

**New Castle Town Council Meeting  
Tuesday, May 15, 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 Metzger Councilor Owens Councilor Hazelton Mayor A Riddile Councilor Copeland Councilor Leland Councilor G Riddile
Absent	None

Also present at the meeting were Town Administrator Tom Baker, Town Clerk Melody Harrison, Building Inspector David Reynolds, Town Planner Tim Cain, Town Attorney David McConaughy 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 2018-1.

**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 – Town Attorney David McConaughy said that he did not have a report, but told the council that he would like to schedule a newly elected officials orientation workshop for the council and P&Z. The council agreed that the orientation would be at the June 19, 2018 council work session.

Consultant Engineer – not present

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## Items for Consideration

### **In Appreciation of David McConaughy, Dr. Lauren Roper, Raul Morales and John Webber**

Mayor A Riddile told the council that David McConaughy had been the Town Attorney for twenty years, and one of the very first projects he completed was the town charter. The council thanked Attorney McConaughy for his service.

Mayor A Riddile told the council that Dr. Loren Roper and Special Events Coordinator Debbie Nichols had planned the very first Cinco de Mayo in the Town of New Castle, and the event had been very successful. Elk Creek Mining Company owner John Webber had donated all the food for the event. Mayor A Riddile thanked Dr. Roper and Mr. Webber for their tremendous support and effort for the people and events of New Castle.

### **Consider Letter of Interest from Warren Lucio for Appointment to Seat on the Planning & Zoning Commission**

The council greeted Mr. Warren Lucio. Mr. Lucio told the council he moved to New Castle from Southern California. He said he had a long history of community involvement in California, and desired to continue that in New Castle. He felt he wanted to be part the effort to make New Castle even more wonderful than it already was.

**MOTION: Councilor Leland made a motion to appoint Warren Lucio to a seat on the Planning & Zoning Commission. Councilor G Riddile seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

### **Consider Letter of Interest from Steve Rippy for Reappointment to Seat on the Historic Preservation Commission**

Clerk Harrison said that Steve Rippy was unable to attend. The council agreed that Mr. Rippy was a valuable asset to the Historic Preservation Commission.

**MOTION: Councilor G Riddile made a motion to appoint Steve Rippy to a seat on the Historic Preservation Commission. Councilor Hazelton seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

### **Consider Ordinance TC 2018-3, An Ordinance of the Town of New Castle, Colorado summarizing additional expenditures for the Conservation Trust Fund and adopting a supplemental budget for the Town of New Castle, Colorado, for the calendar year beginning on the first day of January, 2017 and ending on the last day of December, 2017 (first reading)**

Finance Director Lyle Layton told the council that the ordinance was to approve a supplemental budget for the conservation trust fund for 2017. He said that at the time of the original supplemental budget ordinance in December of 2017, the numbers on

the first reading ordinance were correct, but at second reading, somehow the numbers changed, so ordinance 2018-3 was to correct the previous error.

**MOTION: Councilor Leland made a motion to approve Ordinance TC 2018-3, An Ordinance of the Town of New Castle, Colorado summarizing additional expenditures for the Conservation Trust Fund and adopting a supplemental budget for the Town of New Castle, Colorado, for the calendar year beginning on the first day of January, 2017 and ending on the last day of December, 2017 on first reading. Mayor A Riddile seconded the motion and it passed on a roll-call vote: Councilor Leland: yes; Councilor Hazelton: yes; Councilor Copeland: yes; Councilor Owens: yes; Councilor G Riddile: yes; Mayor A Riddile: yes; Councilor Metzger: yes.**

### **Midland Avenue Extension Concept & Speed Change on County Road 335**

Administrator Baker referred to a concept map from 1981 that showed an extension of Rio Grande Avenue across Elk Creek, behind and west of Elk Creek Elementary School and intersecting at Highway 6. He said that over the years there had been several ideas on how to create a west entrance to the town.

Administrator Baker said he had been speaking with Russell and Ross Talbott who were doing some long-range planning for the family holdings west of New Castle. One of their considerations was how the property would be accessed.

Russell and Ross Talbott spoke with the council at length regarding the Talbott Family's love for New Castle, economic development, tiny homes and the affordable housing development that the Talbotts' intend to pursue just to the west of town. They also talked about the various options that may be available to extend an access from Midland Avenue across Elk Creek, behind the school to Highway 6.

Mr. Russell Talbott and Mr. Ross Talbott also asked the council to consider changing the speed limit on CR 335 back to 45 miles per hour, between Mr. T's Hardware store and the Xcel Sub-station. Mr. Russell Talbott said that the area was not adjacent to the trail, so there were no concerns regarding pedestrian safety. He said that the time savings was not the issue as much as the frustration for drivers. Mr. Talbott said that Chief Pagni has considered the request and had no issues with reinstating the 45 mph. After a lengthy discussion, the council directed staff to take the necessary steps to change the speed limit back to 45 mph.

**MOTION: Mayor A Riddile made a motion at 8:24 p.m. to go into Executive Session for discussion of a personnel matter under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402 (f)(I) regarding an evaluation of the Finance Director/Telecommuting, and not involving: any specific employees who have requested discussion of the matter in open session; any member of this body of any elected official; the appointment of any person to fill an office of this body or of an elected official; or personnel policies that do not require the discussion of matters personal to particular employees. Councilor Hazelton 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 8:36 p.m. and the executive session has been concluded. The participants in the executive session were: Councilors Metzger, Owens and Hazelton; Mayor A Riddile; Councilors Leland, Copeland and G Riddile; Town Administrator Tom Baker, Town Attorney David McConaughy, Building Inspector David Reynolds and Town Clerk Melody Harrison. 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 May 1, 2018 council meeting

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

### **Staff Reports**

Town Administrator – Administrator Baker told the council that staff had recently discovered that they owned one storm drain behind Buckskin Circle and Mustang, and it was blocked up. Public works had been working on clearing it. Administrator Baker said that there could be some insurance claims from adjacent neighbors for settlement of their foundations.

