

**New Castle Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 3, 2017, 7:00 p.m.**

Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor A Riddile called for a moment of silence for the tragedy in Las Vegas.

Roll Call

Present	Councilor Metzger
	Councilor Owens
	Councilor Hazelton
	Mayor A Riddile
	Councilor Russi
	Councilor Leland
	Councilor G Riddile

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

Recess the Town Council Meeting, Convene as the Local Liquor Licensing Authority

MOTION: Councilor Leland made a motion to recess the town council meeting and convene as the local liquor licensing authority. Councilor Russi seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Consider a Special Events Liquor License for New Castle Trails

Clerk Harrison told the council that the Roaring Fork Mountain Bike Authority and New Castle Trails were holding a Fall Conference event in VIX Ranch Park. She said that the applicant representative, Adam Cornely, had requested an alternate location at the Community Center in case of bad weather.

Clerk Harrison told the council that the applicant was eligible for a special events liquor license because they were a 501-C3 non-profit organization, and they would be serving beer at the event. She also said that Mr. Cornely intended to delineate the licensed area in the park with t-posts and caution tape. Clerk Harrison said that she was Serv Safe certified and had volunteered to work the event. The council asked how it would be handled if a guest had too much to drink. Clerk Harrison said that the event was more family-oriented and there was little expectation that someone would over-indulge, unlike Burning Mountain Festival which was more of a party atmosphere. Nonetheless, she said that she had no qualms about refusing service to someone who had too much, and if necessary, the police would be contacted.

Mr. Cornely told the council that food would be served in the beer area, and that they would probably provide wristbands to guests who were 21 or older. Mr. Cornely said that he had not worked out the specifics on pricing for food and beer, but it would be similar to what was done at Burning Mountain Festival and the Movie Night event done earlier in the year. He also said that there would be multiple events to introduce both kids and adults to mountain biking and the local trails. In addition, several volunteers were avid trail runners. The events would start around 10:00 a.m. and be complete by noon. He asked if Mayor Riddile would consider kicking off the ceremony with a few words, thanking some of the key contributors. Wing Nutz would provide food, and there would be live music and a silent auction.

Councilor Metzger asked if the people working the event were in a position to prevent a guest from driving if they had too much to drink. Clerk Harrison said that they did not anticipate such a problem due to the family-oriented nature of the event, but that she had no problem in keeping the event guests safe.

MOTION: Councilor Russi made a motion to approve a special events liquor license for Roaring Fork Mountain Bike Association for the Fall Conference event in VIX Ranch Park. Councilor Owens seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Adjourn the Local Liquor Licensing Authority, Reconvene the Town Council Meeting

MOTION: Mayor A Riddile made a motion to adjourn the local liquor licensing authority and to reconvene as the town council. Councilor Russi seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Update: Youth Zone

Patty Schaffner of Youth Zone greeted the council and thanked them for their support. Ms. Schaffner said that Youth Zone continued to make amazing progress with the community's kids, serving 689 clients in their last fiscal year. In addition, a total of 1,001 family members were affected by Youth Zone services. Seventeen percent of

those were in New Castle. She said the cost to Youth Zone was \$1,400 per client, which sounded like a lot, but compared to the cost of going through the court system and possibly a detention facility, it was less costly to the community both financially as well as mentally.

Ms. Schaffner said that Youth Zone had just experienced their twentieth year of evaluation, which showed that ninety percent of the kids they saw were not repeat offenders. Their clients chose a better path. She said that ten percent recidivism was a very low rate, compared to other programs. Youth Zone served from Aspen to Parachute, was equitable regardless of age, gender or race, and was beneficial across the board.

Ms. Schaffner said that the evaluation indicated that Caucasian youth were more at risk for substance-related charges and Latino clients were referred more often for offenses against other persons. She said that they had seen an increase in self-esteem and a reduction of delinquencies and substance use in the 689 clients, as well as in the entire twenty years of evaluations.

