



**BASALT TOWN COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES – OCTOBER 8, 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**

Mayor Jacque Whitsitt called the regular meeting of the council to order at 6:02 pm on Tuesday, October 8, 2019. Council members present were Auden Schendler, Jennifer Riffle, Katie Schwoerer, Ryan Slack and Bill Infante. Council member Gary Tennenbaum was absent.

**2. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**2A. Minutes:** September 24, 2019

**2B. Continue to November 12, 2019:** Public Hearing on a Tavern Liquor License Application submitted by Avalon Willits, LLC dba Zane's Tavern, 130 Robinson Street, Basalt, CO

**M/S COUNCILORS SCHENDLER AND RIFFLE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS AS PRESENTED.**

**3. STUDENTS OF THE MONTH – OCTOBER, 2019 - The Pillar of Character is**

**Trustworthiness:** Be honest. Don't deceive, cheat, or steal. Be reliable—do what you say you'll do. Have the courage to do the right thing. Build a good reputation. Be loyal—stand by your family and friends.

From Basalt Elementary: Genesis Barva Alfaro & Eiverson Lopez

From Basalt Middle School: Etsy Torres Godinez, Sawyer Harrington and Jamie Rivas

From Basalt High School: Anne Schock & James Blazier

**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.**

Sam Anderson, student at Roaring Fork High School and a member of the Youth Water Leaders Team in Carbondale, was present to invite Council to attend the Healthy Rivers Youth Water Summit. She thanked various organizations, including the Town of Basalt Water Department, for their sponsorship of the Youth Water Leadership Program. The Summit will be held on Thursday, December 5 from 9 am to 2:30 pm at the Third Street Center. Program Director

Sarah Johnson was present as well noting that Summit attendance would be by invitation only; invitations will be forthcoming to Council.

Lynne Mace said the Pumpkin Jazz was the most extraordinary event in Basalt. She had one of jazz ensembles at her gallery which was jammed all evening. Lynne expressed her gratitude to all the sponsors of the event. Lynne advertised that she had an artist coming in that night and any sale by of art by that artist would result in a 20% donation to TACA. As it happens, someone purchased a \$5000 sculpture of which TACA will benefit by \$1000. Lynne suggested this become an annual event.

Gerry Terwilliger thanked Council for several things: Community Gardens and the support from Public Works and Finance which eases the work of Garden Board, and thanks to Council for permitting the gardens project.

The transparency and ethical treatment of the TABOR problem. Citizens could not ask for a better honest approach.

Gerry thanked Council for moving to vegetarian dinners at meetings; although by itself it won't have a large impact, it is a beginning. Gerry said becoming vegetarian was easy, going vegan was difficult. He reminded Council that dairy cows have the same impact on the environment that beef cows have, and noted that this area used to grow a lot of potatoes. Gerry felt we should be as concerned about our local farmers as we had concern for those in the coal industry as we switched to renewables.

Gerry thanked the Council again for their time and their service.

Pitkin County Clerk Janice Vos Caudill and Eagle County Clerk Regina O'Brien were present to discuss the upcoming election with Council and alert the public to mail ballot dates, locations of ballot drop boxes, early voting dates and VSPC (Voter Service and Polling Centers), where to find more election information and election night results. Ballots are to be mailed to voters October 14-15. Returned ballots must be in the hands of the county clerks by 7 PM on election night – Tuesday, November 5; postmarks do not count.

Bennett Bramson was present with his Colorado Mountain College Legal Environment of Business class. Bennett brought 4 items to the attention of Council:

Bennett thanked the Council for allowing him to bring his CMC students to the meeting for an opportunity to learn outside the classroom and see real life at work.

Bennett noted the 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Aspen Ski Swap this weekend; volunteers were needed; volunteers would get one hour of early-bird shopping before the general public.

Bennett reminded members of the Jewish Community that tonight was Nidre, the start of Yom Kippur. He wished all fellow members of the Jewish community best wishes for a happy, healthy and joyous new year.

Lastly, Bennett said he was a founding member of the Basalt Area Gives program and invited people to give their tax refunds to support this area's non-profits. Bennett thanked Auden and the Aspen Skiing Company and Mike Kaplan for giving a portion of their tax refund to the Basalt Area Gives. They are looking to raise between \$500,000 and \$1 million. The funds would be housed with the Aspen Community Foundation. Citizens were invited to designate their funds to

a specific local non-profit of their choice, or to the Basalt Area Gives where the founding committee would decide how best to share out those funds.

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

- Auden Schendler followed up on Bennett's comments regarding Basalt Gives noting there was a Facebook presence and a website. Auden said this would create a community trust for us and would add to how we can support the town. The funds would be used for a variety of things – education, child care, mental health, etc. Auden said he was turning his tax refund over to it and encouraged other people to explore doing the same.
- Bill Infante offered a big shout out to TACAW for their Pumpkin Jazz Festival. He said it was great to see people downtown at the galleries and restaurants and hoped it would become an annual event. He also offered a shout out to the great group of young people who spearheaded an event at Lions Park to call our attention for climate change and hopefully calling on all of us to reduce our carbon footprint by reducing our greenhouse gases. He offered a special thanks to Oliver Fox-Rubin for spearheading the effort with great support from a great group of kids especially Neala Mahoney. And thanks to all those who are taking a stand to reduce their carbon footprints.
- Jennifer Riffle recognized the Ski Swap held last weekend and thanked those who brought the economic vitality to Willits. Jenn said it was quite an event – on par with the Lacrosse Tournament in terms of numbers of people; everyone was in great spirits and jazzed for winter.
- Ryan Slack reported that the ANS (Aquatic Nuisance Species) inspections at Ruedi found 6 boats with nuisance mussels this year (double the number last year) and were able to keep them out of our waters. Ryan said the program was working and hoped we would continue to support the program.
- Mayor Whitsitt thanked all the council members for the messages brought here.

