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3 **New Castle Town Council Meeting**
4 **Tuesday, March 5, 2013, 7:15 p.m., Town Hall**

5 **Call to Order**

6 Mayor Breslin called the meeting to order at 7:19 p.m.

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8 **Pledge of Allegiance**

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10 **Roll Call**

11 Present	Councilor Russi
	Councilor Riddile
	Councilor Metzger
	Mayor Breslin
	Councilor Gordon
	Councilor Leland
	Councilor Stuckey
18 Absent	None

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20 Also present at the meeting were Town Administrator Tom Baker, Town Clerk Melody
21 Harrison, Public Works Director John Wenzel and members of the public.

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23 **Meeting Notice**

24 Clerk Harrison verified that her office gave notice of the meeting in accordance with
25 Resolution TC-2013-1.

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27 **Conflicts of Interest**

28 There were no conflicts of interest.

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30 **Public Comments**

31 Linda Holley, New Castle resident and Historic Preservation Committee Chair, thanked
32 Town Administrator Baker and Recreation Director Larry McDonald and the town for their
33 help with the Spaghetti Dinner that raised about one thousand dollars for the recreation
34 scholarship program. Administrator Baker said the idea for the fundraiser was Ms. Holley's
35 because she felt that all kids should be able to afford recreation activities.

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37 **Items for Consideration**

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39 **Garfield County Health Department presentation**

40 Christine Singleton of Garfield County Public Health greeted the council. She said her
41 organization had received funding from Live Well Colorado, a nonprofit organization whose
42 primary goal is to reduce obesity in the state of Colorado. Ms. Singleton said the grant
43 funding awarded to them by Live Well Colorado was a nine-year initiative beginning in
44 January 2013 that would provide one million dollars towards an anti-obesity project in
45 Garfield County.

46 Ms. Singleton said they were in the mobilization and planning phase and had received
47 \$40k for community outreach to determine what the barriers were for people to improve
48 their health. They will organize focus groups, surveys and a project called Photo Voice.
49 Ms. Singleton showed the council a flyer about Photo Voice, and explained that it will

1 begin with the first training on Monday, March 11th. She said they were recruiting people
2 from all over Garfield County, ages 14 and up. Participants would receive disposable
3 cameras and are sent out into the community. The intent was for them to photograph
4 things they would consider a barrier to better health, better eating and active living. The
5 photographs would then be organized and captioned, and finally presented to the
6 community at an evening dinner event at Grand River Hospital. Community members
7 would have the opportunity to speak to the photographers and talk about the issues that
8 had been identified. A community strategic plan would then be created and submitted to
9 Live Well in the early fall 2013. In January 2014 they would begin to work on the issues
10 the community valued.

11 Ms. Singleton said that being a Live Well Community would help provide opportunities for
12 funding for trails or park improvements. She invited the council to attend the HEAL
13 (Healthy Eating Active Living) Coalition meetings to begin collaborating with Live Well and
14 to learn about funding opportunities.

15 The council felt the Live Well project worked well with New Castle's economic development
16 marketing strategy of outdoor recreation, as well as their commitment to partnering and
17 supporting local ranchers and farmer's markets.

18 Ms. Singleton told the council that Garfield County Live Well would soon have a website.
19 In the meantime they could get information about Live Well from their website at
20 www.livewellcolorado.org.

21 Councilor Leland said that the Live Well brochure indicated a correlation between obesity
22 and income level and he asked if the county or state could help lower income people
23 afford healthier food. Ms. Singleton said she worked with the senior nutrition program, the
24 Women Infants Children (WIC) nutrition program and Cooking Matters, which is a cooking
25 program for low-income families. She said the county commissioners had awarded \$24k
26 to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables for those programs.

27 Ms. Singleton told the council her contact information was available in the packet
28 documents.

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30 **Consider Authorizing Mayor to Sign a Letter of Support for the Rifle Regional
31 Economic Development Corporation**

32 Administrator Baker told council that this was something Councilor Leland brought to the
33 towns attention, and not only was it a support letter for the RREDC but also an inquiry
34 from the Department of Agriculture to see if there were any conflicting issues that needed
35 to be addressed. He said New Castle did not have any issues, so it was merely a support
36 letter for the revolving loan fund grant request by the RREDC.

