

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

Call to Order

Mayor A Riddile called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 Administrative Assistant Darlene Harrison.

Meeting Notice

Administrative Assistant Darlene Harrison verified that the clerk's 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 agenda changes.

Consultant Reports

Consultant Attorney – not present
Consultant Engineer – not present

Items for Consideration

Consider CRHS Booster Club Funding Request

Julie Martinez, Coal Ridge High School Booster Club President. Ms. Martinez introduced Rhonda Williams, Booster Club Treasurer. Ms. Martinez also introduced

three students: Santana Martinez, National Honor Society President; Jose Bruiceno, Student Body President; and Cheyenne Williams, Student Body Vice President.

Ms. Martinez passed out some brochures to the council members. She said that it was important that a good relationship be maintained between the local school and the town. She also thanked the council for their sponsorship the previous school year, saying that the New Castle logo was included on the banners at the school.

Ms. Williams said that the first brochure was the Booster Club one they provided to teachers, students and parents at freshman orientation and sports meetings to help people understand what the booster club did. Ms. Martinez said the club collected their funding through concessions and sponsorships. She said they had collected between \$13k and \$14k in the past two years, and had been able to support the student sports and activities in a significant way.

Ben Kirk, the Athletic Director for Coal Ridge, produced the second brochure. Mr. Kirk worked hard on community relations, and the brochure was provided to businesses in Silt and New Castle. The purpose was to show the community why the coaches had become coaches, and to help bring in sponsorships for the Titan Golf Tournament.

Ms. Williams said that the tournament was a fundraiser. In addition, the booster club sold Titan gear, which was not a big money-maker, but it got visibility for Coal Ridge. Mr. Kirk also gave away t-shirts to elementary kids to get them excited to be a Titan.

The students, Santana, Cheyenne and Jose told the council that the booster club funds were used for the following: homecoming and after-prom events; teacher meals for conferences and teacher appreciation; scholarships for seniors; student entrance fees for playoff games; t-shirts for state-qualifying teams; a barbeque lunch at graduation rehearsal; start-up costs for the Sound of Music Musical; LINK Leader t-shirts; an AP Records Board in the math department; AP test scholarships and Fitbits for the Health Class. In addition, the Booster Club helped fund specific requests from sports teams and clubs and assisted in funding upgraded equipment for cheer, climbing club, soccer, golf, pole vault, wrestling, cross-country, weight lifting, ski club, the training room and the school's titan mascot.

Ms. Martinez said that she understood the town had a grant process and asked the council if that was how they preferred requests for financial support. The council said yes, and said that other groups and clubs requested funding through the grant process as well.

Mayor A Riddile said that he was very impressed with the positive school spirit at Coal Ridge.

Ms. Williams said that recently some heritage photos of the Silt and New Castle high school classes were installed in the commons area at Coal Ridge that gave the school some pride and a historical value. In addition, the athletic director had a program in place to encourage students to support one another's teams. Mayor A Riddile said that the girl's volleyball team was mentoring elementary and middle school girls through the New Castle recreation department and he thought that was a great program.

Councilor Leland asked if the Booster Club found that it was helpful to attend the Community Market and other events, and Ms. Martinez said it was helpful.

Councilor Leland said that the Chamber of Commerce distributed welcome packets to new residents, and he thought it would be a good idea for the booster club

brochures to be included. Councilor Leland said that once the town completed the visitor information center, the brochures could go there as well. Mayor A Riddile thanked Ms. Martinez and Ms. Williams and the students for their presentation.

Consider a Contract with Microgrid for Community Solar

Administrator Baker asked if the council had seen the memo from the attorney. He said that they had reviewed the contract and made minor changes.

MOTION: Councilor Leland made a motion to authorize the mayor to sign the contract with Microgrid for Community Solar. Councilor Russi seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Minutes of the October 17, 2017 council meeting

October Bills of \$592,302.78

Kum & Go 3.2% Beer Liquor License Renewal

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

Staff Reports

Town Administrator – nothing to report

Town Clerk – nothing to report

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 Programs – nothing to report

RFTA – nothing to report

AGNC – nothing to report

GCE – nothing to report

BEWG – nothing to report

Council Comments

Councilor Hazelton read a portion of a school assignment his daughter had written about being the Mayor of New Castle.