Ms. Schaffner said that Youth Zone was looking for a new facility and they were hoping to move into the old library in Glenwood Springs.

Ms. Schaffner reviewed the statistics related to child abuse, psychiatric disorders and suicide. She also noted that substance use in the valley (Aspen to Parachute) was the highest in the state, and that one in four youths were addicted. Ms. Schaffner said that besides marijuana, they had seen an increase in opiates and heroin, and those clients are referred to outside resources for medical and therapeutic assistance. She said there were good resources in the area.

Ms. Schaffner said there was definitely bullying issues in the schools, and Youth Zone was dealing with that as well. Social media presented more complications related to bullying. In addition, trauma scores amongst kids were raising, and Youth Zone provided trauma-based therapy.

Ms. Schaffner said there would be a fundraiser on Saturday. The goal was to raise \$175k and they had reached a little more than half that so far. The New Castle team was a group of young women from Coal Ridge High School who were helping design Youth Zone's new office space. It was their community project. Each town had a team, and each team did a community project. People will vote for their favorite team or project and that was how they were raising funds. She invited the council to attend the fundraiser.

Mayor A Riddile asked how Youth Zone obtained the information that marijuana use in the valley was the highest in the state. Ms. Schaffner said she assumed it was from court records.

Mayor A Riddile said that he had heard there was not enough therapeutic resources in the area, and Ms. Schaffner said he was correct; there were good resources, but not enough resources. Councilor Owens said that Mountain Family Health was looking to double their mental health providers. Ms. Schaffner said that was great, and it was helpful for Youth Zone to know that a client from Mountain Family Health already had a mental health provider and they could connect with that counselor.

Councilor Owens asked if Ms. Schaffner could provide the sources for the statistics presented because it may be helpful. She agreed she could do that.

The council thanked Ms. Schaffner for the update and for everything that Youth Zone does for the community.

Consider Selecting a Name for the Lakota Sports Park

Clerk Harrison told the council that there was information in the packet that compiled the input from the citizens. She said that Councilor Russi had found a Ute dictionary online and had suggested some additional names that were placed on the dais for the council to consider. Clerk Harrison also said she had been in contact with the Southern Ute tribe in Ignacio, Colorado and had not heard back from them. She said she had asked them to help with the suggested names as well as other things such as the names of a few local geographic features and animals, as well as whether the Ute had a name for the area. She said the person she had spoken with was the head of the cultural and language programs.

Councilor Metzger said that twice she had suggested a name for the park and it still was not in the packet. Clerk Harrison said she did not have a copy of that suggestion, and Administrator Baker said he believed it had been in the packet at the previous discussion.

Mayor A Riddile said that the three additional names suggested seemed difficult to pronounce, and he was concerned about it. He asked whether the name would be in English with the Ute name in parenthesis, or the opposite way around.

Councilor Metzger asked how it came about that the council was focused on 'indian' names. Councilor Russi said it was not indian names, it was about the people who lived in the area before the Europeans came, and that tribe was what is now called the Southern Ute tribe. Councilor Leland said there were three or four suggestions on the list that were related to the Utes, and although he was not fond of any of them, he wanted to pursue the idea. He felt that the council had essentially agreed with the idea previously. Councilor Russi said that he felt it was honoring the people who were in the area before the Europeans came. They lived and hunted in the valley. Councilor Russi said there was a small publication about Jasper Ward and his friendship with Colorow as part of the history of New Castle. Councilor Russi said that he and Councilor Leland were looking for a resource and in the search came across a pamphlet. The person who wrote it was a Mormon missionary who worked with the Southern Utes from 1860 to 1880. He actually spoke the language and wrote the words down.

