

**New Castle Town Council Meeting  
Tuesday, May 2, 2017, 7:00 p.m.**

**Call to Order**

Mayor A Riddile called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

Present	Councilor Metzger Councilor Owens Councilor Hazelton Mayor A Riddile Councilor Russi Councilor Leland Councilor G Riddile
Absent	None

Also present at the meeting were Town Administrator Tom Baker and Town Clerk Melody Harrison.

**Meeting Notice**

Town Clerk Melody Harrison verified that her office gave notice of the meeting in accordance with Resolution TC-2017-1.

**Conflicts of Interest**

There were no conflicts of interest.

**Agenda Changes**

There were no agenda changes.

**Citizen Comments on Items not on the Agenda**

There were no citizen comments.

**Consultant Reports**

Consultant Attorney – not present  
Consultant Engineer – not present

**Items for Consideration**

**Request for Funding: Trail Building Supervision – Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers**

Town Administrator Tom Baker told the council that the Garfield County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) gave the Town of New Castle funding for four weeks of Rocky Mountain Youth Corps (RMYC) work that would be utilized on the BLM trails. Supervision of RMYC would need to be in place, and will be provided by Miles with the BLM, Adam with New Castle Trails and Carl of Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers (RFOV). Carl would need to be compensated, and that cost will be \$1,800.00. New Castle Trails would provide 25 percent of the cost. Administrator Baker said the request was that the town council approve funding for the remaining \$1,350.00. The council briefly discussed the timeline for the various trail projects.

**MOTION: Mayor A Riddile made a motion to approve no more than \$1,350.00 from the Economic Development line item to fund trail building supervision for RFOV. Councilor Owens seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

### **Garfield Clean Energy Summary Presentation of Partners in Energy**

Administrator Baker introduced Erica Sparhawk, of Garfield Clean Energy, to the council. He said that the Partners in Energy meetings had produced a summary report, and Ms. Sparhawk would review that information with the council.

Ms. Sparhawk greeted the council. She reviewed the report with the council. They discussed use trends, the goals for reduced usage, renewable energy, rebate opportunities, remote net metering, policy strengthening, building codes, residential efficiencies, home energy assessments and solar and wind energy options.

The council thanked Ms. Sparhawk for her presentation and time.

### **Consent Agenda**

Minutes of the April 18, 2017 council meeting

April Bills of \$489,148.01

**MOTION: Councilor Owens made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mayor A Riddile seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

### **Staff Reports**

Town Administrator – Administrator Baker told the council that Sam Garcia was interested in leasing his parking lot to the town because his tenant was not interested in paying rent on the lot. The council said they would be willing to consider it.

Administrator Baker said he would bring the item back to the council at a future meeting. Administrator Baker said that he had spoken to Sue Ruggles and she had a lengthy list of items she wanted assistance with. He said that public works was very busy this time of year and it was likely they would not have time for the Downtown Group projects in the next several months. Councilor Leland said the group had a history of coming in monthly for financial assistance, and it would be better for them to create a comprehensive plan that could be budgeted for. The council agreed that budgeting would be the best plan. In the meantime, Administrator Baker said he wanted to use approximately \$500 to allow Ms. Ruggles to hire a very part time person for the next six weeks to address maintenance items in Ritter Plaza and other downtown areas. Councilor Owens asked if there would also be a line item in the next budget for trails, and Administrator Baker said there would be.

Town Clerk – Clerk Harrison told the council that the prior week there was a failure in the antenna system that linked the town hall, community center, wastewater plant and public works building. The failure caused the server to be down for a day at the

town hall, and for several days in the other buildings. Executech staff had come from Utah and replaced the system, and everything was running well. Clerk Harrison told the council that EAT Bistro was ready to submit their liquor license application in preparation for their opening in September.

Clerk Harrison said that the new solar shades had been installed by public works.

Town Planner – not present

Public Works Director – not present

### **Commission Reports**

Planning & Zoning Commission – nothing to report

Historic Preservation Commission – nothing to report

Climate Action Advisory Committee – nothing to report

Senior Program – Councilor Metzger said that the director of Senior Programs, Judy Martin, had been in contact Photographer John Fielder who was excited to be returning to the area, and would consider doing a photography show at New Hope Church.

