

**TOWN OF DE BEQUE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 25, 2020**

The Board of Trustees of the Town of De Beque held their regular meeting on Tuesday, August 25, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. Present were the following:

Trustees: Judy Lake
 Summer Black-Greening

Shanelle Hansen
Cindy Faris

Absent: Trustees Jackson and Walter Wood and Mayor Zeke Gaudern

Staff present: Care' McInnis
 Bob Dalley

David McConaughy
Toni Vincenzetti

Davis Farrar
Shirley Nichols

Ms. McInnis gave a brief greeting and explanation of the process for Conducting the public hearing. The applicant will speak first. Members of the public may testify. Those in favor first followed by the opposition. Those

CALL TO ORDER:

Lack of a quorum signing on to the meeting there was a delay in beginning the meeting. Call to order was declared at approximately 6:37 p.m. by Trustee Lake.

ROLL CALL:

Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present at this time.

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:

There were none

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: July 28, 2020

Motion: Trustee Hansen

To approve the minutes with corrections to typos

Second: Trustee Farris

Voice Vote: Unanimously in favor of the motion

2. MAYOR'S EXPLANATION OF THE FORM OF MOTIONS REGARDING FINANCIALS AND DISCLOSURE OF POSSIBLE CONFLICTS.

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Trustee Hansen asked to abstain from voting on the bills for De Beque Country Store

Motion: Trustee Black-Greening
To accept the July bills for De Beque Country Store

Second: Trustee Farris

Voice Vote: Unanimously in favor of the motion

4. BILLS AND EXPENDITURES: July 2020

Motion: Trustee Farris
To pay the bills for July 2020

Second: Trustee Hansen

Voice Vote: Unanimously in favor of the motion

5. ITEMS FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATING IN CONFERENCE – NOT ON THE AGENDA: (3 min.)

Margaret Prather, 4566 Road, De Beque, Colorado asked to read a statement to the Board regarding her recent application for an out of town water tap. This email had actually been sent to the Board on August 21st. A copy had not been submitted to the Town Clerk for the record.

She stated that she is a long time resident and speaking with emotion. She does not feel her voice has been heard or that she has been receiving service from the community representatives (Town Staff). Something that should be simple has turned into a legal battle costing the Town and herself a great deal of money. She has not heard of a customer being held responsible for fees associated with any contract.

She felt this was addressed at the June 28th meeting and that it was decided that they would receive a water tap. There was no mention of a contract.

The Town attorney is demanding that she pay their fees and other unknown and unqualified professional fees for an extra territorial water tap that already requires significantly higher tap fees. She feels she is being treated differently than others in the past.

She wanted to let everyone know that she has reluctantly signed the agreement with a cap of \$1200 which has now been off the table. She has asked for a description of the appeals process and has not received

it.

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J.J. Weise stated he was a member of the De Beque School Board. Two months ago this was brought up as a discussion item. He felt that a lot of them had approved the tap. They were told that they needed to submit an application for a tap. There was no mention Of a contract at that time. Later that day they received communication that there would be pre-annexation paperwork coming. After reviewing a draft of the contract there was only a week to sign. They just did not have enough time. He does not know why this has become so complicated. He feels they have been treated unfairly. This is affecting whether or not they are going to be able to stay in town.

Leslie Weis stated they moved their children up her two years ago. She is a teacher in the school and the volleyball coach. They have working on this process since then. They have been working with Mesa County to do this and this is the last step. It will be difficult for them to stay here and mentioned how difficult it is to get teachers and housing is not readily available. She stated that it was not their intention to build and sell in a couple of years. They intended to raise their children here and to retire here.

Trustee Hansen said that they had a right to be heard and if not on this agenda, certainly on the next one. This matter should be decided once and for all so these people can move forward.

5. BOARD COMMENTS:

6. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

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7. OLD BUSINESS:

8. NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC HEARING:

a. DISCUSSION AND ACTION CONCERNING RESOLUTION NO. 2020-18: BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVAL OF HAVA GARDENS APPLICATIONS FOR NEW LICENSES TO OPERATE A RETAIL AND MEDICAL MARIJUANA CULTIVATION FACILITY IN THE TOWN OF DE BEQUE, COLORADO.

Open Public Hearing time

Close Public Hearing time

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RESOLUTION NO. 2020-18

Motion:

Second:

Voice Vote:

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b. DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION CONCERNING: EXTENSION AND TERMS OF EMERGENCY FACILITIES & LAND USE AGREEMENT WITH THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT FOR USE OF TOWN POTABLE WATER ACCESS,

MOTION:

SECOND:

VOICE VOTE:

c. DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION CONCERNING: EXTENSION AND TERMS OF EMERGENCY FACILITIES AND LAND USE AGREEMENT WITH THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT FOR USE OF TOWN POTABLE WATER ACCESS.

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d. DISCUSSION AND ACTION CONCERNING RESOLUTION NO. 2020-19: THE TOWN OF DE BEQUE DECLARING THE PINE GULCH FIRE EMERGENCY.

MOTION:

SECOND:

VOICE VOTE:

8. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION:

SECOND:

VOICE VOTE

TIME ADJOURNED

APPROVED

DATE