Councilor Metzger said she was not opposed to an indian name, but she wanted a name that people could remember. Councilor Russi said that rather than using one of the words that was outside the council's experience, he suggested using Councilor Leland's idea of the Bear Dance. Councilor Leland said that the Bear Dance Festival was a several-day gathering of all the local tribes and they do the Bear Dance. Clerk Harrison said the festival was held in late May on the reservation in Ignacio, Colorado. Councilor Leland said he and Councilor Russi suggested naming the park "Bear Dance Park" and in the text on the sign using the Ute word for bear dance.

MOTION: Mayor A Riddile made a motion to name the sports park "Bear Dance Park," and incorporating the Ute word "Mackonsepi." Councilor G Riddile seconded the motion.

Discussion: Councilor Metzger asked what he meant by incorporating the word Mackonsepi. Councilor Leland said that the word would be used on the sign, and there would be a sentence explaining it.

The motion passed unanimously.

Councilor Hazelton said he thought it was a good name, and he agreed with Councilor Metzger that the name should be easy to remember. Councilor Owens said that he appreciated that there would be a sign explaining the name. Councilor Russi said that he felt that it should also be on the sign that the park was a public park, part of the park system of New Castle and open to everyone. The council agreed.

Consider Potential Funding Request for AGNC Small Business Development Center

Mayor A Riddile said that at the last AGNC meeting they discussed small business development centers of which there were several in Colorado. It would provide a small business incubator, business assisting, financial assistance, marketing strategy, certifications and many other things to help small businesses. Mayor A Riddile said that the first thing he thought of when he heard about it was the Burning Mountain Bakery owners, who could have used the services. It would also be good for those who could may not be eligible for a typical business loan from a bank.

Mayor A Riddile said that they were looking for an answer in whether the town would be interested in sponsoring the organization with a \$1,000.00 per year donation. The organization would be for four counties: Garfield, Routt, Rio Blanco and Moffat. Mayor A Riddile said that no figures were given, but apparently, Garfield County's sponsorship was significant enough that they have asked that the offices be in Rifle. He felt that was a great thing.

Councilor Leland said that the office in Grand Junction offered a number of business services that were very helpful. He said that the AGNC proposal was offering services that they had hoped the RREDC would provide a few years earlier.

Mayor A Riddile said that the AGNC was not looking for funding right away, just an understanding that the town would support the small business development center in the future. The council agreed that the town was very interested and that the council would consider the \$1,000.00 in their 2018 budget discussions.

Consent Agenda

Minutes of the September 5, 2017 council meeting

Minutes of the September 19, 2017 council meeting

September bills of \$639,636.57

Resolution TC-2017-18 – Supporting a Grant Application for the LoVa Trail

RFTA Letter of Support for TIGER Grant

Audit Proposal from John Cutler & Associates for Services

Lease Agreement – CDOT

MOTION: Councilor Russi made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilor G Riddile seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with Councilor Owens voting no.

Councilor Russi asked if Councilor Owens wanted to remove something from the consent agenda. Councilor Owens said he was not comfortable with the issue about the auditor. Councilor Russi said that any time a council member had questions about a consent agenda item, the item could be removed from the consent agenda for further discussion. Councilor Owens said he would like to remove the audit item from the consent agenda.

MOTION: Councilor Russi made a motion to reopen the approval of the consent agenda. Councilor Hazelton seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Councilor Russi said that when the Mayor calls for approval of the consent agenda, Councilor Owens can say he would like an item removed and it will be. The remaining consent agenda items could then be approved. Mayor A Riddile asked if there was time to reconsider the auditor contract proposal, and Administrator Baker said there was time, and he suggested that the discussion be placed on the next council agenda for consideration.

MOTION: Councilor Russi made a motion to approve the remaining consent agenda items. Councilor G Riddile seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

MOTION: Councilor Leland made a motion to table the Auditor Contract Proposal until the October 17, 2017 council meeting. Councilor G Riddile seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Staff Reports

Town Administrator – Administrator Baker told the council that the TCO for the clubhouse in Lakota would expire at midnight and would not be renewed. There were public safety issues that needed to be completed, several that the fire district would have to approve. The council agreed that the inspector, Dave Reynolds, was clearly doing a great job. Administrator Baker said that he and Councilor G Riddile visited the CDOT overflow parking area to ensure that the town was following through on the commitment to mitigate the impacts to the adjoining property.

