



Official Minutes

MEETING OF THE MINTURN TOWN COUNCIL

Minturn Town Center, 302 Pine Street
Minturn, CO 81645 • (970) 827-5645

Wednesday February 17, 2016

Work Session – 5:00pm
Regular Session – 6:30pm

MAYOR – Gordon “Hawkeye” Flaherty
MAYOR PRO TEM – George Brodin

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Shelley Bellm
Earle Bidez
John Rosenfeld
Matt Scherr
Jason Osborne

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Work Session – 5:00 pm

- 100 Block Update – Powell/Hawkinson
- Discussion regarding Term Limits – Powell/Sawyer

Conversation ranging from length of term to the mayoral seat process were covered in the term limit discussion. Areas for consideration include P&Z eligibility, P&Z term limits, Council term limits, mayoral term limits, and mayoral selection. Initial goal is to have topic on the November 2016 ballot.

- Climate Action Plan Representatives – Powell

Representatives from Minturn will take part in the climate action plan process. Representatives to be temporarily determined until the April, 2016 election at which time appointments can be made. Council recommends Arnold Martinez from staff. Johnie Rosenfeld from Council volunteered as well.

Regular Session – 6:30pm

1. Call to Order

- Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hawkeye F. at 6:30 pm.

Those present included: Mayor Hawkeye Flaherty and Town Council members, George Brodin, Matt Scherr, Earle Bidez, Johnie Rosenfeld, Jason Osborne and Shelley Bellm.

Staff present: Town Manager Willy Powell, Deputy Clerk Michelle Metteer, and Town Planner Janet Hawkinson.

- Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of Agenda

- Items to be Pulled or Added

Motion by Johnie R., second by Jason O., to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

3. Approval of Minutes

- February 3, 2016

Motion by George B., second by Shelley B., to approve the minutes of February 3, 2016 as presented. Motion passed 5-0. Note: Johnie R and Jason O. abstained

4. Liquor License Authority

- Town of Minturn Ski Joring Special Event Permit; 100 Block of Minturn Rd.; Michelle Metteer, Town Economic Dev – Metteer

Motion by Jason O. Second by Shelley B to approve the special event permit with conditions listed. Motion passed 7-0.

5. Public comments on items, which are NOT on the agenda (5 minute time limit per person)

Hawkeye F. updated those in the public that the Crave Communities/USFS land swap was not on the agenda.

Ms. Judy Gustafson, 101 Lion's Lane, asked what benefit the Planning Commission sees in the land swap. Mayor Flaherty recommended coming to the March 2, 2016 Council meeting.

Ms. Sherri Wilson, 76 Meek St, pointed out her confusion as to what the exact land swap is. She is excessively opposed and expressed that Grouse Mountain is the busiest trail in the county. She does not want a movie theater in town, since she enjoys living in a small community. Martin

Creek and Bolts Lake are both viable options, but the Grouse trail to Meadow Mountain trail area are off limits. She requested transparency from Crave, on exactly what is it that they want to develop. Indicating the heavy traffic would become a detriment and the benefits for residents are not evident at all.

Mr. Tim McGuire, Crave Community Company 440 Eagle Street, announced that the Crave offices are open and available for anyone seeking additional information, question and answers.

Shelley B. empathized with the crowd present, affirming that their opinions and voice matters. Regardless if they signed later on the letter to the Forest Service.

Mr. Simon Dickson, 568 Taylor Ave, feels the amount of development being proposed is not in proportion to the size of the Minturn community. He supports the Bolts Lake proposal. He also asked about the ability for the Council to offer a Town vote for the option of a chairlift in town.

Ms. Sage Pierson, 132 Main St, brought forth the discussion of the "entryway crosswalk" at the 100 block of Main St. The crosswalk gets covered in snow and nobody can see that it's a crosswalk. Council updated that there will also be flashing signage included. In addition, she requested a potential time limit parking option for the 100 block.

Mr. Leo Vasquez, 1019 Mountain Drive, commented that Crave Communities is falsely representing access to the development which currently seeks access on a private road. He recommends Vail Associates come up with a development plan for the currently dilapidated storage area at the north end of town.

Ms. Anne Foster, 1143 Main St, expressed that the Martin Creek area is a beautiful place and is concerned about large amount of changes, especially the increase of congestion that may occur if the land swap and development should occur.

Hawkeye F. asked for everyone to please be respectful and keep an open mind when considering the land swap discussion and to be aware that this is a long, drawn-out process. Requested that everyone pays attention to what's going on, and get the facts straight and accurate, so there is no distortion of information.

Shelly B. reminded the audience that their congressmen are also available to hear feedback regarding a USFS land swap.

Earle B. explained the basic process of a land exchange and reminded folks that a referendum is most likely a part of the process. He stated clearly that the citizens of this town would be the ones making a decision, and that they had the ability to stop it if it wasn't wanted.

Ms. Sherri Wilson, 76 Meek St, stressed the fact that the town does not have curbs, therefore people park immediately to the corner of every street. Drivers trying to see around those cars to turn onto Main St are unable to see the traffic, and it's very dangerous. She seeks some kind of code enforcement regarding this unsafe issue.

Mr. Robert Martinez, 800 Main Street, has had issues with the town and expressed his concern about his neighbor putting in a hot tub 30' within the river setback. He noted that his neighbor recommended he put one in as well, since "he got away with it."

At 7:12 pm the mayor took a five minute recess. At 7:23 the Mayor called the meeting back to order.

6. Special Presentations

- Committee Report

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ACTION ITEMS

7. Discussion/Action Item: Consideration of a Proclamation regarding the Eagle County Library One Book One Valley – Powell

A brief presentation was given regarding the One Book One Valley program. Earle B. read the Proclamation.

