

**New Castle Special Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 30, 2017, 6:00 p.m.**

Call to Order

Mayor A Riddile called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present	Councilor Metzger Councilor Hazelton Councilor Owens arrived at 6:03 p.m. Mayor A Riddile Councilor Russi Councilor Leland Councilor G Riddile
Absent	None

Also present at the meeting were Town Clerk Melody Harrison, Public Works Director John Wenzel, Town Engineer Jeff Simonson and members of the public.

Meeting Notice

Town Clerk Melody Harrison verified that her office gave notice of the meeting in accordance with Resolution TC-2017-01.

Conflicts of Interest

Here 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.

Items for Consideration

Lakota Canyon Ranch Sports Park

Public Works Director John Wenzel explained to the council that the bids for the

Sports Park had come in much higher than expected, necessitating that some modifications be made to the plans. He described some of the landscape plans that had been modified, clarifying that the landscape screening on the north side had not been altered because that screening was a commitment made to the residents of Blackhawk Drive. He also described work that would be self-performed by town staff which included the purchase and installation of playground equipment, a direct contract with the company that would build the tennis courts, as well as the planting of the trees. Director Wenzel felt that the self-performed work would take approximately 23 working days. He also described what other projects that had been self-performed, as well as current self-performed projects that could be in conflict.

Director Wenzel felt that the project would not be complete until the end of August 2017.

Mr. Roger Sheffield said that he felt the parking would not be adequate, and he proposed that the town consider allowing him to purchase the strip of town-owned land in between his property and the neighbors that was currently used as a walk path. Mr. Sheffield said if he owned it, he could prevent access to the new park from Blackhawk Drive. Councilor Leland said that the property could not be sold unless it went to the voters. Director Wenzel said there were utility easements on the property. Councilor Russi said that he appreciated the concern, but he wanted people to allow the town the opportunity to monitor and mitigate parking issues, perhaps by installing signs that discourage parking in the neighborhood. He suggested they allow a year to determine the issues.

Mr. Sheffield agreed that the neighborhood needed to wait a year to determine any parking issues.

The council and staff discussed how changing the scope of work might delay the start of the project because the contractors who bid the job were very busy. They also discussed if it would be necessary to rebid the job because of the changes, or if it would be valuable to wait and rebid the job in the winter months when costs may be lower. Director Wenzel said that he felt that Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) would qualify New Castle for a delay in the project, but he also felt it could affect the town's relationship with GOCO. Councilor Russi said that the town could get a reputation of delaying projects that could have a long-term effect on the town's ability to get grants. The staff and council agreed that the costs were significantly higher than necessary, but self-performing the work, although it will task the public works department, would lower the costs.

MOTION: Councilor Owens made a motion to approve and authorize:

- **Approval for the mayor to sign a contract with low bidder to perform civil earthwork. Not to exceed \$310,000**

- **Approval for the Mayor to sign a contract with Evergreen Tennis Court Inc. for the construction of the Tennis and Pickleball courts. Not to exceed \$180,000**
- **Authorization for Town staff to spend approximately \$138,000 to purchase, landscape material, play structures, water utility supplies, and site furniture.**

Discussion: Councilor Leland clarified that a yes vote was to move forward with immediately with the sports park, and a vote no was to wait. Councilor Owens felt that although the arguments for moving forward and for waiting were both strong, he felt moving forward was the appropriate action. Councilor Russi suggested a roll call vote.

The motion passed on a roll-call vote: Mayor A Riddile: yes; Councilor Metzger: yes; Councilor Russi: yes; Councilor Owens: yes; Councilor Leland: yes; Councilor G Riddile: yes; Councilor Hazelton: yes.

The meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mayor Art Riddile


Town Clerk Melody Harrison, CMC

