

**TOWN OF DE BEQUE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING
OCTOBER 8, 2024**

The special meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on October 8, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. in the Community Center, 381 Minter Avenue, De Beque, Colorado. Present were the following:

Mayor: Shanelle Hansen

Trustees: John Giffin, Walter Wood, Cindy Farris, Sarah Hambrick, and Vernon Bruse

Absent: Lisa Lippoldt

Staff Present: Town Manager Care' McInnis, Town Engineer Mark Austin, Public Works Supervisor Sam Flores, Public Works Jacob Burns, Public Works John Haas, and Town Clerk Lisa Rogers

Also Present: Jesse Palmer, Charlie White, Mary Kramer, and Summer Black-Greening

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Mayor Shanelle Hansen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL:

Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING SIDEWALKS:

Mayor Hansen stated that this item has caused her much anxiety and stress. She thanked everyone for attending the special meeting. Mayor Hansen stated that she felt the intersection as designed is too tight. It is not just cars that have to navigate it but also trucks with trailers. Trustee Wood stated that occasionally big trucks also come through. The Board went outside to look at the sidewalk area. Mark Austin explained that this was the same kind of design that is used for downtown Grand Junction. It makes the pedestrians safer. Trustee Hambrick stated that there is not a lot of foot traffic. Mark Austin stated that these streets with the newly designed sidewalks are still as wide as Mesa County roadways. It slows down traffic and pops out downtown. Mayor Hansen stated that it will feel like the center of town. Charlie White stated that the roads will be too narrow to navigate a truck with a horse trailer through. Mayor Hansen asked about splitting the difference between sidewalks and road. Trustee Giffin stated that the cars would just stick out further than the sidewalks. Trustee Hambrick stated that there is only lots of parking during special events. Ms. McInnis stated that the parking lot across from Reckless Roadhouse is full all the time. Sam Flores asked if the changes would impact the budget. Ms. McInnis stated that it would and there was room for contingencies. But there is not much room for changes. Mayor Hansen stated that we would save on concrete. Mark Austin stated that it would take at least several weeks to redesign any sort of changes and that would delay the project being finished this year. Trustee Wood stated that he would like to see beautification in the downtown area and folks would have to adjust to the changes. Mayor Hansen stated that the Town needs to grow at least enough to sustain itself. Mayor Hansen would like to see some planter boxes on the extra sidewalk area. Mark Austin stated that with the way the sidewalks are designed it gives room to do things like that without it

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feeling like it is spilling out into the street. Trustee Giffin stated that it is safer for pedestrians. Trustee Bruse stated that the design is quite doable.

Motion:

Trustee Wood motioned to move forward with design as is.
Trustee Bruse seconded the motion.
Mayor Hansen and Trustee Hambrick voted nay.
Motion carried 4-2.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

Trustee Farris motioned to adjourn.
Trustee Wood seconded the motion.
Motion carried 6-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Lisa M. Rogers, Town Clerk

Approved by the Board of Trustees


Shanelle Hansen, Mayor