8. Discussion/Action Item: Ord 1- Series 2016 First Reading An Ordinance approving the Grouse Creek Final Subdivision Platt – Hawkinson

Earle B. recused himself from this discussion and vote as he is on the Board of the Meadow Mountain Business Park.

Mr. Rick Pyleman, 137 Main St Edwards, CO, pointed out a few discrepancies on the plat. Those will be updated before signatures are collected. Mr. Pyleman pointed out the tax certificate on the paperwork will be removed before signatures are collected and Eagle County has approved this action.

Hawkeye F. asked about possible long-term landscaping for screening from the highway. Mr. Pyleman proposed the option of a few additional feet of soil along Hwy 24 to raise the landscaping accordingly. Mr. Rob Boushesky 137 Main St Edwards, CO, expressed that the idea of being able to see over the property to the river may be a better option for views.

Mr. Robert Martinez, 800 Main St, asked what size fire truck could fit into the business area. Mr. Gary Brooks, Alpine Engineering, responded that a fire truck can comfortably fit through the entryway as well as the garbage truck and large delivery trucks (semis included-about 26ft wide). Janet H. confirmed this plan has been reviewed and approved by the Eagle River Fire Protection District.

Mayor Flaherty asked about the storm sceptor pending paving of the area. This to be added as a condition for the approval included in the Ordinance verbiage.

Jason O. commented on the reason of his previous vote regarding this issue, which was due to a reflection of the county's continuing housing crisis. This is a problem that will affect everyone,

since average workers can't afford to live in this county. He believes the county state holders, government leaders and land owners, need to evaluate carefully how we are developing our land. He hopes Union Pacific, takes into consideration this serious matter that really needs to be addressed, next time they get rid of land.

Willy P. updated the Council on his discussion with Mr. Greg Larsen of Union Pacific and the continued need for housing. Union Pacific looks to have further information regarding this issue by mid-summer 2016.

Motion by Jason O., second by Johnie R, to approve Ord 1- Series 2016 First Reading, an Ordinance approving the Grouse Creek Subdivision Platt. All voted in favor. (6-0) Note Earle B. recused himself due to a conflict of interest.

9. Discussion/Action Item: Ord 2- Series 2016 First Reading An Ordinance approving the Grouse Creek Subdivision Rezoning - Hawkinson

Mr. Rick Pyleman was available for public or Council questions.

Motion by Johnie R., second by Jason O., to approve Ord 2- Series 2016 First Reading, an Ordinance approving the Grouse Creek Subdivision Rezoning. Motion passed 6-0. Note: Earle B. recused himself due to a conflict of interest.

At this time Earle B. resumed his seat at the Council table.

COUNCIL AND STAFF REPORTS

10. Skijoring Update

11. Town Planner

- Planner Report

Janet H. reiterated that parking restrictions are being review for the 100 block. Meters were provided as an option for enforcement.

ECO Trails update indicated more funding may be available. Full drawings are available and progress is moving toward having cost estimates.

Matt S. asked what topics would be important to review at the zoning code level given that a significant amount of the 100 block is currently up for sale.

Shelley B. reminded the room that the 100 block includes residential units that were never intending to be zoned commercial. Discussions with property owners need to take place.

12. Town Manager

- Manager's Report

- Action Report

Jason O. requested a copy of the senate version of the Bolts Ditch bill.

13. Town Council Comments

Engineer on CDOT's repaving project.

Shelley B. requested term limits be added to the Action Item list (in addition to any other items that are pending review until after the April 5, 2016 election.

Johnie R thanked everyone who came to the meeting to voice their comments regarding the potential land, as well as any other issues.

Mayor Flaherty discussed the upcoming election and a candidate forum will be scheduled.

March 10th at the Minturn Saloon will be a candidate meet and greet with the option to register to vote online.

Matt S. asked where things stand for the Eagle St parking, next to the restrooms and basketball court, and if any appropriate signage has been determined. Recommendation to review the Ironworks Building agreement, back in 1988 or 1989. Matt S. believes this comes down to an enforcement issue.

Matt S. asked about any type of responsiveness policy the staff may have in getting back to the public on matters of concern.

The Council continued a discussion as to how best to address issues when they arise. Through the process, items of concern, when possible need to be brought to attention of Council for inclusion on an upcoming agenda.

14. Town Attorney

EXECUTIVE SESSION

15. Executive Session: An executive session for the purpose of discussing specific legal questions with the attorney for the purposes of receiving legal advice under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(b), and for the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and/or instructing negotiators under CRS Section 24-6-402(4)(e)

Motion by Ozzy, second by Shelley B, to convene in An executive session for the purpose of discussing specific legal questions with the attorney for the purposes of receiving legal advice under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(b), and for the purpose of determining positions relative to

matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and/or instructing negotiators under CRS Section 24-6-402(4)(e). Motion Passed 7-0.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

16. Next Meeting – March 2, 2016

- Crave Community Company presentation requested by Town Council.

17. Future Meetings:

- Work Session – Review of Job Descriptions - Powell
- Work Session on housing – Hawkinson
- Holy Cross Powder Hounds – Powell 03/16/16
- Clear vision areas on town street corners

18. Set Future Meeting Dates

a) Council Meetings:

- March 2, 2016
- March 16, 2016
- April 6, 2016

b) Planning & Zoning Commission Meetings:

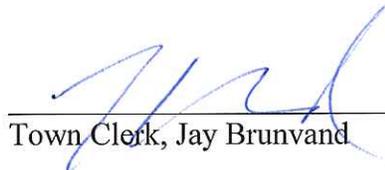
19. Other Dates:

20. Adjournment

In that there was no further business the meeting stood adjourned.


Mayor Hawkeye Flaherty

ATTEST:


Town Clerk, Jay Brunvand

