

**New Castle Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 2, 2018, 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 Owens Councilor Hazelton Mayor A Riddile Councilor Russi Councilor Leland Councilor G Riddile
Absent	Councilor Metzger

Also present at the meeting were Town Administrator Tom Baker, Town Clerk Melody Harrison, Town Attorney David McConaughy, Administrative Assistant Debbie Nichols and members of the public. Town Planner Tim Cain and Public Works Director John Wenzel arrived later during the meeting.

MOTION: Mayor A Riddile made a motion to excuse Councilor Metzger's absence. Councilor G Riddile seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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; however, Mayor A Riddile said that although the agenda reflected 20 minutes for the RFTA item, they were welcome to spend what time they needed on their presentation.

Citizen Comments on Items not on the Agenda

There were no citizen comments.

Consultant Reports

Consultant Attorney – present for agenda items
Consultant Engineer – not present

Items for Consideration

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Consider Health & Welfare Grants to Outside Agencies

Administrative Assistant Debbie Nichols described the grant application process to the council as well as the various applications received. Administrator Baker noted that there was a reserve of \$600.00, as well as \$200.00 for Spellebration and \$500.00 for Colorado Middle Watershed provided they received the grant they were expecting. After a brief discussion, the council approved the grants.

MOTION: Councilor Russi made a motion to approve the staff recommendations for grants to outside agencies. Councilor G Riddile seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

RFTA: Integrated Transportation System Plan (ITSP)

Mayor A Riddile introduced Ralph Trapani of Parsons and Bill Ray of WR Communications.

Mr. Trapani said that the Integrated Transportation Systems Plan had been in the making for some time, and that he and his colleagues were present to provide the Council an update on how it was progressing.

Mr. Trapani did a power point presentation for the council that described the ITSP study, identified improvement projects, how the plan would benefit New Castle and all communities in the transportation district and potential revenue sources including a possible mil levy.

The council and Mr. Trapani spoke about the projects identified in New Castle as well as the LoVa Trail project that RFTA supported.

The council thanked Mr. Trapani for the presentation.

At 7:56 p.m., Councilor Owens made a motion to go into Executive Session (1) for a conference with the Town Attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(b) regarding health, safety and welfare concerns. Councilor G Riddile seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Executive session concluded.

At the end of the executive session, Mayor A Riddile made the following statement:

"The time is now 9:07 p.m. and the executive session has been concluded. The participants in the executive session were: Councilors Owens and Hazelton; Mayor A Riddile; Councilors Leland, Russi and G Riddile; Town Clerk Harrison, Town Administrator Baker, Town Planner Cain, Public Works Director John Wenzel, Fire Chief Rob Jones, Fire Marshall Orrin Moon and Town Attorney David McConaughy. For the record, if any person who participated in the executive session believes that any substantial discussion of any matters not included in the motion to go into the executive session occurred during the executive session, or that any improper action occurred during the executive session in violation of the Open Meetings Law, I would ask that you state your concerns for the record."

No concerns were stated.

Consent Agenda

Minutes of the December 19, 2017 council meeting

December bills of \$382,343.08

Resolution TC-2018-1 – Posting Places

Resolution TC-2018-2 – Waiving Bonds for Employees

Resolution TC-2018-3 – Adopting a Fee Schedule

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

Staff Reports

Town Administrator – nothing to report

Town Clerk – Clerk Harrison told the council that nomination petitions were available in her office for those interested in picking one up.

Town Planner – nothing to report

Public Works Director – nothing to report

Commission Reports

Planning & Zoning Commission – nothing to report

Historic Preservation Commission – nothing to report

Climate Action Advisory Committee – nothing to report

Senior Program – nothing to report

RFTA – nothing to report

AGNC – nothing to report

GCE – nothing to report

BEWG – nothing to report

Council Comments

Councilor Owens asked when the meeting about Senior Housing would be.

Administrator Baker said the meeting would be on January 24, 2018.

Councilor Owens said that he did not like the electric sign the town owned and asked how the council felt about it. The council briefly discussed different ways to provide information about events to the citizens, whether the portable electric sign or a sign like the one that Silt had or banners like Glenwood Springs used. The council agreed the sign could stay while the council considered alternatives.

Councilor Hazelton asked if there was any additional information about senior housing.

Administrator Baker said that they were preparing for the public hearing on the 24th, and that the management had stated that the balconies were out of the question.

Administrator Baker said that they did not actually have the power to make the decision to exclude the balconies because they were part of the PUD approval. He said that they would need to demonstrate that the changes were appropriate for the PUD to maintain the look of the buildings.

Councilor Hazelton said that he felt they had known from the beginning of the project that they would need to make the changes and they had simply not addressed it with the town.

Councilor Hazelton said that John Webber wanted to do a grand opening for the Ore House on Friday January 12, and he asked if Councilor Leland could put it on the Visit New Castle Facebook page. Councilor Leland agreed that he could.

Councilor Hazelton said that the house across the street from the town hall had a sign that said f-off, and he asked if that would be considered a freedom of speech thing or if there rules about vulgarity. Councilor Owens said he was with his children, Christmas caroling, and the whole elementary school saw the sign and he felt it was inappropriate. Councilor Hazelton said that if there were something that could be done, he would appreciate it.

Councilor Leland said that at the first December meeting he had asked Dana Wood to come back in January for a discussion about HEAL City criteria, but Ms. Wood had indicated that she was not up to speed on that issue, so Councilor Leland said that he would get in contact with the state representative that handled it, and create the packet information for the next council meeting.

Councilor Russi said that he would be going to Denver with Jeanne Golay on January 12 to present the LoVa grant application.


Mayor A Riddile said that he had picked up a packet to run for Mayor.

Councilor Leland said he had picked up a packet for council.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mayor Art Riddile



Town Clerk Melody Harrison, CMC

