

**New Castle Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 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 Mariscal 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, Public Works Director John Wenzel, Town Treasurer Lyle Layton (via phone conference), Accounting Assistant Debbie Guccini, Town Planner Tim Cain, Police Chief Tony Pagni, Police Officer Justin Reynolds, Police Officer Kacey Crawford, Police Officer Matt Polen, Police Officer Omar Lerma, Police Officer Terrance Davis, Police Officer Aurelio Rubio, Police Officer Travis Westcott 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 – not present
Consultant Engineer – not present

Items for Consideration

Thank You – Tim Cain

Mayor A Riddile told the council and audience that Town Planner Tim Cain would be retiring after eleven years with the town. Mayor A Riddile congratulated Planner Cain on retiring and his upcoming move to Costa Rica.

Thank You – Justin Reynolds

Mayor A Riddile told the council and audience that Officer Reynolds had been with the town more than three years and had been a wonderful asset to the police department. Mayor A Riddile offered Officer Reynolds the opportunity to return to the town's employ should the opportunity arise. Officer Reynolds thank the council.

Thank You – Kacey Crawford

Mayor A Riddile told the council and audience that Officer Kacey Crawford had been with the town for about a year and a half, and he would be leaving to manage the family ranch. Mayor A Riddile thanked Officer Crawford for his service to the town.

Police Chief Tony Pagni – Update

Police Chief Tony Pagni told the council that he was losing two great officers, but it was not that he was losing them to other agencies, which was a good thing. He said that the recent situation for law enforcement agencies was fairly difficult in that they were all struggling with staffing issues, and he felt that New Castle's situation was actually very good by comparison. Chief Pagni said that he had been fortunate to be able to rehire former officer Travis Westcott, and he had also hired new officer Aurelio Rubio, so was only short one position.

Citizens for Garfield RE-2 – Gina Thompson

Gina Thompson, 232 Buckthorn Road.

Ms. Thompson greeted the council and said that the council had heard a presentation from Brent Curtice, Garfield RE-2 Superintendent. She explained that the district had sent out a survey to approximately seven thousand residents, and as a result the district had scaled back their expectations and focused on the two highest priority issues which were an increase of teacher and staff pay to be competitive (4A) and having enough classrooms for all the students (4B).

Ms. Thompson said that the district would be sending information to the public as well as placing information on their Facebook page and in the newspaper, and they would love to have support from the town.

After a brief discussion, the council agreed to support the school district's ballot issues, and welcomed them to indicate that New Castle was supportive.

MOTION: Mayor A Riddile Made a motion to approve a support letter for the Garfield RE2 ballot issue 4A and 4B. Councilor G Riddile seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Delivery of 2019 Budget Proposal

Town Administrator Dave Reynolds told the council that the budget was a preliminary draft, and he said that the council would be working on it in the coming weeks. He

reviewed his budget memo thoroughly, explaining the list of items where staff felt there may be opportunity to reduce the deficit by reducing some budgeted items as well as reconsidering some town fees.

The Council, staff and Administrator Reynolds discussed building permit fees, utility rates, employee retention and other items.

Consent Agenda

Minutes of the September 4, 2018 council meeting

Minutes of the September 18, 2018 council meeting

September Bills of \$558,312.55

City Market 3.2% Beer Liquor License Renewal

Kum & Go 3.2% Beer Liquor License Renewal

MOTION: Councilor G Riddile made a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Mayor A Riddile seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Staff Reports

Town Administrator – Administrator Reynolds said that Treasurer Loni Burke would be starting on Monday and staff was working on getting her office ready. Also, Paul Smith, a local resident, would be starting as the Town Planner. Administrator Reynolds said that Planner Tim Cain had been instrumental in preparing procedures for the department to make the transition easier. Administrator Reynolds said that Bruce Stolbach would be assisting with plan review and inspections. Last, Administrator Reynolds said that staff had been very busy working on the budget.

