



**BASALT TOWN COUNCIL
FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2020**

SPECIAL MEETING - MINUTES

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 Mayor Whitsitt called the meeting to order at 8:05 AM. Council members present were Katie Schworer, Auden Schendler, Ryan Slack and Bill Infante. Council members Gary Tennenbaum and Jennifer Riffle were absent.

2. Resolution No. 05, Series of 2020: A Resolution of the Town council of the Town of Basalt, Colorado, Adopting an Electronic Participation Policy for Use In the Event of a Local Emergency Declaration. (Ryan Mahoney/Jeff Conklin)

Town Manager Ryan Mahoney and Town Attorney Jeff Conklin explained the need for the Resolution to be in used in the event of a local emergency declaration. This is a policy to be invoked when a local emergency is declared. This will be on the books to allow us to active and deactivate as needed.

M/S COUNCILORS SLACK AND INFANTE THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 5, SERIES OF 2020. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

3. Resolution No. 06, Series of 2020: A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Basalt, Colorado, In Support of the Governor Declaring a Statewide Emergency and Declaring a Local Disaster Emergency. (Ryan Mahoney/Jeff Conklin)

Town Manager Ryan Mahoney and Town Attorney Jeff Conklin explained the need for the Resolution to be in used in the event of a local emergency declaration.

M/S COUNCILORS SLACK AND INFANTE THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 6, SERIES OF 2020. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Town Manager Ryan Mahoney updated the Council on the Stage 3 declaration for emergencies and announced that the Town of Basalt was moving to Stage 3 as Eagle County has officially declared community spread of the COVID-19 virus, and the first case has appeared in Basalt,

Town Hall buildings will be shutting down to the public this week. Staff will still be available and working. People can call for appointments or work over the phone and by email. We will take this a week at a time and reassess to see where we are. We want to stay healthy as staff continues to provide life safety service keeping roads open, water flowing, the ability to pay bills.

Ryan discussed the implications of Eagle County’s restrictions on gatherings of 50 or more people in a place and community distancing being practiced. Guidance on closing schools was discussed; but school field trips and sports have been cancelled. Some communities are trying to incentivize people staying home for a two week period. Pitkin, Garfield and Gunnison counties have also declared.

Closures of businesses are starting to appear and social or community distancing is being encouraged and practiced.

Staff will keep Council apprised and will send out notices. The Town’s website has been updated to provide Eagle and Pitkin County links to important information and hotlines.

The meeting adjourned at 8:19 AM.

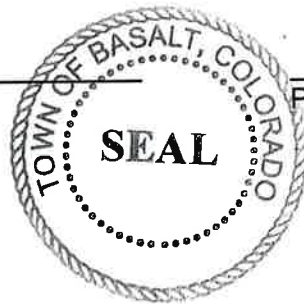
The minutes of this March 13, 2020 Special Meeting were read and approved this 24th day of March, 2020.

BASALT TOWN COUNCIL:

ATTEST:

By: _____

Jacque Whitsitt, Mayor



Pamela Schilling, Town Clerk

This meeting can be viewed in its entirety here:

<https://townofbasalt.ompnetwork.org/sessions/130971?embedInPoint=1&embedOutPoint=879&shareMethod=link>