

New Castle Town Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 16, 2018, 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Mayor A Riddile called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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

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

MOTION: Mayor A Riddile made a motion to excuse Councilors Metzger, Hazelton and Leland's absences. Councilor Owens 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-2018-1.

Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest.

Agenda Changes

MOTION: Councilor Russi made a motion to add a new Item A to the agenda which would be a continuation of the discussion with Sam Mamet. Councilor Owens seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

Sam Mamet, Colorado Municipal League Executive Director. Mr. Mamet and the council continued their work session discussion regarding municipal financial issues that included TABOR, the Gallagher Amendment, Taxes, Fees and other resources for municipal revenue.

Finalize Strategic Plan & Grant Strategy

Town Administrator Tom Baker told the council that with three council members absent, the strategic plan could be tabled to a future meeting. He felt that the grant portion should be discussed because there were grant deadlines coming up. The council agreed to table the strategic plan to late February or early March.

Administrator Baker and the council discussed grant opportunities for 2018, and which they felt were priority. In addition, they discussed the future grant strategy for the LoVa Trail project.

HEAL Elite Criteria

Administrator Baker said that Councilor Leland was unable to attend the meeting, but he wanted the council's approval to move forward preparing to apply for elite status. The council felt that applying for elite status with HEAL was a good idea, and they agreed that Councilor Leland should move forward with the application process. Administrator Baker told the council that the one of the criteria for elite status was an employee wellness program, which Public Works Director John Wenzel had just begun. Councilor Owens said that Mountain Family had a great wellness program, and he offered to share the information.

Consider Ordinance TC 2018-1, An Ordinance of the New Castle Town Council Adopting New Traffic Regulations and Amending the Town Code Accordingly on first reading.

Administrator Baker told the council that the ordinance provided additional traffic regulations prohibiting texting while driving and distracted driving. The council asked why the town would add the provisions to the town code when the state law already prohibited them. Administrator Baker said he was unsure of the answer, and suggested that the ordinance could be tabled until Police Chief Pagni could be present. The council agreed.

Consent Agenda

Minutes of the January 2, 2018 council meeting

Minutes of the January 4, 2018 council meeting

Resolution TC-2018-4 – Approving the 2018 Senior Programs MOU

Spirits of New Castle Retail 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 – Administrator Baker said that he and Councilor Russi had a conflict of times for meetings on January 24 between RFTA and ITSP. They agreed to change the location of the ITSP meeting to Councilor Russi's office at 9:30 a.m.

Administrator Baker said that the council will meet with the BOCC on February 6, 2018, and he asked what else the council wanted to discuss with them.

Administrator Baker told the council that Debbie Guccini's husband was very ill and she would not be working as many hours. He said that other departments and employees were helping finance with their work. Administrator Baker gave the council an update on the situation in the building located at 151 W Main Street.

Town Clerk - Clerk Harrison told the council that one petition packet for mayor, five for council had been picked up by parties interested in running for office. Clerk Harrison reminded the council that they had a joint work session with the Glenwood Springs City Council on Thursday, January 18, 2018. She said the meeting would be held in the council chambers on the first floor of the building at 101 W 8th Street, and that dinner would be served at 5:30. Clerk Harrison told the council that Councilor Metzger was now home after having surgery and was doing well.

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 - nothing to report

RFTA - nothing to report

AGNC - nothing to report

GCE - nothing to report

BEWG - nothing to report

Council Comments

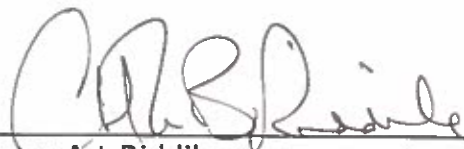
Councilor Russi said that he and Jeanne Golay presented their grant in Denver and it had gone very well.

Councilor Owens said that Snowmass Village had an electronic sign that was subtle, looked good and was easy to read. He offered that it could be an option for New Castle.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mayor Art Riddile



Town Clerk Melody Harrison, CMC



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