



**BASALT TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES – JANUARY 28, 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.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The regular meeting of the Basalt Town Council was called to order on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 by Mayor Whitsitt. Council members present were Auden Schendler, Jennifer Riffle, Gary Tennenbaum, Ryan Slack, Katie Schwoerer and Bill Infante.

2. CONSENT AGENDA:

2A. Minutes: January 14, 2020

M/S COUNCILORS SLACK AND SCHENDLER TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

3A. Positive Comments and Gratitudes about Basalt

3B. 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.

There were no citizen comments presented this evening.

4. NWCCOG – STAFF INTRODUCTION

Nate Walowitz, Regional Broadband Director for the Northwest Colorado Council of Governments (NWCCOG) working across the region to work with local governments to present strategic plans for bringing rural broadband to communities.

5. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS

- Bill Infante offered a report and update from his meeting at the NWCCOG. Among other discussion items, the NWCCOG topics ranged from a Broadband Forum at RMI to

plastic bag bans and Tobacco 21 laws, public private partnerships between communities and the US Forest Service.

- Gary Tennenbaum updated Council on Eagle County's work toward funding for childcare and workforce housing.
- Jennifer Riffle noted that the Roaring Fork Valley Affordable Housing Coalition has finalized the 2018 housing study; a great source of information and representation of a multi-jurisdictional cooperation toward a common problem. Jennifer also noted she was grateful for Pitkin County beginning work at the water park to repair the wave section. She was also grateful for the upcoming election.
- Jacque Whitsitt thanked all the folks who have decided to run for office; it is a brave thing to do.
- Jacque said she, Katie Schwoerer and Ryan Mahoney had attended an Eagle Valley Climate Change Summit with Dr. Robert Davies; a rather dark discussion of what the world faces without immediate climate actions. The next day Ryan and Jacque attended the Colorado Association of Ski Towns (CAST) meeting and heard about solutions and real-life changes people can make to begin to turn climate change around. Glenwood Springs is seeking to bring in a speaker from Walking Mountains Science Center for a regional discussion on the same.

6. MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager Ryan Mahoney reported on the flood mitigation work and funding.

Ryan said he met with Eagle County last week to talk about recycling efforts. The Waste Management Recycle Center will close on January 31. The Town is looking at 2 dates in 2020 to hold events for hard to recycle items – electronics, household hazardous waste and combined with a community clean up, yard waste and paper shredding. Ryan hoped to coordinate yard waste and wildfire mitigation. The Town is trying to get the word out that curbside recycling is available and Pitkin and South Canyon landfills take recyclables as well. Composting is another opportunity being looked into.

7. COUNCIL ACTIONS:

7A. First Reading Ordinance No. 04, Series of 2020: An Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Basalt, Colorado, Approving a License Agreement for the Encroachment of an Existing Garage and Greenhouse in the Town's Right-Of-Way at 216 East Homestead Drive

Staff Planner Sara Nadolny was present with Gerry Terwilliger to discuss this license agreement. Sara offered an explanation and history of the abutment of the garage to the sidewalk; the current agreement is set to expire in March of this year.

M/S COUNCILORS SCHENDLER AND SLACK THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 04, SERIES OF 2020 ON FIRST READING AND SET THE PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING FOR FEBRUARY 11, 2020. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

7B. Public Hearing and Second Reading of 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

Town Manager Ryan Mahoney outlined discussions from first reading and explanations the helped create the decision to eliminate the one-percent for arts program, as well as identifying funding that could be used in lieu of.

Mayor Whitsitt opened the public hearing at 7:02 PM. There were no comments and the public hearing was closed.

M/S COUNCILORS SCHWOERER AND TENNENBAUM THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 01, SERIES OF 2020 ON SECOND READING. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-1 WITH BILL INFANTE OPPOSED.

Bill Infante stated he opposed the repeal of this ordinance on the basis of his stated concerns about governance.

7C. Public Hearing and Second Reading of 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 Ryan Mahoney discussed the follow up on the obsolescence of this type of board and the recommendation by the Town's Auditors to clean up and remove it from the Town's Employee Handbook.

Mayor Whitsitt opened the public hearing at 7:06 PM. There were no public comments and the hearing was closed.

M/S COUNCILORS SLACK AND RIFFLE THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 02, SERIES OF 2020 ON SECOND READING. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

7D. Public Hearing and 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 explained the reason for this amendment to the Town's Municipal Code and a minor change to the Ordinance on second reading.

Mayor Whitsitt opened the public hearing at 7:10 PM. There were no public comments and the hearing was closed.

M/S COUNCILORS RIFFLE AND SLACK THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 03, SERIES OF 2020 ON SECOND READING. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

8. Worksession: Master Plan Discussion with P&Z Members

Town Manager Ryan Mahoney and Planning Director Susan Philp kicked off the Master Plan discussion with Heather Henry of Connect One Design and Dave Dickson from Cushing Terrell

P&Z members Bill Maron, Bernie Grauer and Rob Leavitt were present.

The goals of this worksession are to review the recommendations from the P&Z and discuss why they made the recommendations they did; to host a meaningful dialogue between P&Z and Council.

8.5. Executive Session Motion:

M/S COUNCILORS TENNENBAUM AND RIFFLE THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL ENTER EXECUTIVE FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING THE PURCHASE, ACQUISITION, LEASE, TRANSFER OR SALE OF PROPERTY INTERESTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(A), MORE SPECIFICALLY POTENTIAL PROPERTY PURCHASE FOR PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Council entered Executive Session at 9:03 PM.

Council adjourned Executive Session at approximately 9:45 PM.

9. INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE:

- 9A. Accounts Payable
- 9B. Advanced Agendas
- 9C. TACAW: Quarterly Report
- 9D. Correspondence to the Town

10. MOTION TO ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:45 PM

The minutes of this January 28, 2020 meeting were read and approved this 11th day of February, 2020.

BASALT TOWN COUNCIL:

By: 
Jacquie Whitsitt, Mayor



ATTEST:

Pamela Schilling, Town Clerk

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