



**BASALT TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES – FEBRUARY 28, 2023**

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.

PM 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Bill Kane called the regular meeting of the Basalt Town Council to order at 6:02 PM on Tuesday, February 28, 2023. Also present were Council members Dieter Schindler, Elyse Hottel, David Knight and Glenn Drummond. Council member Angela Anderson was present remotely via Zoom, and Ryan Slack joined the meeting in person at the start of Mayor and Council comments.

2. CONSENT AGENDA AND MOTION:

2A. Minutes: February 14, 2023;

2B. Basalt Affordable Community Housing (BACH) Amended Bylaws (Michelle Thibeault)

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

3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no public comments this evening.

4. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS

Dieter Schindler reminded everyone that it was pothole season but said he was very happy to see public works getting a jump on some of the larger street holes.

Bill Kane had attended the last RFTA meeting. Business continues, though they are down 15-20% of eligible drivers. Things are looking up with recruitment being very successful. Service is still solid and RFTA continues moving forward on the hiring and training front.

5. MANAGER'S REPORT:

Town Manager Ryan Mahoney explained that the Lightning Bolt project was underway; it has closed access between here and the library/post office and out to the round-about. Yesterday, there was a water line improvement to create separation between the water and sewer line.

This caused the B/C building at the Riverside Condominiums to be out of water most of the day, but they were turned back on about 10 PM last night. After getting started, we had set up the automatic stoplights up to allow traffic at night, but the lights created additional confusion for motorists, so we erred on the side of safety and kept the project closed completely. The Lightning Bolt, which is the Basalt Sanitation District project, should be completed by the end of March.

5A. Request from The Mountain Pact asking Council to support a letter to the BLM State Director, Doug Vilsak, urging him to take action to protect more lands through tools such as wilderness study area designation and prioritizing conservation during rulemaking in 2023.

Mayor Kane said he read the letter and it seemed an appropriate thing to support.

Town Manager Ryan Mahoney said he would ask the Mountain Pact to add all the Council Member's names to the letter.

M/S COUNCILORS KNIGHT AND DRUMMOND THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVE THE LETTER AS DRAFTED. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

6. COUNCIL ACTIONS

6A. Interview and Appointment – Prospective Basalt Affordable Community Housing - BACH Members (Michelle Thibeault)

Planning Director Michelle Thibeault noted that applicant Dave Portman was coaching his daughter's basketball tournament and would come to the next meeting for introductions and interview. In the meantime, Jay Israel and Matt Triebwasser were introduced and interviewed by Council. Each offered their desire to become involved with BACH and what they can bring to the group. Current BACH member Anne Baker was also introduced and asked about her time on BACH. She explained her desire to continue working with the group.

It was suggested that a Worksession with Council and the new BACH members would be useful.

M/S COUNCILORS SLACK AND DRUMMOND THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVE THE APPOINTMENTS OF DAVE PORTMAN, JAY ISRAEL AND MATT TRIEBWASSWER TO BACH FOR TERMS THAT END MARCH 14, 2026; AND TO REAPPOINTMENT OF ANNE BAKER TO BACH FOR A TERM TO END MARCH 14, 2026.

6B. Resolution No. 04, Series of 2023: A Resolution of the Town Council of Basalt, Colorado, Authorizing the Town Manager to Approve a Contract for Construction of the Basalt River Park Restroom and Bus Stop Project (Catherine Christoff, Michelle Thibeault)

Town Engineer Catherine Christoff described the phases of construction, noting this final phase of construction would include the restroom bus stop and bandshell. Staff has been working with Z-Group Architects on the design of this restroom and bus stop. This Resolution approves a contract with FCI Constructors (serving as the Construction Manager General Contractor - CMGC) to build the restroom and bus stop this spring. Will Kiser of FCI was present to answer questions on the project. The anticipated start date is the 3rd or 4th week of March, with a three month duration for completion at the end of June, start of July. Questions were raised about the value engineering that had been requested to help cut project costs which mainly came down to the roof design and some product savings. Concerns were expressed about the overall cost of

the bus stop/restroom building. Challenges, that increased the cost, include the public use of the building, the finishes have to be of a higher grade to withstand vandalism and high use. Less costly materials would likely result in more frequent replacement and higher maintenance. There were also some basic requirements set forth by RFTA for the bus stop portion of the building.

