



Official Minutes

MEETING OF THE MINTURN TOWN COUNCIL
Minturn Town Center, 302 Pine Street
Minturn, CO 81645 • (970) 827-5645

Wednesday February 7, 2018

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

MAYOR – Matt Scherr
MAYOR PRO TEM – Earle Bidez

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Terry Armistead
Kristina Krone
Sage Pierson
John Widerman

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Work Session – 5:30pm

- Quarterly review of Council Goals – Metteer

Regular Session – 6:30pm

1. Call to Order

Mayor Matt Scherr called the meeting to order at 6:35pm

- Roll Call

Those present included: Mayor Matt Scherr, Mayor Pro Tem Earle Bidez, and Town Council members Kristina Krone, Terry Armistead, John Widerman, and Sage Pierson.

Note: Due to the resignation of Council Member Sidney Harrington, the council stood at six members including the Mayor.

Staff present: Town Manager Michelle Metteer, Town Attorney Michael Sawyer, Town Planner Janet Hawkinson, and Town Treasurer/Clerk Jay Brunvand

- Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of Agenda

- Items to be Pulled or Added

Changes: Move ECSO Presentation to next meeting

Motion by John W., second by Kristina K., to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed 6-0.

3. Approval of Minutes

- January 17, 2018

Changes: Dowd Jct in Manager's report; remove the 1/17 ref

Motion by Kristina K., second by Terry A., to approve the minutes of January 17, 2018 as amended. Motion passed 6-0.

The Council convened as the Minturn Liquor Authority.

4. Liquor Authority

- 542 Main St LLC DBA Sticky Fingers confirmation of DBA name change from Sticky Fingers Café to Sunrise; 132 Main St; Douglas McAvity Owner/President – Brunvand

Jay B. noted this was a name change only.

Motion by Kristina K., second by Sage P., to approve the establishment name change as requested on the Report of Changes as presented. Motion passed 6-0.

- Golden Aspen Leaf Inc DBA Gourmet Cowboy Annual Renewal of a Hotel & Restaurant License; 455 Main St.; Clifford Dorn III, Owner/Pres – Brunvand

Jay B. noted this is an annual renewal and that no issues were present that would preclude approval at this time. He noted Staff was recommending approval.

Public Hearing Opened

No comments

Public hearing closed

Motion by John W., second by Sage P., to approve the Golden Aspen Leaf Inc DBA Gourmet Cowboy Annual Renewal of a Hotel & Restaurant License; 455 Main St.; Clifford Dorn, Owner/Pres. as presented. Motion passed 6-0.

- Magustos Annual Renewal of a Hotel & Restaurant License; 101 Main St.; Eric Cregon Owner/Pres – Brunvand

Jay B. noted this is an annual renewal and that no issues were present that would preclude approval at this time. He noted Staff was recommending approval.

Public Hearing Opened
No comments
Public hearing closed

Motion by Terry A., second by Sage P., to approve the Magustos Annual Renewal of a Hotel & Restaurant License; 101 Main St.; Eric Cregon Owner/Pres. as presented. Motion passed 6-0

Reconvened as Council

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

6. Special Presentations

- ECSO 2017 Year in Review and new Deputy Introduction

Staff requested this be moved to next meeting (February 21).

- Committee Reports

Earle B. stated the Battle Mtn Committee met and discussed water and agreed to work on other aspects that need to be under consideration going forward.

John W. updated on Partners in Energy: the website is almost complete, it will include good information and go-to information. A press release will be forthcoming regarding the Partners In Energy offerings to businesses.

John W. attended the Colorado Communities Symposium in Denver regarding community alternative energy options where he met many other community representatives and developed contacts.

John W. updated on the ECO Transit committee. A presentation by the Transit Committee will be held during the February 21, 2018 meeting.

John W. will be attending the NWCCOG water QQ meeting tomorrow.

Terry A. updated that the following athletes have trained in Minturn and or have been members of the Ski and Snowboard Academy or have trained at the Minturn Fitness Center.