Town Clerk – Clerk Harrison told the council she had sent another Save the Date e-mail to the council for upcoming events. She said that the first meeting of the community revenue group would be the following evening at the Community Center at 7:00 p.m., if anyone was interested in attending. Clerk Harrison said she was working on the application to renew the town's trademark registration for the branding logo that the town uses on letterhead and other things. She said the process included proof that the logo was being used, so she had taken pictures of street signs and banners for the application. Councilor Leland asked if the trademark was in the town's name, and Clerk Harrison said it was. Clerk Harrison told the council that council assignments to committees was changing on November 1. Mayor A Riddile will be on Planning & Zoning, Councilor Metzger will be on Historic Preservation Commission, and Councilor Russi will be on Climate Action Advisory Committee. She said meeting dates and times would be sent out so everyone was aware of the upcoming meetings. Last, Clerk Harrison told the council that she had spoken with a man who was interested in opening a BBQ/smokehouse restaurant in town, and was looking at the Chapman's building.

Town Planner – not present

Public Works Director – not present

Commission Reports

Planning & Zoning Commission – nothing to report

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Historic Preservation Commission – nothing to report
Climate Action Advisory Committee – Councilor Russi said that even though CAAC had not been meeting, he felt that the Committee would have been very interested and active in the solar program.
Senior Program – nothing to report
RFTA – nothing to report
AGNC – nothing to report
GCE – Councilor Russi said that GCE was visiting the various towns providing updates.
BEWG – Councilor Russi said that he would be speaking with BEWG about assisting in the LoVa grant application.

Council Comments

Mayor A Riddile told the council that there were already people parking on Blackhawk Drive to access Bear Dance Park, and he wanted the council to be aware they may receive complaints.

Mayor A Riddile said he had received an e-mail from Terri Knobb that she would be resigning from the chamber board along with Susie Meraz. Ms. Knobb would still do the books and welcome totes, but would no longer be on the board.

Mayor A Riddile asked if any of the council should attend the Community Revenue Group meeting. Administrator Baker said they could certainly attend as citizens. He suggested they preface any remarks identifying themselves as citizens.

Mayor A Riddile reminded the council that on Monday, October 16 at 6:00 p.m. would be the grand opening of Bear Dance Park. A representative from GoCo would be there. He encouraged the council to attend.

Councilor Russi asked what the maintenance schedule was for the asphalt path along Castle Valley Boulevard and if work for that trail could be included into the 2018 budget. Administrator Baker said it certainly could be considered during the budget discussion coming up.

Councilor Russi said he had spoken to the assistant town attorney about meeting with two Pitkin County Commissioners regarding systemic needs within the RFTA district pertaining to the trail between Glenwood Springs and New Castle, and she said it would be okay.

Councilor Leland said he read the minutes of the last meeting and saw that Mike Hinkley of Mountain Waste said that a recycling center could be opened instead of curbside pickup. Councilor Leland said that the recycle center in Glenwood Springs has any number of problems, and the council should carefully consider those problems at the time a recycling center was proposed for New Castle.

Councilor Leland said that since the council was considering cutting back on applying for grants in the coming year, he felt the council should see who else was applying for grants that they could support.

Councilor G Riddile asked if the town had received any sales tax information for August to see if it had increased since the bridge closure. Administrator Baker said that information should come in the next few days.