Councilor Owens said that he was with a group that was working on the Stairway to Heaven trail and someone suggested painting a mountain biking mural on the water tower. Councilor Russi said that the BLM had limited the town to painting the tower in colors that matched the terrain, but he thought that Adam Cornely was a wizard in dealing with the BLM, and suggested that Adam may be the one to approach them about it.

Councilor Metzger said that Mike Reiger's place was a mess, and she recalled that when his business was approved that clear direction had been given that there were not to be so many vehicles parked on the lot. Administrator Baker said he would speak with Town Planner Tim Cain.

Councilor Metzger asked what would happen with the trail sign that was damaged. Administrator Baker said that when the council began discussions about the trails several years earlier there had been people who were concerned that legalizing the trails would interfere with their hunting. He said the town had reached out and felt at the time the issue had been resolved. He said that perhaps it was time to reach out again.

Councilor Metzger asked if the police department had any luck finding out who had graffitied around town, and Councilor Leland said Chief Pagni told him they had yet to find the perpetrator.

Councilor Metzger said she had been in the town hall when two hunters arrived looking for hunting maps. Staff had sent them to the Parks & Wildlife office at Canyon Creek, and she asked if the town hall could get maps. Councilor Leland said that would be a good item for the visitor's center.

Councilor Metzger asked if a sign would be placed at the sports park. Administrator Baker said a sign would be installed.

Councilor Metzger asked what 'phase II' was. Administrator Baker said the town had received an FMLD grant to install some additional landscaping, shade structures, some additional playground equipment and signs.

Councilor Metzger asked if there would be a Christmas Party, and Administrator Baker said the party would be on December 19 at Elk Creek Mining Company.

Councilor Metzger asked if there was any news about the people who were interested in the Kamm lot. Administrator Baker said he had not heard anything.

Councilor Metzger said she had spoken to Dave Reynolds about her concern regarding addresses on homes, and she asked if the item could be put in the town newsletter. Councilor Leland said it had been.

Councilor Metzger told the council that Lee Price had been very ill.

Councilor Leland congratulated Councilor Graham Riddile on the completion of the Grand Avenue Bridge Project, and said he had been recognized several times during the opening ceremony.

Councilor Leland said that he was coming up short for articles for the December newsletter, and asked for everyone to send ideas.

Councilor Leland said that the state demographer was predicting that there would be two-thirds more people on the western slope by 2050.

Mayor A Riddile asked Administrator Baker to talk about what he heard at the bridge opening.

Administrator Baker said that Interim Director of CDOT, Mr. Lewis spoke. Mike Gamba spoke as well as the head of the joint venture construction project. They all thanked the people involved. New Castle was mentioned twice. Councilor Graham Riddile was mentioned three times. Administrator Baker said he had reflected on how important the relationships were.

Councilor Russi said he heard that Mike Callas had left New Castle, and said it was unfortunate because Mike was a great addition to the team. Administrator Baker said that Jared Stueber was now the head of parks.

Councilor Russi said that LoVa had submitted two grant applications for trail planning for the 2.5-mile stretch between South Canyon and Canyon Creek. He felt that the grant writing had gone well with a lot of assistance from Jeanne Golay and Jeff Simonson. Councilor Russi was concerned that they may not get either grant because they had applied for both, and felt it was necessary to disclose to both Parks & Wildlife and GoCo that they had applied for the other. He said they would find out in the spring if they got either one.

Mayor A Riddile said that the Northwest Colorado Cultural Heritage & Tourism sign had been placed in the park between the town hall and library and it looked great. Councilor Leland said it was temporary, pending the heavy-duty weatherized signs arriving.

Mayor A Riddile said that the Cub Scout food drive would be on the weekend.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mayor Art Riddile



Town Clerk Melody Harrison, CMC