TEAMUSA: Lindsey Vonn - Alpine Skiing, Mikaela Shiffrin - Alpine Skiing Morgan Schild – Moguls, Tess Johnson -Moguls, Emerson Smith–Moguls, Casey Andringa – Moguls, Alex Ferreira – Freeski, Aaron Blunk – Freeski, Annalisa Drew –Freeski, Faye Gulini - Snowboard Cross, Meghan Tierney - Snowboard Cross, Jake Pates - Snowboard, NoahHoffman - Nordic

U.S. PARALYMPIC: Thomas Walsh

INTERNATIONAL: Matt Leseur - Bermuda/Moguls, Charles Flaherty – Puerto Rico/Alpine Skiing, Sarah Schleper - Mexico/Alpine Skiing, Chris Del Bosco - Canada/Skier Cross Anais Caradeux - France/Freeski

MFC VISITING OLYMPIANS: Alice Mckennis - USA/Alpine Skiing, Laurene Ross - USA/Alpine Skiing, Alexis Pinarault - France/Alpine Skiing, Mathieu Faivre - France/Alpine Skiing

Sage P. thanked the Public Works Department for their work.

Kristina K. reminded scholarship applications are due by March 30.

Earle B. reminded and updated on the Barstool Racing event. February 24 beginning at noon. Proceeds benefit the Minturn Community Fund.

- Council Comments

Mondays with the Mayor on February 26 8-10 at the Vail Mountain Coffee Roasters.

Matt S. will be meeting in Denver with Colorado Division of Insurance. He asked for topics from the Council. He will be asking about the cost of health care in the mountains. The meeting is February 15 so have any comments to him prior.

Matt S. said the Education Foundation is having an event on Feb 10 for Project Funway.

COUNCIL INFORMATION / UPDATES

7. Staff Updates

- Manager Report

Internal Focus

Over the last month, staff has taken an internal focus with how processes are conducted in and between departments. Although many items are not yet ready for the Council level, issues are working their way through the vetting process. Our goal is to bring items to the Council level once thoroughly vetted by the staff, committee(s) and Planning Commission. This will require a longer process, but will hopefully result in more efficiency once before the town Council.

HWY 24 Mag Chloride & CDOT Maintenance Agreement

Jay Brunvand has scheduled a meeting for February 12, 2018 with CDOT representatives to review the CDOT Maintenance Contract as well as the continued request for the application of mag chloride on HWY 24 for increased safety and ice removal. Meeting participants to include Jay Brunvand – treasurer overseeing the contract, Arnold Martinez – public works executing the contract, Michelle Metteer and CDOT representatives.

Sidewalk Safety

Public Works and Code Compliance are teaming up with local businesses and residents to keep our sidewalks safe. Many areas of sidewalk are unsafe due to the current condition of HWY 24. Pools of melted runoff are created by the ever-growing height of the highway and have nowhere to go...except to on sidewalks and driveways in many areas. Until the road improvements in 2019 take place, the town will work to cover unsafe areas with cinders or salt and/or remove ice entirely as able.

Xcel Energy Refrigerator Recycling Program

Requirements for the program:

- Be an Xcel Energy residential electric customer
- Have a valid account number
- Own an operational 10-30 cubic foot refrigerator/freezer to be picked up from the residential address listed on the billing account ('Operational' is defined as being capable of cooling/freezing)

How it Works:

1. Make an appointment for your FREE refrigerator pickup: call 1-800-599-5795 or [schedule online](#). Rebate is \$35.
2. Plug in your fridge or freezer the night before the pickup date. Please note that the unit must demonstrate full operational capability when inspected at the time of pickup.
3. We'll pick up the refrigerator or freezer and recycle it at no cost to you.
4. We will also throw in two free LED light bulbs for you to use in your home.
5. The rebate will be mailed to you within four weeks after pickup.

CDOT Speed Study – HWY 24

Janet Hawkinson has been working hard behind the scenes for the consolidation of our speed limits in town. As Council approved, CDOT will be conducting an “official speed study” and once the results of the study are completed we will begin to review options to move forward.

