

The Regular Meeting of the Meeker Town Board was held Tuesday, May 18, 2010 at Town Hall.

Members Present	Mayor	Etheridge
Trustees		Gerloff
		Cook
		Conrado
		Strate
		Omer
Members Absent		Halandras
Town Staff Present	Town Administrator	Day
	Town Planner	Smith
	Town Clerk	Cook
	Town Attorney	Viscardi
	Liquor Clerk	Sizemore
	Admin. Assist.	Niemi
Citizens Present	David & Ellene Meece	Suzannah Reid ó Reid Architects
	Dr. David Steiner	Jesper Jonsson & San Riebold -
	Sparky Pappas	The Bistro
	Mary K. Kruger	Sandy Shimko
		Cynthia Frantz ó Feyø Business
		Ventures dba/W.R. Convenience

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Etheridge called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

All Trustees present except Trustees Halandras and Conrado.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Etheridge asked if there were any changes to the agenda with none noted.

A motion was made by Trustee Omer to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Trustee Gerloff. All ayes, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

Mayor Etheridge asked for changes or revisions to the minutes of May 4, 2010. She stated on page four under the elementary school discussion her last name (Etheridge) should be added behind Mayor on line six.

A motion was made by Trustee Strate to approve the May 4, 2010 with the noted revision, seconded by Trustee Cook. Ayes ó Trustees Cook, Strate and Gerloff. Trustee Omer abstained, motion carried.

Trustee Conrado arrived at 7:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Trustee Conrado left the room due to a conflict of interest. Mayor Etheridge asked for questions or comments regarding the revised set of vouchers dated May 18, 2010. She stated the final payment (Item #39 under the General Fund ó Nelnet ó Student Loan Final Payment/Muxlow ó PD) for police officer Muxlow's student loan and two year contract had paid off immensely and was pleased it had worked out well. Trustee Omer inquired about Item #26 under the General Fund ó Soillogic ó Box Culvert & Sewer Test/New Elementary ó asking if the item was related to Ute Road and the box culvert? Day stated yes, it was for Ute Road, but not for the box culvert. She went on to explain it was for testing of the soil in the area before the culvert to ensure there was good compaction where Ute Road would be located.

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A motion was made by Trustee Omer to approve the revised set of vouchers dated May 18, 2010, seconded by Trustee Strate. All ayes, motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

NEW BUSINESS

Request from Fey's Business Ventures Inc. dba/White River Convenience, 793 Market Street for 3.2 percent Beer Retail License renewal (off-premise).

Liquor Clerk Sizemore stated Cynthia Frantz (applicant) was present. She stated there were 17 calls for service to the address but none related to alcohol, fees had been paid, paperwork was completed and Staff recommended approval. Mayor Etheridge asked for questions with none noted.

A motion was made by Trustee Gerloff to approval the request from Fey's Business Ventures Inc. dba/White River Convenience, 793 Market Street for 3.2 percent beer retail license renewal (off-premise), seconded by Trustee Cook All ayes, motion carried.

Request from San S. Riebold, The Bistro on Park Avenue, 364 7th Street Hotel and Restaurant Liquor License renewal.

Liquor Clerk Sizemore stated Jesper Jonsson representing the business was present. She stated there were no calls for service to the address, paperwork was completed, fees were paid and Staff recommended approval. Mayor Etheridge asked for questions or comments with Trustee Conrado inquiring why the license fee was more? Administrator Day explained the fee was higher because it was for a Hotel/Restaurant liquor license which is higher than a 3.2 percent Beer Retail License.

A motion was made by Trustee Strate to approve the request from San S. Riebold, The Bistro on Park Avenue, 364 7th Street Hotel and Restaurant Liquor License renewal, seconded by Trustee Conrado. All ayes, motion carried.

Presentation of Historical Assessment of Meeker by Suzannah Reid of Reid Architects.