RFTA – nothing to report

AGNC – Councilor Hazelton said he attended the meeting in Craig, and they had voted on AGNC officers. The guest speaker at the meeting was Shailen Bhatt of CDOT.

GCE – nothing to report

BEWG – Councilor Russi said they had received \$10k for the lane diet project.

### **Council Comments**

Councilor Metzger asked if there were start dates for the sports park and the senior housing projects. Administrator Baker said the bid opening for the sports park will be May 11. Community Resource Housing & Development was working on the plan review corrections done by the building inspector for the senior housing project. Councilor Metzger said that the library had a new accountant and he had he had reviewed the district's accounting and loans, and had refinanced some things and saved the district a lot of money. She thought it would be a good idea to consider reviewing the town's various financial commitments to see if there might be opportunities to save money.

Councilor Metzger asked if Ms. Sparhawk was unable to use the power point projector because it was broken. Clerk Harrison said it was not broken, it was that Ms. Sparhawk had an Apple computer and the neither her Apple computer nor the projector recognized the other piece of equipment. Clerk Harrison said that if Ms. Sparhawk had said in advance there would be a power point presentation, she could have prepared differently.

Councilor Metzger asked if there was any news of the bakery, and where they would move. Administrator Baker said the bakery was exploring several options, and had toured the ambulance barn on the Kamm lot, but he did not know what their plans were. He said that there were several parties interested in the Kamm lot and the Chapman's property.

Councilor Owens said that Gary Schalla of Mountain Family Health sent his thanks to the council.

Councilor Owens said that his wife, who is a veterinarian, was interested in bringing a presentation to the council for a dog park. The council said the issue had been

discussed previously, and there were supporters and those who opposed it as well. Councilor Leland felt that a dog facility would be necessary in the future. Councilor Russi said that he and Jeanne Golay, who was the new president of LoVa, had gone before the BOCC to ask for funding for planning of the LoVa Trail. The BOCC said that they only sponsored programs or facilities that towns owned. Councilor Russi felt they did not understand the collaborative effort of the LoVa project. He asked the council to allow him to apply for the GoCo and State Trails Planning Grants with New Castle as the lead. He said he would ask Glenwood Springs, Garfield County and RFTA to be partners. The council agreed.

Councilor Leland said that in Portland Oregon the bike lanes were painted green, and he felt that was something the town should consider when the lane diet discussion took place.

Councilor Leland said that Town Planner Tim Cain had taken the Sanborn map to Denver for a restoration estimate and it had been less than expected.

Councilor G Riddile asked the council what their familiarity of TABOR and Gallagher and asked if it would be advantageous for them to learn more about it. Administrator Baker said he would have Finance Director Lyle Layton get some information for the council.

Mayor A Riddile said he and Administrator Baker had attended the oil and gas symposium and it was very informative. He said they had also attended the health symposium and a representative from public health and environment provided some contact information for possible planning funds from CDOT for the LoVa Trail.

Mayor A Riddile said that on Thursday evening at 6:00 p.m. would be the LoVa Trail Planning meeting at the community center.

Mayor A Riddile said that someone had suggested the town donate a bike rack to Glenwood Springs for the duration of the bridge project. The council though it a good idea, and felt that a sign should be placed on the bike rack indicating it had been loaned to Glenwood Springs.

Mayor A Riddile said he would not be at the next council meeting.

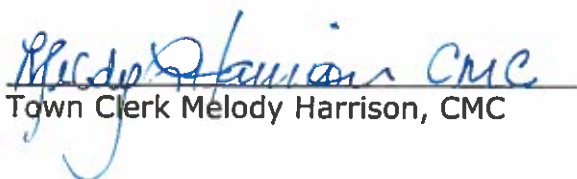
**MOTION: Councilor Metzger made a motion to adjourn. Councilor G Riddile seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

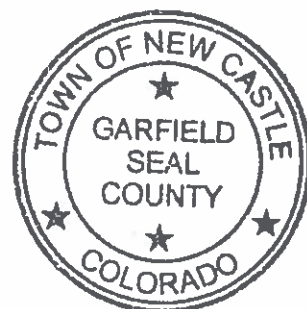
Respectfully submitted,



Mayor Pro Tem Bruce Leland



Town Clerk Melody Harrison, CMC



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