

**TOWN OF DE BEQUE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 25, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on July 25th, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Center, 381 Minter Avenue, De Beque, Colorado. Present were the following:

Mayor: Shanelle Hansen

Trustees: Vern Bruse, Cindy Farris, Lisa Lippoldt, Sarah Hambrick, Judy Lake, and Walter Wood.

Absent:

Staff Present: Town Administrator Care' McInnis, Town Marshal Bob Dalley, Town Clerk Lisa Rogers, and Town Treasurer Katherine Boozell

Also Present: Jennifer Richardson (Mesa County Landfill), Chris Endreson and students (UC Denver), Diane Sandelin, Dawn Palmer (Kush Gardens), and Joe Keys (Jet Boat)

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Mayor Hansen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL:

Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

PRESENTATION: "Mesa County Landfill Update", Jennifer Richardson, Solid Waste & Sustainability Division Director, Mesa County Landfill

Ms. Richardson gave a presentation on the state of the landfill. She stated that with the opening of a new kitchen trash landfill that Mesa County's landfill was suffering. She stated that there may need to be new/raised fees for services. She expects to soon have a plan rolled out where municipalities may be expected to contribute to keep the landfill out of the red. Trustee Farris asked about e-waste rates. The Board expressed their appreciation for Ms. Richardson's time.

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:

No additions, deletions, or corrections.

ITEMS FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATING IN CONFERENCE – NOT ON THE AGENDA:

No Comments

BOARD COMMENTS:

Trustee Hambrick raised the topic of teaming up with the school to build bat boxes to help with mosquitos. Trustee Farris discussed how bad they are this year. Trustee Hambrick explained how the weather impacts the ability to spray. Trustee Wood inquired about DMV2Go.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT:

Ms. McInnis stated that Wild Horse Days will be August 25-27. Planning is well underway. Groundbreaking for the Mesa County Community Hall is this Thursday, July 27th at 1:00 p.m.

Ms. McInnis followed up on several topics from last meeting. When a resident asked about the chemicals used in the mosquito spraying, the resident was immediately provided with the MSDS sheet from Town Hall. There is an MSDS book for Public Works at the water plant. Also, there will be no down time for Public Works with regards to equipment trade-ins.

The Town Clerk spoke regarding the RV dump. Ms. Rogers explained that she had spoken in great length with Steve LaBonde from WestWater. Some of the chemicals that are used to help breakdown sewer waste in an RV may include formaldehyde. Formaldehyde kills all bacteria including the good bacteria. It would take a month at least for the lagoon to recover and we would be out of compliance during that time.

Ms. McInnis followed up on the Mesa County Landfill Presentation. She stated that De Beque is a small town with less than 500 residents within town limits and that waste management is thoroughly addressed with weekly trash service, recycling, Spring Clean-up, and the burn pile. The IGA is not on the agenda yet. It is still in negotiations. Ms. McInnis stated that once it is final and on the agenda that she would line out the pros and cons. She would also like to see how other municipalities were going to proceed. Ms. McInnis stated that staff strongly support charging a person dropping off hazardous waste at the landfill more, rather than assessing an overall % of the deficit to De Beque residents and increasing what the 500 folks in Town pay to supplement the landfill.

There has been interest from a company that may be able to do the bio-solid removal—fingers crossed.

Staff is still working towards getting barbeque grill bid. It has been put out for redesign/alternatives.

Ms. McInnis had a meeting with Mesa County regarding the Community Hall. It now has a price tag upwards of \$5,000,000. Some amenities are still in negotiation.

Ms. McInnis arranged a meeting with Ethan Shaw (groups advocating bicycles and other recreation), Commissioner Daniels and the County Administrator to discuss legal recreation outside of De Beque. The meeting went well. All attendees were supportive and offered suggestions in dealing with BLM and others. Ms. McInnis stated that she had offered to take

Commissioner Martin from Garfield County to lunch in De Beque and give him a site visit regarding BLM and recreation.