37 Councilor Stuckey asked if New Castle businesses would still be qualified to apply for
38 revolving loans funds if the town was no longer a member of the RREDC. Councilor Leland
39 said he thought not, but did not know for certain. The RREDC would provide the matching
40 funds. Administrator Baker said since New Castle had provided part of that match that
41 New Castle businesses would still be eligible whether or not the town was an RREDC
42 member. The council felt the letter of support was reasonable.

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44 **MOTION: Councilor Russi made a motion to approve the Mayor signing a letter of
45 support for the RREDC. Councilor Stuckey seconded the motion and it passed
46 with Councilors Stuckey and Metzger abstaining.**

47 **Consider Ordinance 2013-2, An Ordinance of the New Castle Town Council
48 Amending the Municipal Code Concerning the Regulation of Marijuana (second
49 reading)**

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2 **MOTION: Councilor Riddile made a motion to approve Ordinance 2013-2, An**
3 **Ordinance of the New Castle Town Council Amending the Municipal Code**
4 **Concerning the Regulation of Marijuana on second reading. Councilor Leland**
5 **seconded the motion and it passed on a roll call vote: Councilor Leland: Yes;**
6 **Councilor Russi: yes; Mayor Breslin: yes; Councilor Riddile: yes; Councilor**
7 **Stuckey: yes; Councilor Gordon: yes; Councilor Metzger: yes.**
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9 **AGNC Request for Full Funding**

10 Administrator Baker told the council that he had spoken with the Executive Director of the
11 Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado (AGNC), Scott McInnis, and he requested
12 that the council consider paying the full dues amount of \$2,500.00 for their membership
13 in AGNC. The request was made because the AGNC had been awarded a \$50,000.00
14 DOLA grant that would be used to provide AGNC's members with \$3,000.00 matching
15 grants. Additionally, AGNC members are allowed to participate in monthly AGNC meetings
16 as well as weekly legislative updates. Staff recommended approval of the additional
17 funding.

18 **MOTION: Councilor Russi made a motion to appropriate additional funding as**
19 **suggested on Administrator Baker's memo to the AGNC. Councilor Stuckey**
20 **seconded the motion.**

21 Discussion: Councilor Metzger ask who else was member of AGNC. Administrator Baker
22 said he thought Rifle, Parachute, Silt, and Garfield County, but he would find out and get
23 back with Councilor Metzger. Mayor Breslin said all the northwestern counties were
24 members.

25 **The motion passed unanimously.**

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27 Administrator Baker asked the council to allow him to add a sponsorship contract for Big
28 Horn Toyota to the consent agenda.

29 Council reviewed the contract and agreed.
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31 **Personnel Update**

32 Director Wenzel told the council that Eli Jennings would be leaving the town and taking a
33 position in Clifton. He said that the wastewater operator job was being advertised and
34 they hoped to find a qualified applicant soon.
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36 **Consent Agenda**

37 Minutes of the February 19, 2013 Council Meeting
38 February Bills of \$ 312,263.96
39 Spirits Liquor License Renewal
40 Big Horn Toyota Sponsorship Contract
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42 **MOTION: Councilor Russi made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mayor**
43 **Breslin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**
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45 **Committee Reports**

46 Planning & Zoning – nothing to report
47 Climate Action Advisory Committee – nothing to report
48 Historic Preservation – nothing to report

1 POSTR – Councilor Russi said the POSTR Committee would be looking at a Great Outdoors
2 Colorado (GoCo) grant, and discussing trail planning east of New Castle. He felt it would
3 tie in nicely with the Live Well Project by the County Health Department.

4 **Staff Reports**

5 Town Administrator - PTAC Fitness Course Verbal Update – Administrator Baker said that
6 the school district administration had taken over the project with the intent to determine
7 community needs. He said Kim Rider, the Town GIS specialist, had used GIS and put
8 together a planning map the school district could use if they decide to go forward with the
9 fitness trail project. Administrator Baker said they had been invited to do a seven-minute
10 presentation to DOLA for the grant the town had applied for. Jo Carter of DOLA was
11 working with the town staff helping them prepare the presentation.

