

Collbran Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 6, 2014

Regular Meeting

7:00 PM Collbran Town Hall

The regular meeting of the Collbran Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00pm by Mayor Jones. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PRESENT ON ROLL CALL: Trustees: Entwistle, Sturm, Schowalter, and Mayor Jones.

ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Administrator Farrar, Treasurer/Clerk Phillips, Marshal Appelhanz, Kelly L. Stewart, Tamera Clark, Jim Fritz, Eddie Satterfield, and Gene Stricklan.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Trustee Entwistle moved to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on April 8, 2014, and the Special Meeting on April 25, 2014; seconded by Trustee Schowalter.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 4 Yes votes– Sturm, Schowalter, Entwistle, and Jones. 0 No votes.

Motion passed.

APPOINT VACANT TRUSTEE POSITION

Mayor Jones asked if there were any additional letters of interest for the position. Admin. Farrar stated that the only letter turned in was from JoLynn Dorman. Admin. Farrar noted that the notice of vacancy has been posted for any to apply. He mentioned that the options are for either the Board to make an appointment or for an election to be set. Trustee Entwistle believed that an election wouldn't be necessary.

MOTION: Trustee Sturm moved to appoint JoLynn Dorman as a Trustee to the Town of Collbran Board of Trustees; seconded by Trustee Entwistle.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 4 yes votes – Schowalter, Entwistle, Sturm, and Jones. 0 no votes. Motion passed.

Mayor Jones administered the Oath of Office to JoLynn Dorman.

APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR PRO-TEM

Mayor Jones mentioned that with the resignation of Trustee Stricklan, the Mayor Pro-Tem position is open.

MOTION: Trustee Schowalter moved to appoint JoLynn Dorman as Mayor Pro-Tem of the Town of Collbran Board of Trustees due to her previous experience as such; seconded by Trustee Entwistle.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 3 yes votes - Entwistle, Sturm, and Schowalter. Dorman and Jones abstained. 0 no votes. Motion passed.

PERSONS PRESENT NOT ON AGENDA

Jim Fritz spoke about recreational marijuana sales. He mentioned a few things that he thought were positive reasons for legalizing marijuana.

Gene Stricklan asked if some gravel could be placed at the top of Sage Street to improve drainage. He also requested that the street signs in Town be made the same height.

PVA DISCUSSION REGARDING POSSIBLE SALE OF ITEMS IN AUDITORIUM

Sylvia Spangler (PVA) would like to have a pancake breakfast from 8am – 11am at the Auditorium on Memorial Day (May 26). Mayor Jones made sure that the building was available (and it was), so he and the Trustees didn't see a problem with that. Mrs. Spangler mentioned that the Plateau Valley Association has spent a lot of money over the last ten years in Auditorium improvements. She mentioned that in cleaning the building recently; movie projectors, theater seats, roller skates, and other items were uncovered. Mrs. Spangler wanted to know if the items could be sold and who would get the proceeds if they were. She would like to set up a time where the PVA could meet with the Board of Trustees to discuss this topic. Mayor Jones mention that he appreciated what the PVA has done up to this point. The Board agreed to meet in a work session (6pm) on June 3 the hour before the next Regular Meeting. Admin. Farrar mentioned that he will get together with Mrs. Spangler to rough out some components of topics that they can focus on.

PLATEAU VALLEY HERITAGE DAYS UPDATE

Tamera Clark wanted to update the Board about the P.V. Cancer Fund Memorial Day Walk/Run & Individual Butterfly Release so she had Melissa Wallace step forward. Mrs. Wallace said that she has worked on this event with her mother, Joyce Chicos. She explained how that day should unfold in detail (a flyer was handed out to the Board for them to follow along). Trustee Entwistle asked if 100% of the proceeds stay in the Plateau Valley; Mrs. Clark said that it would and only residents of the Plateau Valley would be recipients.

Tamera Clark mentioned that the Locals Only Calcutta is on July 2 at the Fairgrounds. She said that the Ranch Horse Classic is the first event on the morning of July 3. After she mentioned other activities on July 3 and 4, she said that at the end of the day on July 4, fireworks are scheduled and then a street dance. Mrs. Clark welcomed volunteers; she said that there were many ways in which someone could help. Mrs. Wallace reiterated the need for volunteers. Mrs. Clark mentioned that Heritage Days would like to do a

Beer Garden at the Fairgrounds similar to last year; she said that the Special Event Permit that she plans on applying for would be covering the period of noon on July 3 to midnight on the night of July 4.