Suzannah Reid of Reid Architects began the presentation by outlining the origins of the project. She stated the University of Colorado at Denver wanted to involve smaller communities in preserving their historical buildings. She stated Meeker was selected as one of the three communities to receive a grant and Reid Architects was hired to carry out the survey project. Ms. Reid explained how the survey work was done, and when completed, 38 buildings were selected to conduct more in-depth research on. She went on to say each building has a package with a detailed architectural description of each building; information on the original build date, the owners, the builder/architect and a historical background; which included research from the Clerk and Records office (original transactions) to determine who owned the property when the building was constructed. She added the package included an evaluation of the building in terms of its current number of alterations and how well the building continues to convey its architectural significance. Ms. Reid stated another component was the survey report which provided a general historical context and included the time period from when the Ute Indians lived on the land to the 1930s. Ms. Reid then presented a slide show of the buildings researched, outlining the history and the historical significance of each. After her presentation, Ms. Reid stated the reports and disk would be kept at the museum and Day suggested the information be put on the Town's and Chamber's websites. Discussion focused on Ms. Reid's recommendation on the formation of a Historical Preservation Commission in Meeker, the development of a preservation program, benefits that would help property owners maintain their historic properties and access to potential grants. Mayor Etheridge inquired if it would apply to some of the buildings downtown, with Ms. Reid stating it could, but the main thing was to develop a program that worked for the community. Mayor Etheridge asked if the grant was completed and what Ms. Reid's involvement was from this point forward? Ms. Reid stated the project was done but would be happy to answer questions or provide other information that she had. Mayor

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information that she had. Mayor Etheridge thanked Ms. Reid for her work on the project and the presentation and asked for questions/comments. David Meece stated the word "unique" was mentioned several times during the presentation and inquired as to what was "unique"? Ms. Reid stated most communities on the Western Slope began from mining, patterning their housing on wealthy blocks surrounded by workers. She explained Meeker was defined by an army camp which laid out the structure of the town and the economic engine of the camp set a unique set of circumstances resulting in a unique set of buildings. Discussion focused on the remoteness of the area, the county having a preservation committee, if the Town should have its own preservation committee and creating historic districts. Mayor Etheridge thanked Ms. Reid again for her presentation, adding she hoped it would be a catalyst for more discussion.

Consideration of re-appointment of Martha Griffin to the Planning Commission.

Planner Smith outlined Ms. Griffin's past appointments, and stated her term would be up in May and was requesting re-appointment. Mayor Etheridge inquired if it was the only vacancy with Planner Smith replying no; Gary Hindman was also up for reappointment, but had submitted a letter stating he would not seek reappointment as he would be moving. Mayor Etheridge inquired as to how to move forward with Mr. Hindman's vacancy with Planner Smith stating it was being advertised in the newspaper and had received one letter of interest. She added there was the potential of another vacancy, but had not yet received a letter of resignation. Trustee Omer inquired if the Planning Commission appointed its own officers, with Planner Smith explaining the PC elected officers internally and was required to be done in January. Discussion focused on how long Mr. Hindman had served on the Planning Commission and how many members were on the PC board.

A motion was made by Trustee Omer to approve the re-appointment of Martha Griffin to the Planning Commission, seconded by Trustee Cook. Aye: Cook, Gerloff, Omer and Strate. Nay: Conrado. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORTS

None

MANAGER'S REPORTS

Associated Governments Appointment ó Administrator Day stated the need for a representative was discussed at last meeting, with Trustee Strate and Mayor Etheridge indicating interest. Trustee Strate stated he was unable to do it, with Mayor Etheridge stating she would. Day stated Rangely also had someone interested and would discuss it again with Rangely's Town Manager Peter Brixius, who had stated he thought it was Meeker's turn to have a representative since Ann Brady (Rangely) had been the representative, serving most recently.