12 Administrator Baker said he had forwarded questions from Warrior Golf to the town
13 attorneys, and they would be making some minor changes to the proposed agreement.
14 The only decision that will probably need to be made by the council at the next meeting
15 would be the December 2015 park development deadline. Warrior was asking for an
16 additional year.

17 Councilor Stuckey asked to be excused from the discussion. The council agreed.

18 Councilor Russi said Warrior had been given notice in advance of their purchase of the
19 property of the various issues, development agreements and warranty items and he did
20 not feel another year to complete park development was appropriate and asked the
21 council to carefully consider it. The council briefly discussed the one year extension
22 request.

23 Administrator Baker told the council he will be on vacation and would miss the council
24 meeting on March 19.

25 Town Clerk - Clerk Harrison told the council that she had received the most recent update
26 for the Municipal Code books and asked the councilors to bring their code books to her.

27 Clerk Harrison asked the council for a motion to begin the April 2, 2013 council meeting at
28 6:30 p.m. as previously discussed.

29 **MOTION: Mayor Breslin made a motion to begin the April 2, 2013 council**
30 **meeting at 6:30 p.m. Councilor Leland seconded the motion and it passed**
31 **unanimously.**

32 Public Works Director – Director Wenzel said he had been busy writing FMLD grants for
33 streets and community center upgrades. Also, Mike Callas, the new parks foreman, had
34 written a grant for downtown beautification to purchase flowers for the planters. Director
35 Wenzel told the council that the Town Water Attorney Michael Sawyer had been working
36 on the Coryell water right lease and it would be on a council agenda soon. He had been
37 working with Police Chief Sadler on a space needs analysis for a new police department.
38 Councilor Gordon said he had been discussing the native grass idea with staff and
39 coordinating an educational meeting that other towns and agencies would be invited to.
40 Director Wenzel said the native grass would be planted in the pocket park next to the
41 Town Hall as an example for interested parties. Because the area was on a water meter,
42 water use could be tracked. Councilor Metzger asked what had happened with the
43 sidewalk issue on the Jerkunica property. Director Wenzel said that project was part of the
44 FMLD streets and sidewalks grant. Administrator Baker recalled for the council that
45 Attorney McConaughy had advised against pursuing legal action against the property
46 owner because it would have been wasted money and time, so the staff had been
47 pursuing other remedies.

48 Councilor Metzger asked if there was ability for the town to do something about the two
49 trucks on the east end of Main Street that appear to have been sitting unused for quite a

1 while. Mayor Breslin thought if the vehicles were registered, there was nothing the police
2 could do about them. Administrator Baker said he would look into it.

3 Town Planner – not present
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5 **Council Comments**

6 Councilor Gordon said he would be meeting with Al Gold to look at available lots for the
7 senior housing project. He thought the lot the town owned in Lakota would be ideal and
8 suggested the council think about lease options. Councilor Gordon also said he had been
9 working with Rosie Ferrin and thought it was possible the town could obtain the old
10 schoolhouse building she owned adjacent to Burning Mountain Park downtown.

11 Councilor Russi said he had spoken with Gary Praeger and he was also interested in doing
12 some senior housing in New Castle. He said that there was a significant amount of money
13 available in 202 funds and it should be researched.

14 Councilor Metzger asked what the next step was after the presentation from Ann Stuckey.
15 Administrator Baker said he would come back to the council with a plan to request an RFP.

16 Councilor Leland reminded the council the Coal Country Feud will be on the evening of
17 May 11, 2013 and that the council should have a team.

18 Mayor Breslin told the council he would be leaving town the following day to visit with his
19 new Granddaughter.
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21 **MOTION: Councilor Riddile made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Metzger**
22 **seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**
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24 The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.
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26 Respectfully Submitted,
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30 Mayor Frank Breslin
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33 Town Clerk Melody Harrison
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