Councilor Owens told the council about an HOA meeting that took place in July in Lakota during which they said there might be a possible consideration of transferring ownership of the Lakota recreation center to the HOA for an undisclosed sum. Then last Friday there was a meeting to vote on the purchase, and no one was allowed to vote on it. Documentation was not available except by photograph, and the meeting was held at noon when many people were not available. Homeowners packed the

room, but no one was allowed to talk or vote except the three executive committee members. Warrior held two of those three seats, so they had the majority vote. Councilor Owens said that most of the people that he spoke to were very upset about how the issue was handled, keeping people in the dark and refusing any discussion. Councilor Owens said that he felt that Warrior has shown a complete disregard for the people of Lakota and of the town. He felt there was nothing that indicated they cared about the citizens.

Councilor Russi said that what they did fell under the Colorado Common Interest Ownership Act (CCIOA) that had to do with HOAs in Colorado. In order for them to do what they did, there had to be an agreement in the documents signed when a home is purchased that is part of the HOA agreement. It was called a reciprocal negative easement, and it means that if the developer forced the sale or exchange of the property to the HOA for \$1.00, the HOA is deemed to accept it. Councilor Russi asked if that was in the agreement, and Councilor Owens did not know, but he would look. Administrator Baker said that some of the homeowners had hired an attorney. The council discussed the issue briefly, and agreed that the town needed to memorialize or record the parking lot agreement for Bear Dance Park.

Councilor Metzger said that she had mentioned previously that guests at council should always be first on the agenda, and the agendas were not being done that way. She felt it would be best to place guests at the beginning of the agendas without having to rearrange the agenda at the meeting. In addition, she reminded the council that it would be helpful to other council members and citizens to have a guest introduce themselves.

Councilor Metzger said that she was sure that everyone knew there were bear in the neighborhoods, there was bear scat on the sidewalks and she wondered if there was anyone responsible to clean it up. Administrator Baker and the council thought that business and property owners cared for their own vicinities. Councilor Metzger asked if Public Works could clean up the bear scat on her street.

Councilor Metzger said the previous evening she had been working on the symphony, and could not find the Glassmire home because she could not find their address. She asked if there were any requirements that homes have visible addresses. Clerk Harrison said she was sure the building code required it, and said she would provide the information to the council. Councilor Metzger said she had brought up the address issue before, and felt the council had been inattentive to her concern, and done nothing. Councilor Russi said he felt the council was the most activist, fundamentally involved council he had been on, and he disagreed they were inattentive. Councilor Metzger said she sometimes felt that way, and she had a right to her feelings.

Councilor Metzger said she had been working very hard on the symphony, and was not getting much cooperation, so she did not know how the event would turn out. She said she had given some fliers to Mr. Glassmire. Councilor Hazelton said he received one in his City Market bag.

Councilor Metzger said she heard there had been many complaints about senior housing. Administrator Baker and Clerk Harrison said they had not heard complaints. Councilor G Riddile said he heard one complaint that the project was eliminating wildlife habitat. Councilor Russi and Clerk Harrison stated that wildlife mitigation was addressed at the time the development was being approved.

Councilor Metzger said that she understood there was a fly-over earlier in the week that some council members were not told about, and she was offended to have been left out. Mayor A Riddile said he had not told everyone about the flyover because he

was asked not to. Councilor Metzger felt that she was left out because she is a woman. Mayor A Riddile and Councilor Russi, who was also not told, disagreed. Councilor Metzger said she would liked to have seen the flyover, and was not happy to be uninformed.


Councilor Metzger asked what was happening with the highway clean-up. Administrator Baker said that the project to improve the visual impact of New Castle from the interstate was turned over to the Downton Group and Doug Dotson. Councilor Metzger asked if anyone had heard from Steve Craven, and Administrator Baker said he had not.

Councilor Metzger said that Mr. Craven was trying to determine a good time to meet with the council subcommittee and asked if Councilor Russi had gotten the e-mail. Councilor Russi said he had received an e-mail but he did not realize it was a request for a meeting.


MOTION: Councilor Russi made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Owens seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mayor Art Riddile

 CMC

Town Clerk Melody Harrison, CMC

