nadolny)

Staff Planner Sara Nadolny, Applicant Barbara Reese and Applicant Representative Suzanne Jackson were present for this item.

Sarah presented an overview of the application and discussed the concerns raised by Doug Grant about encroachments in old town that affect fire department access and snow storage. Sara indicated there had been no amendments to the Ordinance since first reading.

Mayor Kane opened the public hearing at approximately 8:05 PM.

Town Clerk Pam Schilling read Doug Grant's letter into the record per his request.

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

M/S COUNCILORS KNIGHT AND TENNENBAUM THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 12, SERIES OF 2020 ON SECOND READING.

Mayor Kane thanked Doug Grant and extended his personal thanks to Doug for his comments, noting the Grant family had been unbelievably steady watchdogs for the hill district; they are quite a resource and asset for the community.

THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

8C. Resolution No. 20, Series of 2020: A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Basalt, Colorado Adopting an Investment Policy (Christy Hamrick)

Finance Director Christy Hamrick introduced Finance Advisory Board Member Doug MacDonald who was working with Christy to present the Investment Policy Resolution this evening. The Investment Policy satisfies the 3 major investment objectives of safety, liquidity and return. The FAB voted unanimously at their last meeting to approve the adoption of this policy and requested that Council do likewise. Christy Hamrick noted this Resolution was created from a recommendation which came out of the 2018 Audit.

Council members commented on the policy. Council supported the policy in general, and suggested that the investments divest from any investment in oil and gas funds and not participate in that as a way to be consistent with our climate action policy. There was a question about segregating funds versus pooling of funds. There was also discussion surrounding the Town of Basalt's participating in Certificates of Participation (COPs) and other debt. There was a question of obtaining an investment manager; Christy noted that as the Finance Director, she was the Town's investment manager.

Christy explained that the Town invests heavily in money markets and fully fund is COLO Trust. COLO Trust and CSAFE work with school districts and local governments. The Town uses them because they help to monitor multiple accounts which helps mitigate fraud risk. Christy indicated she would look into COLO Trust and see how we can minimize or negate those oil and gas funds. Christy discussed COLO Trust offerings and the COPs concern raised during the Council discussion.

A motion was made to approve Resolution No. 20 Series of 2020 as amended by Elyse Hottel to eliminate gas and oil investments.

A roll call vote was begun. Bill Infante voted “Yes, also with further examination of Article M on ‘Any obligation, certificate of participation, or lease-purchase of the Town of Basalt’”.

An amendment to the motion was requested.

Town Attorney Jeff Conklin clarified that there was a motion by Ryan Slack with a condition to not include investments in oil and gas entities; there was a second; there was a roll call. Based on Bill Infante’s comment there was a request that Ryan Slack restate his motion with an additional amendment.

Ryan Slack restated his motion:

M/S COUNCILORS SLACK AND HOTTEL THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 20, SERIES OF 2020 AS AMENDED BY BOTH ELYSE AND BILL INFANTE CONCERNING THE INVESTMENTS OF THE TOWN AS WELL AS OIL AND GAS.”

Discussion for clarification on the motion was requested. Bill Infante said he was uncomfortable with Article M of the Resolution and explained his thoughts around that. Staff indicated they would follow up with the banks on how that would all tie in with the COPs.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS HELD. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-3 WITH COUNCILORS TENNEBAUM, KNIGHT AND DRUMMOND OPPOSED.

9. INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE:

- 9A. Accounts Payable
- 9B. Advanced Agendas
- 9C. Correspondence to the Town (Letter from Doug Grant)

10. ADJOURN

Mayor Kane adjourned the meeting at 8:36 PM.

BASALT TOWN COUNCIL:

ATTEST:



By: *William G. Kane*
 William G. Kane, Mayor

Pamela Schilling
 Pamela Schilling, Town Clerk

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