Main Street Pedestrian Planning

Work continues behind the scenes.

GIS System Updates

The Planning Department is working to update missing or incorrect information in the Eagle County GIS system. Additionally, residents and businesses will be asked to make sure their properties are clearly labeled with their street numbers. These numbers need to be visible from the road – especially to ensure a fast emergency response time.

Economic Development Advisory Committee

EDAC held its first quarterly meeting on Monday, January 22nd. Direction to begin creation and execution of a “Made in Minturn” campaign (per the 2016 Economic Development Strategic Plan) in conjunction with a booth at the Minturn Market to support local artists and/or entrepreneurs.

Scoop the Poop!

Issues persist. Minturn is considering a campaign within town to try and mitigate the issue. There are several factors contributing to the problem. The main two issues are: dog owners not picking up the poop and throwing it away and dog owners letting their dogs run freely about the neighborhood without any supervision at all.

Dowd Junction Update

Minturn continues to seek a direct sale of the Dowd Junction property from the USFS. As previously stated, Minturn’s three main objectives of the property are for: commercial tax revenue, open public access to Meadow Mountain and county-wide transit.

Mini Mile

The Mini Mile is closed for the winter season.

PUD Holding Zone Clean-Up

Efforts are underway to eliminate the significant amount of outdoor storage and subleasing on the railroad property at the north end of town. Minturn will be addressing this issue for the entirety of the PUD Holding Zone area. Union Pacific has presented challenges to achieving this goal, but we may be able to work directly with our property owners to achieve success as the process moves forward.

Council Retreat

May 6, 2018, 9:00 am at the Minturn Fitness Center, facilitated by Jon Stavney, Director, Northwest Colorado Council of Governments.

Michelle M. updated that the Town will take refrigerators at the Town Cleanup Day, first Saturday in June. Discussion ensued on how we might do a hazmat recycling program included which are items that normally are not accepted at our cleanup day. Michelle M. will contact Honeywagon to explore options.

All were reminded and encouraged to clean up after their dogs.

Matt S. discussed Sen Bennett’s Wilderness Bill proposal. This will establish a Nat’l Landscape designation. The program is requesting letters of support. He asked if Council had interest in this being on the Feb 21 meeting; direction was to include it.

Matt S. asked if there is anything we need to be considering in the event the lack of snow affects the amount of water in the rivers. Mike S. said this should not include too many issues for Minturn.

- Action Report
- Department Updates

EXECUTIVE SESSION

8. Executive Session: An Executive Session for the purpose of conferencing with the Town Attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on a specific legal question under CRS Section 24-6-402(4)(b) – Battle Mountain

Motion by Terry A., second by Earle B., to convene in Executive Session for the purpose of conferencing with the Town Attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on a specific legal question under CRS Section 24-6-402(4)(b) – Battle Mountain. In addition to specified staff, Willy Powell, a contractor for the Town would also participate in the Executive Session. Motion passed 6-0.

No direction given as a result of the Executive Session.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

9. Next Meeting – February 21, 2018

- Work Session on Use Tax – Brunvand/Auditors (2/21/18)
- 1041 Regulations Ordinance – Sawyer (2/21/18)

10. Future Meetings:

- Water Policy and Tap Fee Review – Hawkinson
- Snow plow and mag chloride update – Metteer

11. Set Future Meeting Dates


- a) Council Meetings:
- February 21, 2018
 - March 7, 2018
 - March 21, 2018

12. Other Dates:

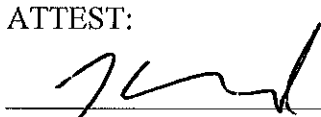
- Office Closed – President’s Day 2/19/18
- Bar Stool Racing – 2/24/18

13. Adjournment

Motion by John W., second by Kristina K., to adjourn at 9:53pm. Motion passed 6-0.



Matt Scherr, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jay Brunvand, Town Clerk

