

**New Castle Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 4, 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 Copeland Councilor Leland Councilor G Riddile
Absent	None

Also present at the meeting were Town Administrator Dave Reynolds, Town Clerk Melody Harrison 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

Clerk Harrison told the council that she wanted to remove the August 7, 2018 council minutes from the consent agenda because they were not complete. The council agreed. Clerk Harrison also asked the council to put the Thank-you to Mary Metzger first because not all the Liberty Park volunteers had arrived. The council agreed.

Citizen Comments on Items not on the Agenda

Claire Guidas, 624 Lariat Loop, New Castle. Ms. Guidas greeted the council, and introduced Norma Tejon and Crystal Mariscal. Ms. Guidas, Ms. Tejon and Ms. Mariscal explained to the council that they had recently been awarded a grant from the Garfield Healthy Communities Coalition to provide healthy cooking classes, taught entirely in Spanish for Hispanic families, along with food preservation classes and a walking club.

Ms. Guidas said that the classes are called "Food, Fitness and Fun", will be held at the River Center, and the River Center will also act as the fiscal agent for the grant. Classes would begin on Tuesday September 18. The council thanked Ms. Guidas, Ms. Tejon and Ms. Mariscal for coming, and asked them to keep them updated on the success of the classes.

Consultant Reports

Consultant Attorney – nothing to report
Consultant Engineer – nothing to report

Items for Consideration

Thank You: Mary Metzger

Mayor A Riddile thanked Mary Metzger for her ten years serving on the town council, and for her work with Garfield County Senior Programs, the Downtown Group and on the Comprehensive Plan.

Thank You: Liberty Park Volunteers

Mayor A Riddile asked Ms. Susane Ruggles to describe what had been done in Liberty Park.

Ms. Ruggles explained some of the work that had been done, and the volunteers who had contributed. She said that the park had been three years in the making and it was not complete yet, but they continued to move forward.

The council thanked the volunteers for their hard work and congratulated them on a job well done.

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 to convene as the local liquor licensing authority. Councilor Hazelton seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Consider a Special Events Liquor License from the Town of New Castle for the Ritter Plaza Music in the Park Event

Clerk Harrison told the council that previously the council had agreed to sponsor a liquor license for the Downtown Group for the Ritter Plaza Music in the Park event, and had granted them three of the town's fourteen annual days. The Ritter Plaza music series had two additional event days planned, September 14, 2018 and December 14, 2018, and Ms. Ruggles of the Downtown Group was asking the council to sponsor liquor licensing for those two additional days. Clerk Harrison told the council that the council had already approved licensing for town events for the year, and that granting the two additional days to the Ritter Plaza event would leave for days for the town to use for the remainder of the year, and that staff recommended approval.

The council had a brief discussion with Ms. Ruggles regarding the event's success, and thanked Ms. Ruggles for everything she did for the town.

MOTION: Councilor Leland made a motion to approve a special events liquor license for the Ritter Plaza Music in the Park event for September 14 and December 14, 2018. Mayor A Riddile seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Adjourn the Local Liquor Licensing Authority, Reconvene the Town Council Meeting
MOTION: Councilor Leland made a motion to adjourn the local liquor licensing authority and to reconvene the town council meeting. Mayor A Riddile seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Presentation: River Bridge Regional Center and Mountain West SANE Alliance

Blythe Chapman, Director, River Bridge Regional Center.

Becky Antonelli, Clinical Coordinator for Mountain West Sex Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Alliance

Ms. Chapman and Ms. Antonelli thanked the council for the opportunity to speak to them, and also thanked them for funding them through the town's grant process every year.

Ms. Chapman told the council that in 2016, the SANE program was reinvigorated, and River Bridge had taken the program under their corporate umbrella. Prior to 2016, sex assault examinations were not available in Garfield County, and victims would have to travel to Mesa or Summit counties for exams, which was inappropriate and inconvenient. Ms. Chapman said that the organization would need some additional assistance from the municipalities to maintain the programs, and would be requesting that from New Castle through the community grant process. She said that they felt it was appropriate to provide the council with a thorough explanation of their programs and services to quantify the upcoming grant request.

Ms. Antonelli gave the council a lengthy power point presentation of the invaluable services provided by the SANE alliance to victims of sex assault.

The council thanked Ms. Antonelli and Ms. Chapman for their presentation.

Consider Ordinance TC 2018-6, An Ordinance of the Town Council of New Castle Amending Title 10 Chapter 10.04 of the New Castle Municipal Code Concerning Speed Limits on County Road 335 (second reading)

MOTION: Councilor G Riddile made a motion to approve Ordinance TC 2018-6, An Ordinance of the Town Council of New Castle Amending Title 10 Chapter 10.04 of the New Castle Municipal Code Concerning Speed Limits on County Road 335 on second reading. Councilor Owens seconded the motion and it passed on a roll-call vote: Councilor Copeland: yes; Councilor Hazelton: yes; Councilor Leland: yes; Mayor A Riddile: yes; Councilor Owens: yes; Councilor G Riddile: yes.

Update: New Castle Trails Summer Conference

Adam Cornely, 150 Little Bear Peak.

Joe Urnise, 378 Faas Ranch Road.

