



**BASALT TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES – AUGUST 11, 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.

This meeting was held electronically.

5:00 PM 1. WORKSESSION: Strategic Plan and Budget Calendar (Ryan Mahoney/Christy Chicoine)

Present for the worksession were Bill Kane, Elyse Hottel, Gary Tennenbaum, Glenn Drummond, Ryan Slack, Bill Infante. David Knight joined at 5:10 PM. Also present for the worksession were Town Manager Ryan Mahoney, Finance Director Christy Chicoine, Town Attorney Jeff Conklin, Planning Director Susan Philp and Police Chief Greg Knott.

6:00 2. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Kane called the meeting to order at approximately 6:10 PM. Present were Mayor Bill Kane and Council members Elyse Hottel, Gary Tennenbaum, Glenn Drummond, Ryan Slack, Bill Infante and David Knight.

Jeff Conklin suggested the agenda be amended to add an executive session "...a Conference with the Town Attorney for the purpose of receiving legal questions under CRS 24-6-402(4)(b) more specifically to discuss water utility easements a to discuss water utility easements". Council made no motion to add the Executive Session.

3. CONSENT AGENDA:

3A. Minutes: July 28, 2020

3B. Approval of Settlement Agreement (Jeff Conklin)

M/S COUNCILORS SLACK AND HOTTEL THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 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.

There were no public comments offered this evening

5. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS

Ryan Slack updated Council on the boats being decontaminated and cleared for entry to Ruedi Reservoir; the Town's support of the Ruedi Water and Power Authority (RWAPA) was paying off. Ryan talked about the water levels and the strategies being discussed to predict more than just the 'snotel' sites. Ryan also noted that April Long, Executive Director of RWAPA April long would love to speak to Council.

Bill Infante reported that the Great America Outdoors Act was signed by President Trump last week; a big victory that sets permanent funding from the Land and Water Conservation Fund to restore our national parks.

A new request from the Mountain Pact is coming in for support for the Colorado Outdoor Recreation & Economy (CORE) Act to provide for the designation of certain wilderness area, recreation management and conservation areas in Colorado. The Mountain Pact would like to invite our support in the form of a letter to Senator Gardner to garner his support as well. Bill said he would be happy to send a letter to Mayor and Kane for further discussion with staff and for signature approval at a future council meeting.

Bill Kane reported that the Colorado Parks and Wildlife formally closed the shooting range today citing excessive dry vegetation and extreme fire hazard; it is to remain closed until conditions change.

Bill Kane reported on the Council effort to get the black fencing down at the river park. The property belongs to the CDC, it is not Town property. The CDC view is that the fence will come down when the land purchase transaction is completed. The barrier to moving forward with the purchase and getting the fence down is getting the land subdivided. Once we own the land, we can do with it as we see fit. The plat is in process, and the survey work has been completed. It is a matter of completing the legal description and final plat which should be in front of council within a month or so; the black fence will be with us for a while.

Bill Kane said he recorded another Mayor outreach video with affordable housing being one issue that was discussed. Each Council member should report on what the Council is doing; it's a good opportunity for the public to put a face to a name.

There has been interest in keeping the pool open longer. Since schools will reopen remotely at first, the message is to use our facilities and programs to help keep kids occupied.

Bill Kane suggested Council give staff an opportunity to revisit the mid-valley site previously sought for our public works department and have staff report back about a lease or lease to purchase of that property.

Bill said he was responding to to an earlier comment made by Glenn Drummond regarding housing at Willits Bend. Bill said every time this comes up, someone wants to refashion a new process, but the reality is we do have a process in place. We have a three-mile plan, a Roaring Fork Planning Commission, the land is in Eagle County. Bill suggested we see what the Roaring Fork Planning Commission comes up with in their referral to council, and not undermine the reach of the RF Planning Commission.

Bill Kane said he had heard from numerous constituents that Basalt should investigate creating a similar 'mask required' zone such as they have in Glenwood Springs and Aspen. If Council

members have comments about a specific mask required zone, they should send them Ryan. It is a big discussion and it would be difficult to regulate.

As it relates to the black fence at the Basalt River Park, Jeff Conklin offered a quick clarification that the Council would not see any additional plat or action on the Basalt River Park property as it relates to the purchase contracts; staff is simply trying to finalize the plat.

6. MANAGER'S REPORT:

Ryan Mahoney noted Brian Passenti has been working to get some recreation programs built around the pool. There has been no information from the high school, so it has been difficult to schedule lifeguards. The pool has still been very popular. Brian is also looking to work with the Roaring Fork Conservancy to do a fly-fishing activity, outdoor biology lab and sports, like lacrosse, flag football, soccer, as well as arts, dance and other activities.

The gun range was closed today, but we heard that people were still shooting up there. We have informed CPW that the gate has not been locked and have asked them to follow up.

Ryan reported that Chief Knott got word that State 2 fire restrictions would go into place on Friday at 12:01 AM for public lands.

6A. Information on November's Repeal Gallagher Amendment Ballot Question (Ryan Mahoney)

Town Manager Ryan Mahoney said he had called CML for information about the Gallagher repeal and how they were disseminating information. Ryan also spoke with John Stavney of the Northwest Colorado Council of Governments (NWCCOG) and encouraged him to reach out to CML for a better alignment of information from those 2 organizations. It looks like CML is going to take a position on Gallagher in September. The suggestion to NWCCOG and the Town is to take our position to the public a bit closer to the election, perhaps in September.