M/S COUNCILORS KNIGHT AND DRUMMOND THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 04, SERIES OF 2023. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS HELD. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 5 TO 1 WITH COUNCIL MEMBER SLACK OPPOSED, AND COUNCIL MEMBER HOTTEL ABSTAINING.

6C. Resolution No. 05, Series of 2023: A Resolution of the Town Council of Basalt, Colorado, Authorizing the Town Manager to Approve a Contract for Construction of the Basalt River Park Bandshell Project (Catherine Christoff, Michelle Thibeault)

Town Engineer Catherine Christoff explained that similar to the bus stop/restroom process, staff had been working with Connect One Design, Brian May Architects and Burlingame Construction on the design of a bandshell that meets the Town's budget for the project. This past fall the Town received bids as high as \$1.4 million for the originally designed bandshell. After value engineering the project to reduce the footprint, and redesign the steel shell, the Town ultimately got a bid for \$821,220 for the revised design.

Catherine introduced Adam Link and David Mansor of Burlingame Construction who were present to address questions from Council.

As a scheduling update, staff is working very closely with the steel fabricator on this project; that is expected delivery in June. Foundation construction and other sitework will be starting in April working toward that June delivery date, with completion anticipated around the start of July.

M/S COUNCILORS DRUMMOND AND SLACK THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL ADOPT NUMBER 5, SERIES OF 2023. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS HELD. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

6D. Public Hearing and Ordinance No. 03, Series of 2023: An Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Basalt, Colorado, Amending Chapter 6, Article V of the Basalt Municipal Code to Update Statutory References in the Article, to Change Application Requirements, and to Change Public Hearing Procedure for Licensing Renewal (Jeff Conklin)

Town Attorney Jeff Conklin explained this was one of two ordinances being presented this evening for some clean up and updating of some licensing provisions of the Code. There was some general clean up of this marijuana portion of the Code that was originally passed in 2014. The second area of clean up allows for administrative renewal of the licenses unless there is some reason to bring a renewal forth to council. The third area amends the requirement for a local owner to allow for a local manager. The final changes related to distance from a marijuana establishment to local parks; this amends the ordinance to include Triangle Park in those spacing requirements.

Mayor Kane opened the public hearing at 6:45 PM. There were no public comments and the hearing was closed.

M/S COUNCILORS SLACK AND DRUMMOND THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 04, SERIES OF 2023 ON FIRST READING, AND CONTINUE AND SET THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR SECOND READING ON MARCH 14, 2023. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS HELD. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

6E. Public Hearing Ordinance No. 04, Series of 2023: An Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Basalt, Colorado, Amending Chapter 6, Article II of the Basalt Municipal Code to Update Statutory References in the Article and Authorize the Local Licensing Authority to Issue Alcohol Beverage Festival Permits (Jeff Conklin)

Town Attorney Jeff Conklin explained these amendments came out of the ability to hold wine tasting festivals that allows for a profit organization to create a festival on public or private property. This Ordinance allows for more local control over the issuance of festival permits; it clarifies the ability to allow festival permits to happen.

Mayor Kane opened the public hearing at 6:52 PM. There were no comments and the hearing was closed.

M/S COUNCILORS DRUMMOND AND KNIGHT THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 04, SERIES OF 2023 ON FIRST READING, AND CONTINUE AND SET THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR SECOND READING ON MARCH 14, 2023. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS HELD. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

7. INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE:

7A. Accounts Payable;

7B. Advanced Agendas;

7C. December 2022 and January 2023 Sales Tax Reports;

7D. VALE Board Minutes – February 21, 2023;

7E. Correspondence to the Town

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION MOTION: Mayor, I move that the Town Council enter Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters in accordance with C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(f), more specifically, Town Manager Review.

Town Attorney Jeff Conklin stated that once council was in executive session, there was no further action anticipated by council and the regular council meeting would adjourn at the end of the executive session.

M/S COUNCILORS KNIGHT AND HOTTLE THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CRS 24-6-402(4)(f), MORE SPECIFICALLY TO CONDUCT THE TOWN MANAGER REVIEW.

The motion carried 6-0 and Council entered Executive Session at 6:54 PM.

Council member Anderson left the meeting at this time.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:15 PM.


The minutes of the February 28, 2023 meeting were read and approved this 14th day of March, 2023.

BASALT TOWN COUNCIL:

By: 
William G. Kane, Mayor



ATTEST:


Pamela Schilling, Town Clerk

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