Mr. Cornely and Mr. Urnise debriefed the council on the Summer Trails Conference. They said that the town had provided \$5k, the New Castle business sponsorships equaled

\$5k, and New Castle Trails had given \$500.00. The conference brought in \$8k which they felt was very good. They felt that they had learned some good lessons, and identified elements that resonated with the guests. Attendance was much better than the prior year, and they met people there who were not from the area. Mr. Cornely said that the music element was popular, and they hoped to grow that piece. They were also considering bringing in food trucks to take some burden off the volunteers. Mr. Cornely and Mr. Urnise felt that expanding the race portion of the event was also important, and they were working with the BLM on the course for 2019. The council thanked Mr. Cornely and Mr. Urnise for a great event.

Consent Agenda

Minutes of the July 31, 2018 council meeting

~~Minutes of the August 7, 2018 council meeting~~ – removed

Minutes of the August 14, 2018 special council meeting

Minutes of the August 20, 2018 special council meeting

Minutes of the August 28, 2018 special council meeting

August Bills of \$707,780.57

2 Coronas H&R Liquor License Renewal & Change of Corporate Name

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

Staff Reports

Town Administrator – Administrator Reynolds told the council that Loni Burke had accepted the treasurer position and would start in-house on October 8, 2018, but would do some remote training the week before. Administrator Reynolds told the council that Town Planner Tim Cain had tendered his resignation and would be retiring on October 13, 2018. Staff will begin the process to find a replacement. Administrator Reynolds clarified that although an uncommon occurrence, the New Castle police department did respond to sex assault cases and transport victims to appropriate facilities. Often that was Valley View Hospital, and it was very expensive. He said that Chief Pagni was a great supporter of the SANE program because it was good support for victims and it relieved police departments of the extraordinary hospital costs. Administrator Reynolds told the council that he was working with Apple Tree Park on a grant for a multi-generational park in which the town would be the fiscal agent. He said a memorandum of understanding would be coming for council approval. Administrator Reynolds said he was working on the agenda for the council retreat on September 15. The retreat would be held on the Community Center conference room. He also said that the department heads would provide brief report to the council about their departments, similar to a strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats analysis report. It would be an opportunity for staff to check in with council and briefly discuss staff's opinion of the condition of their departments and the town. Councilor G Riddile said that the idea of having staff attend the retreat was his because he said he did not understand that 5th Street was priority until the town was applying for a grant. He said he felt staff sometime had a better view of what was happening or important in town, and he thought it would be a good idea to hear from the staff.

Town Clerk – Clerk Harrison said she had nothing specific to report other than it had been very busy. Mayor A Riddile asked if she had received any letters of interest for the open council seat, and Clerk Harrison said she had gotten two, and interviews would be conducted at the September 18 council meeting.

Town Planner – nothing to report

Public Works Director – nothing to report

Commission Reports

Planning & Zoning Commission – Councilor Leland said that the P&Z had a work session regarding the downtown plan, and he expected there would be several more before they finalized it.

Historic Preservation Commission – nothing to report

Climate Action Advisory Committee – nothing to report

Senior Program – Clerk Harrison said she was the alternate and would attend the meeting was later in the month.

RFTA – nothing to report

AGNC – nothing to report

GCE – Councilor Leland said that GCE would meet in New Castle on September 14, and he hoped that Clerk Harrison would assist since Debbie Nichols would be on vacation.

Clerk Harrison agreed.

BEWG – nothing to report

EAB - nothing to report

Council Comments

Councilor Owens told the council he enjoyed working with them.

Councilor Hazelton said he had attended a fundraiser for Michael Taylor at Capital Deli, there were many people there, and Dusty and her crew had done a great job.

Councilor Hazelton said that the food pantry at the River Center was rather empty, and he thought the council should brainstorm ideas to help them out, whether the town holds a special event such as a food drive.

Councilor Hazelton said that Cedar Networks had contacted him about getting fiber optics at his house. He said he would let everyone know more once he met with them.

Councilor Hazelton said that he had attended the drum circle the night before, and there were a few complaints about the smell of the dumpsters. He felt that they should explore options to make it better.

Councilor Copeland said she had gotten her first citizen phone call about burro racing. She thought it sounded fun and told the council that there was a website about it they were interested. Clerk Harrison said that she had spoken with the same man and he intended to bring a presentation to the council.

Councilor Leland said that the council might want to think about putting more money into the fund for grants to outside agencies if they were going to help everyone, particularly since the requests were so compelling.

Mayor A Riddile said that the RFTA campaign committee was looking for endorsements for the mil levy ballot issue. He gave out some information about the mil levy, and asked the council if they were interested in supporting it as a council or as individuals. The

council agreed that Councilor Leland should rewrite the proposed support resolution to be tailored to New Castle, and bring it back for approval.


Mayor A Riddile had the council listen to a voice message from a citizen, Mike Traficano, who complimented Administrator Reynolds for his knowledge and professionalism during a neighborhood meeting regarding Bear Dance Park. The council thanked and complimented Administrator Reynolds for his handling of the situation.

Administrator Reynolds asked if Councilor Leland would put information on the town Facebook page about the River Center's need regarding the food pantry. Councilor Leland said he could.

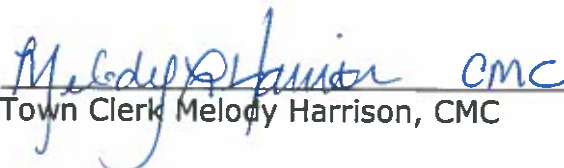
MOTION: Mayor A Riddile made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Copeland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mayor Art Riddile



Town Clerk Melody Harrison, CMC