Administrator Baker said that every year the finance department sent a letter to the State that reaffirmed New Castle was part of the County Reciprocal Agreement to accept each jurisdiction's address changes without challenge.

Town Clerk – Clerk Harrison told the council that Cedar Networks had installed fiber optics in the town hall and community center, but the existing firewalls were preventing the fiber optics from running at maximum capability. She said that IT was working on upgrading the firewalls. Clerk Harrison told the council that she had received the election calendar from the county clerk for the November election. The deadline to notify the county that the town would put an item on the ballot is July 30, 2018. Clerk Harrison said that at the next council meeting there would be a special event liquor license application for the Music in Ritter Plaza event run by the Downtown Group. Clerk Harrison said that the Garfield RE 2 School District gave the Lions Club a plaque in appreciation for them providing free vision screenings at the elementary schools. The Lions Club incorporation documents are hanging in the foyer, and they want the plaque hung in the foyer too.

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

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Senior Program – nothing to report

RFTA – Mayor A Riddile said that RFTA had decided to pursue the mil levy at 3.65% rate which would equal approximately \$11.00 per \$500k in property value. If the mil levy passes, the town could receive three possible benefits: Increased bus service to New Castle, an expansion of the New Castle park and ride facility, adding a second level of parking, and funding for the LoVa Trail between New Castle and Glenwood Springs.

AGNC – nothing to report

GCE – Councilor Leland said the meeting had been very interesting. A solar company called Grid Alternatives had made a presentation to Garfield Clean Energy because they want to become a third solar grid company in the area to provide solar for households. The company was a non-profit and they would commit to providing half to low-income. Unfortunately, they likely would not get approval until next year. Councilor Leland GCE had previously sponsored an electric vehicle bulk purchase and it would happen again in 2018. He said that they also talked about fleet purchase as well.

BEWG – nothing to report

EAB – Mayor A Riddile said there was a presentation from a hunter group regarding preserving access on the Roan Plateau. The group was working to create partnerships with private landowners and industry on the Roan Plateau to keep hunting areas open.

### **Council Comments**

Councilor Metzger asked if there would be anything done about the limestone quarry. Administrator Baker said Glenwood Springs had asked that the town do nothing until there was a formal application.

Councilor Metzger said someone had asked her why the town council did not film the meetings. Councilor Leland said that filming meetings caused people to grandstand before the camera, and it could change the nature of the meetings.

Councilor Metzger said she wanted to be updated at every council meeting on new businesses and other happenings in town so she could answer inquiries. Councilor Leland said that he put information items in the newsletter and on Facebook. The council agreed it could be added to comments so everyone was up to date.

Councilor Metzger said it might be a good idea for lights to be added to the east end of the recreation building because it was very dark at night.

Councilor Metzger said there were some potholes in the parking lot next to 2 Coronas that needed to be fixed.

Councilor Metzger asked when the finance position would be advertised. Councilor G Riddile said that no decision would be made until after Administrator Baker had spoken to the finance director Lyle Layton.

Councilor Metzger said that she was surprised that Lakota wanted the town to build basketball courts in Bear Dance Park, and asked why basketball courts were left out of the plan to being with. Inspector Reynolds said the HOA has asked about the possibility in the future, because there were some kids interested. Lakota does not allow driveway basketball hoops.

Councilor Hazelton said the new equipment in Bear Dance Park was top notch. He also noticed there was a container with pickle ball racquets and balls, and he thought that was a fine addition to the park.

Councilor Copeland asked what the protocol was for absences from meetings. Mayor A Riddile said that she should e-mail her request for an absence to the Clerk. Councilor Leland commented that if Burning Mountain Park was remodeled, the playground needed to be updated.

Councilor Leland said that people had been using the new posting boards near City Market.

Councilor G Riddile gave a thank you to Public Works Director John Wenzel and Parks Manager Jared Stueber for assisting him with his irrigation.

Councilor G Riddile said that the BOCC gave \$5k to New Castle Trails, which would help with the flow-line trail.

Councilor G Riddile asked if Councilor Metzger had any more communication from Hilltop or Steve Craven. She said that she heard Hilltop would be visiting New Castle on Friday, May 18, but that was all.

Mayor A Riddile said that Joe Urnise and Councilor G Riddile gave a wonderful presentation to the BOCC and asked for \$5k. Jeanne Golay had also asked for \$5k from the BOCC for LoVa and she received the funds as well.

Mayor A Riddile said he and some town staff had entertained Mr. Alex Jackson from the United Kingdom. They took him to lunch and on a tour of the town. He said Mr. Jackson and his friend were very interesting and had brought a soccer jersey.

Mayor A Riddile said that the New Castle sign looked terrible and he wondered if Mr. Winkler was still willing to repair it. Councilor Hazelton said he would check in with Mr. Winkler.

Mayor A Riddile thanked staff for being so great, and he was confident that with the upcoming staff changes, everything would go smoothly.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

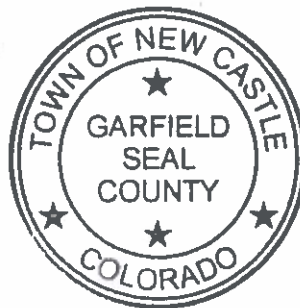
Respectfully submitted,



Mayor Art Riddile



Town Clerk Melody Harrison, CMC



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