On August 3rd, Ms. McInnis will meet with Congresswoman Boebert to tour the water plant. She hopes to gain support in dealing with BLM or Congress if necessary.

Ms. McInnis stated that there was a new meeting notice sign in front of Town Hall. There would be some additional work done to help with the shadowing that occurs when looking at the sign from an angle. The sign design and labor were donated to the Town.

Ms. McInnis stated that staff had been in contact with Carlson Memorials to obtain samples and have the sign details revamped. Samples were passed around. Buff was chosen for the color and the updated sign received approval from the Board members.

The 2024 budget process is moving along. Currently, there are meetings with each department happening. Then there will be meetings with each trustee to go over the details.

Ms. McInnis stated that she was going to wrap up her report with good news. She stated that De Beque was part of collaboration that received \$108,347 in wildfire grants. Even better news is that the Marshal's office received a \$4,927.27 P.O.S.T. grant for training and equipment. And the best news? We submitted another grant request from DOLA this time for the water plant. Katherine and Jeremy presented our case in Denver. Staff found out on Friday we were awarded another \$1,000,000.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. **Approval of Minutes:** June 27th, 2023.
- b. **Bills and Expenditures:** (Expenditures related to the Country Store and/or other conflict items are listed below as part of the regular agenda) June 2023
- c. **Discussion and action regarding RESOLUTION 2023-12:** A resolution authorizing the Town to dispose of surplus property.
- d. **Discussion and action regarding RESOLUTION NO. 2023-13:** A Resolution authorizing parking requirements for the I-70 Storage Center, LLC site plan application for a self-service storage facility at 4474 North I-70 Frontage Road.
- e. **Discussion and action regarding ORDINANCE NO. 536 (series 2023):** An ordinance amending the De Beque Municipal Code, Chapter 2.10, to authorize the Town Administrator to execute contracts on behalf of the Town with a not to exceed cost of \$150,000 where the contract is within sums budgeted by the Board of Trustees or an outside funding source authorized by the Board; and where all procurement processes have been duly completed.

Discussion Before Motioning on the Consent Agenda:

Mayor Hansen asked if anyone had any further questions or comments on the Consent Agenda items. There were none.

Motion:

Trustee Hambrick motioned to approve all items on the consent agenda.

Trustee Lippoldt seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-1.

REGULAR AGENDA:

NEW BUSINESS:

REMAINING BILLS AND EXPENDITURES: Expenditures related to the Country Store.

Mayor Hansen asked if anyone had any further questions or comments regarding the expenditures related to the Country Store. There were none.

Motion:

Trustee Farris motioned to accept the expenditures related to the Country Store.

Trustee Hambrick seconded the motion.

Mayor Hansen abstained.

Motion carried 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

PRESENTATION: "River Park Redesign", Chris Endreson/students, University Technical Assistance Program (UTAP), University of Colorado Denver

Chris Endreson stated that with all the community involvement, he and his students had been able to get a clear understanding of what the citizens of De Beque were looking for in a park. They went back to the drawing board and have come up with a final design that the Town should be able to use for the purpose of getting grants to cover the cost. This park can be built in phases and some of it could even be done by citizen volunteers instead of hiring someone. The students presented the final draft of the plan. Mayor Hansen thanked the group for all of their hard work. The Board stated their excitement of the plans.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING RESOLUTION 2023-14: A resolution adopting the River Park Redesign and Open Space Plan.

Ms. McInnis stated that she would like to change the word volunteers to be more descriptive of who they are and their experience. She also explained that the purpose of this resolution is to adopt the plan so that we can move forward with grant funding.

Motion:

Trustee Hambrick motioned for approval of Resolution 2023-14 with changes.

Trustee Farris seconded the motion.
Motion carried 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Hansen asked if there was a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion:

Trustee Farris motioned to adjourn the regular meeting.
Trustee Bruse seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 19:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by the Board of Trustees

Lisa Rogers, Town Clerk

Shanelle Hansen, Mayor