#### **6A. POST (Parks Open Space and Trails) 2020 Work Plan and Budget**

Planning Director Susan Philp introduced POST members Julie Kolar, Paul Hiltz, Cindy Bruce, Carol Hawks and Glenn Drummond. Member Jason Groves was unable to attend this evening.

Susan Phil reviewed the POST work plan and 2020 budget for Council.

Council expressed their thanks to the POST Committee for their work and expressed their excitement about the POST priorities list.

#### **6B. Review of 1st Draft of Budget including CIP**

Finance Director Christy Hamrick and Town Manager Ryan Mahoney (via phone) reviewed the draft 2020 Budget and the CIP (Capital Improvements Plan).

Council praised the draft budget and thanked Christy for her hard work.

#### **7A. Appointments to Basalt Public Arts Commission (BPAC)**

Planning Director Susan Philp explained that the Council subcommittee had interviewed the applicants and made the recommendations for appointment and reappointment.

**M/S COUNCILORS SLACK AND INFANTE THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL APPOINT SUMMERS MOORE AND KARYN ANDRADE TO THE BPAC AND RE-APPOINT GUINEVERE JONES TO THE BPAC; ALL TERMS TO BE 2 YEARS EACH. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.**

**7B. Public Hearing and Review for Renewal of RFSCB, LLC, dba Roots Rx Recreational Marijuana License**

Jennifer Riffle left the meeting at this time.

Town Clerk Pamela Schilling introduced Brittany Peno, representing RFSCB, LLC, dba Roots Rx this evening, and reviewed the staff memo and outlined the investigating agencies findings.

Mayor Whitsitt opened the public hearing at 7:26 PM. There were no comments and the hearing was closed.

**M/S COUNCILORS SLACK AND SCHENDLER THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF THE RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA LICENSE FOR RFSCB, LLC, DBA ROOTS RX. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0-1 WITH KATIE SCHWOERER ABSTAINING. (Jennifer Riffle had left the meeting.)**

**7C. Public Hearing and Second Reading of Ordinance No. 25, Series of 2019: An Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Basalt, Colorado, Amending Chapter 18, Building Regulations, of the Municipal Code of the Town of Basalt Regarding the Renewable Energy Mitigation Program (REMP), Sustainable Building Regulations and Miscellaneous Clean Up Items and Amending the Town’s Fee Schedule**

Staff Planner Sara Nadolny was present with Amanda Poindexter of Full Circle Construction, and Rick Fout, Basalt Chief Building Official, to discuss this item with Council. Sara described the minor amendments made to the Ordinance at the request of the town’s attorney, and said there had been no substantive changes.

Mayor Whitsitt opened the public hearing at 7:30 PM. There were no comments and the hearing was closed.

**M/S COUNCILORS SCHWOERER AND SCHENDLER THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 25, SERIES OF 2019 ON SECOND READING. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

**7D. Public Hearing and Second Reading of Ordinance No. 23, Series of 2019: An Ordinance of the Town Council of Basalt, Colorado, Approving an Easement Agreement with Holy Cross for the Installation of Transformers and Underground Power Lines on Parcel 2E, of the Sopris Meadows Subdivision/PUD, Basalt, Colorado**

Assistant Planning Director James Lindt led the presentation of this item at second reading. Mayor Whitsitt opened the public hearing at 7:36 PM. There were no comments and the hearing was closed.

**M/S COUNCILORS SLACK AND SCHENDLER THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 23, SERIES OF 2019 ON SECOND READING. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

**7E. Resolution No. 39, Series of 2019:** A Resolution of the Town Council of Basalt, Colorado, approving an Amendment to the Town of Basalt Deferred Compensation Plan Regarding Seasonal Employees

Finance Director Christy Hamrick explained the need for this resolution effectuating a change to the Towns compensation package.

**M/S COUNCILORS SLACK AND SCHENDLER THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 39, SERIES OF 2019 AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

**8. INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE**

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

**9. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm.

The minutes of this October 8, 2019 meeting were read and approved this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2019.

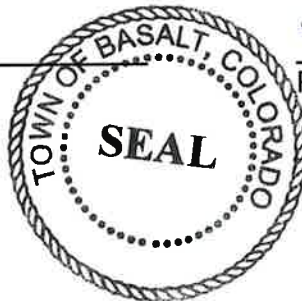
**BASALT TOWN COUNCIL:**

**ATTEST:**

By:

Jacque Whitsitt, Mayor

Pamela Schilling, Town Clerk



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