Meeker Clean-up ó Day stated the Public Works Department was extremely busy this spring with more projects than man-power. She went on to say only a couple of calls were received regarding the free clean-up day and Staff has explained that the County is giving vouchers this year for a free dump day. Day stated she would like to recommend the Town not have the clean-up day this year, adding it is a great service, but the Town's streets suffered immensely during the winter, and explained how the Town works with the County to use their AMZ machine. She added the Town only does cleanup for those 65 years of age and older. Discussion focused on how the clean up day had been done in the past and the agreement with the County. Mayor Etheridge inquired if the project could be postponed with Day replying yes, but was usually done in the spring. Trustee Gerloff inquired if it had to be announced; stating the Town could keep a list and when the opportunity arose then do it. Discussion focused on how long the clean-up takes, not announcing it until things slow down, keeping a list as they do for the limb chipping and the Board not wanting to take away the program. Day stated the Town also does limb chipping and has not had time for that either. She added the Town would be hiring another person for the parks in June which hopefully would free up someone in Public Works to begin chipping. The Board concurred to wait until later to do the clean-up project, allowing the PW Dept. to complete other projects.

Equipment Sale ó Day stated PW Superintendent Russell Overton had a list of items he would like to sell at the upcoming County action and read the list of items; an old John Deere tractor, an International tractor (replaced with

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with a new tractor on order), a Honda four wheeler (first one purchased by the Town), a 1992 Ford Ranger which used to be animal control vehicle and a Go-Cart. She added a John Deere sickle mower that fit on the International tractor (a new one has been ordered to fit the new tractor), insulated sheet metal which has been used for projects but is taking up room, a pump trailer with neither of the pumps working, and a tack oil trailer that hasn't been used for years. The Board concurred to allow Mr. Overton to put the items listed up for sale at the County's upcoming auction.

Parks and Recreation District Meeting: Day stated the Rec. District Board had requested a meeting with the Town Board, either prior to their regular meeting or afterwards in a workshop setting, adding the Rec. District preferred an earlier time. She stated the focus is the small park between Michael Circle and Laurie Circle, adjacent to Jensen Park. She stated the Rec. District has some ideas and would like to do the work. The Board concurred to meet with the Rec. District Board members before the regular BOT meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 1, 2010.

Projects Update: Water Tank Painting - Day stated all projects were going well, with just a few minor issues. She stated the water tank painters were delayed due to the wet weather, but were working hard. She stated Mr. Overton had stated the Sage Hills water tank needed a great deal of welding. Trustee Gerloff inquired about the Sage Hills tank's age compared to the tanks on 7th Street, with Day explaining it was built in 1979 or 1980, but there were some issues with the way it was constructed and explained a past slag issue with the tank.

Mag. Chloride of Alleys - Trustee Cook inquired when the alleys would receive mag. chloride, with Day stating she was unsure as the project is coordinated with the County, but would find out and let the Board know.

Ute Road ó Day stated the utilities were almost completed and the poles should be gone by Monday, May 24, 2010. She added the conduit had been installed. She stated the curbing machine would be here next week and the work on the curb and sidewalk would begin soon. Trustee Gerloff stated when the project was first discussed, there was mention of encouraging the use of local contractors, but hadn't seen any on the project. Day stated the Town did provide the company with a list of local contractors, but the company has many of their own employees.

Sign Issue ó Mayor Etheridge inquired about the issue with Harry Watt and his truck sign, inquiring if the Board needed to know the specifics. Day explained the painted sign on the side of his truck didn't meet the Town's code and Mr. Watt had been notified and provided with information concerning compliance issues and suggestions of potential solutions. However, the owner had not responded to the Town to try to correct the situation and the Town was proceeding with enforcement. Discussion focused on the Town's sign ordinances.

ATTORNEY'S REPORTS

None

OTHER TOWN BOARD BUSINESS

Trustee Gerloff stated the parks looked great and thanked Staff for their work in cleaning them.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Etheridge adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Mandi Etheridge, Mayor

Attest:

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Lisa Cook, Town Clerk