Town Clerk – Clerk Harrison invited the council to tour the clerk’s offices and see the new arrangement. She said that Deputy Town Clerk Mindy Andis now had her own office, and that a staff workspace had been created around the printer. Clerk Harrison said that she was working on creating some written protocols for her department as well. Clerk Harrison said she will attend the Colorado Municipal Clerks Conference in Colorado Springs October 15 through 19, so Deputy Clerk Andis will attend the October 16 council meeting in her place. Clerk Harrison told the council that the town staff will have a special events liquor license application at the next meeting for a wine tasting and pairing class being organized by the recreation department.

Town Planner – not present

Public Works Director - Director Wenzel said that they were wrapping the 5th Street project. Director Wenzel said they had gotten the roof materials on the shade structures in Bear Dance Park. He also said that Water Operator Kim Rider had passed her class A license test, and Justin Robb had passed his level 3 distributions test. Director Wenzel said that they had made great effort to create some redundancy in public works and that had been very successful. Director Wenzel, and that Mountain Waste was providing two dumpsters free of charge for the Fall Clean Up event on October 12 and 13.

Police Chief – Chief Pagni told the council that BBQ with a Cop had gone very well, and he thanked those who had attended. He also said he was working on staffing.

Commission Reports

Planning & Zoning Commission – Councilor Leland said that they were still working on the Downtown Plan, and that he would attend one more meeting before his rotation ended.

Historic Preservation Commission – nothing to report
Climate Action Advisory Committee – nothing to report
Senior Program – Clerk Harrison said she had attended the Senior Programs meeting and they had primarily discussed their budget. She said she would provide the materials from that meeting to Councilor Mariscal.
RFTA – Mayor A Riddile said that the RFTA meeting would be on Thursday, but that the Federal Transportation Deputy Administrator from Washington had come to Glenwood Springs to see the RFTA facilities. Mayor A Riddile said that the hope was that the visit would prompt more grand funds to be available from the federal government.
AGNC – Administrator Reynolds said meeting was well attended. He said they talked about their budget, but also had some heated discussion about the ballot issues coming up in November. He felt that the speakers did a great job presenting the issues from both sides.
GCE – Councilor Leland said that GCE and CLEER were hosting a facility manager workshop the following day.
BEWG – nothing to report
EAB – Mayor A Riddile said that the meeting would be at CMC in Rifle, and they would also be discussing the ballot issues coming up in November.

Council Comments

Councilor G Riddile said he had attended the CDOT Transportation Summit and Mayor A Riddile spoke and had done a great job.
Councilor G Riddile suggested that the council look closely at the ballot issues. He felt that 110 was good because one may provide additional funds to the municipalities, and 109 not so great because it was essentially a bond issue that could negatively affect the town.
Councilor Leland said that he thought that ballot issue 74 was intimidating. He said the CML analysis seemed to be non-partisan, and the issue could look very appealing to the voters.
Councilor Leland said he had received the town's copy of the recently updated New Castles of the World book if anyone was interested in looking at it. He said the book was available on Amazon in Great Britain.


Councilor Mariscal asked about the e-mailed invitation to the CML Board of Directors dinner in Collbran, and thought she might attend because she would be in the area.
Councilor Owens said that Mountain Family's endorsement of RFTA ballot issue would be approved by their board before the end of October.
Councilor Hazelton said he met with Shelby at Alpine Bank regarding an employee housing working group and they would be happy to be included.
Councilor Hazelton said he had met with Cedar Networks and would likely sign up for their services.
Mayor A Riddile said that Administrator Reynolds had started three months ago and was time for his review. He asked Clerk Harrison to send information and an employee evaluation for to all council members. The council agreed that the evaluation would take place at the October 16 council meeting.
Administrator Reynolds asked the council if they wanted to set a work session during the time that Treasurer Layton was in town. The council agreed to hold a work session on October 30, 2018.

MOTION: Councilor Leland made a motion to hold special work session on October 30, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Councilor Hazelton seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

MOTION: Mayor A Riddile made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Copeland 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