6B. Discretionary Grant Cycle Information (Ryan Mahoney)

Town Manager Ryan Mahoney explained the Discretionary Grant program and its schedule. Staff sought direction on whether council wanted to continue with funding a larger number of organizations with smaller grants or seek fewer organizations to receive larger grants. Ryan explained how our small grants help many non-profits leverage other funds. Also, staff sought 3 Council members to serve on the Committee to determine the grant recipients.

Staff will put out the applications on September 1 as we have in the past. Volunteers for the Discretionary Grants Committee were Glenn Drummond, David Knight and Elyse Hottel. They'll be contacted in December to review the grant applications.

7. GREEN TEAM ITEMS:

7A. Worksession with Green Team (Susan Philp/Sara Nadolny)

Planning Director Susan Philp and Staff Planner Sara Nadolny guided this worksession between Council and the Green Team. Present for this discussion were Green Team members

Gerry Terwilliger, Doug Goldsmith, and Phi Filerman of Colorado Office of Resource Efficiency (CORE). An overview of the Green Team accomplishments and key projects, as well as their work program for 2021 were presented.

Council offered their thoughts and comments to the Green Team ranging from support for more solar at the schools, enforcement and education of vehicle idling, discussion of continuing reduction of greenhouse gases – shifting to electric and away from fossil fuels. Discussion of rebates and latest technologies were discussed, as were the upgrades to the Basalt swimming pool.

Mayor Kane spoke to the Council's appreciation of the Green Team, and of their priorities and their successes.

7B. Resolution No. 30, Series of 2020: A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Basalt, Colorado, Supporting the 2020-2021 Update to the Colorado Communities for Climate Action (CC4CA) Policy Statement (Sara Nadolny/Elyse Hottel)

This discussion was led by Staff Planner Sara Nadolny and Council member Elyse Hottel. Sara introduced Jacob Smith of CC4CA who was present at the meeting. Sara gave a brief background of Council's vote to join the CC4CA in 2018 to promote the goals of Basalt's Climate Action Plan. Sara explained the highlights of the 2020 legislative session and the updated policy statement Council was being asked to support this evening.

Elyse Hottel discussed her participation in the CC4CA group, interactions with other communities, and how the policy statement considers each participating organization's position even though not all were aligned to the same beliefs.

Jacob Smith spoke about the CC4CA and where they decide to engage – locally and federally.

M/S COUNCILORS DRUMMOND AND KNIGHT THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 30, SERIES OF 2020, SUPPORTING THE 2020-2021 UPDATE TO THE CC4CA POLICY STATEMENT. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

8. PRESENTATIONS:

8A. Financial Update: July Sales Tax Report and Financial Projection Update (Christy Chicoine)

Finance Director Christy Chicoine updated the sales tax number for Council noting they were incredibly high compared to last year at this time; partially due to late sales taxes remitted in June and partially due to new State sales tax rules requiring remittance for online sales as well as local increase in sales of retail food, building, sporting goods and liquor. Christy explained the good financial position the Town was in given COVID and the fires; and the fund balance that is giving the Town some stability.

9. COUNCIL ACTIONS

9A. Public Hearing and First Reading of Ordinance No. 16, Series of 2020: An Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Basalt, Colorado, Amending the Basalt Municipal Code Chapter 16 – Zoning, Chapter 17 – Subdivisions, Chapter 18 – Building Regulations, and

Chapter 7 – Health, Sanitation and Animals, and Chapter 13 Municipal Utilities, Related to Wildfire Protection (Jeff Conklin/Susan Philp/Rick Fout/John Mele)

Planning Director Susan Philp summarized the ordinance that was the topic of an hour long worksession at the last Council meeting.

Deputy Fire Chief/Fire Marshal John Mele was present for this meeting with Assistant Fire Marshal Brooke Stott, Chief Building Official Rick Fout and Town Attorney Jeff Conklin

John Mele explained this ordinance was in line with the other communities in the Roaring Fork Valley. This ordinance would help control the wooden structures in Basalt; and enforce the hardening of structures against fire in Basalt.

Mayor Kane opened the public hearing at 8:19 PM.

There were no comments and the public hearing was closed.

M/S COUNCILORS SLACK AND INFANTE THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 16, SERIES OF 2020 ON SECOND READING. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

9B. Resolution No. 29, Series of 2020: A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Basalt, Colorado, Designating the Authorized Signatories for Town of Basalt (Christy Chicoine/Jeff Conklin)

Finance Director Christy Chicoine explained this action was a part of the clean up of the Town’s financial process and internal controls. The finance director, town clerk, mayor and mayor pro-tem would be authorized signatories on Town of Basalt accounts.

M/S COUNCILORS SLACK AND DRUMMOND THAT THE TOWN OCUNCIL APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 29, SERIES OF 2020. THE MOTION CARIED 7-0

10. INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE:

- 10A.** Accounts Payable
- 10B.** Advanced Agendas
- 10C.** Correspondence to the Town

11. ADJOURNMENT

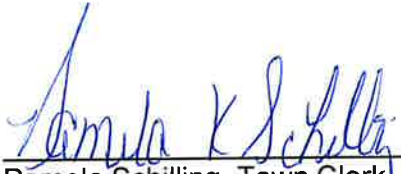
Mayor Kane adjourned the meeting at 8:27 PM.

The minutes of the August 11, 2020 meeting were read and approved this 25th day of August, 2020.

BASALT TOWN COUNCIL:

ATTEST:

By: 
William G. Kane, Mayor


Pamela Schilling, Town Clerk



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