MOTION: Trustee Entwistle moved to approve use of the Fairgrounds for a Beer Garden for Heritage Days pending a Special Event Permit; seconded by Trustee Schowalter.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 yes votes – Sturm, Schowalter, Entwistle, Jones, and Dorman. 0 no votes. Motion passed.

Mrs. Clark asked a few questions about the street dance in regards to noise. Marshal Appelhanz contributed to the conversation by summarizing last year's dance

AXIA ENERGY REQUEST FOR LICENSE RENEWAL FOR CHAIN-UP AREA

Admin. Farrar indicated that he was bringing up this topic to familiarize the new Board members with the \$1,000 annual license that can be paid for chain-up purposes for the trucks; in this case it is Axia Energy who has paid the fee and signed the agreement. Admin. Farrar noted that Axia Energy is insured and the agreement stipulates that they clean up any mess that they might make.

MOTION: Trustee Dorman moved to approve the license renewal agreement for chain-up for Axia Energy for the Fairgrounds; seconded by Trustee Sturm.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 yes votes – Schowalter, Dorman, Entwistle, Sturm, and Jones. 0 no votes. Motion passed.

Admin. Farrar asked the Board if it would be fine if he handled the licenses for chain-up administratively in the future. Trustee Dorman agreed as long as it was routine and there were no issues to consider. The other Board members concurred.

DISCUSSION REGARDING RETAIL MARIJUANA

Admin. Farrar reiterated that on April 1 there was an advisory question on the ballot for the Collbran Municipal Regular Election regarding retail marijuana establishments. 78 votes went against retail marijuana and 48 votes were for it. Admin. Farrar also stated that there is a moratorium on retail marijuana until July 15, so he wanted to discuss what the Board's direction would be regarding this topic. Trustee Entwistle mentioned that she agreed with Gene Stricklan's comment from the audience a moment ago that the Board needs to listen to what the voters said. Trustee Entwistle acknowledged that she personally is in favor of recreational marijuana. She wished that the advisory ballot question would have explained better what Amendment 64 to the Colorado Constitution was. She said that Amendment 64 was not just about "pot shops", but also about production, manufacturing, and hemp. Trustee Entwistle wanted to make it clear that she doesn't smoke marijuana. She said that everything she hears at Board meetings always seems to revolve around money; she feels that allowing retail marijuana establishments would generate huge tax revenues for the Town. She knows that some people are concerned about the moral implications of allowing retail marijuana establishments in Town; however, she says that people do not seem to think twice about accepting proceeds from lottery funds and yet some people would consider playing the lottery "morally wrong". Trustee Sturm stated that there is no concern for lottery participants driving through Plateau Canyon. He also said that marijuana causes brain damage. Trustee Entwistle

mentioned that on the topic of alcohol, for instance, you wouldn't be taking Ole Dad's Liquor or Grand Mesa Tavern's tax money even if you never step foot into their liquor store or bar. She said that if we want to go down that moral road, alcohol kills more than people than cocaine, heroin, and meth combined. Trustee Sturm said that this Board did not have the chance to vote on alcohol. Trustee Entwistle said that prohibition does not work anyway. Trustee Sturm mentioned that he has spoken with some residents that have children that would move from the area if marijuana was approved in Collbran. Trustee Entwistle said that we would be naïve to think that children aren't exposed to marijuana already. Trustee Dorman commented that they need to deal with the moratorium that expires on July 15. She wondered if they should extend the moratorium for a while to see how it goes in DeBeque, or perhaps have a community meeting about the topic. Mayor Jones acknowledged that there are still underage individuals that smoke cigarettes, drink alcohol, and smoke marijuana even though it is illegal. He thought maybe the Board should consider extending the moratorium for a while to see what happens in DeBeque. He urged extreme caution in making the decision. Trustee Entwistle agreed with extending the moratorium in order to wait and see what happens in DeBeque. She said that a few years back when medical marijuana was being considered by the Board that "the numbers" were in favor of it even though the Board prohibited it. She said that today that Board would vote in favor of medical marijuana if they had the chance. Trustee Dorman stated that she would not vote for retail marijuana if medical marijuana was still prohibited. Trustee Dorman thought that if DeBeque is allowing retail marijuana establishments starting in December 2014, that a one-year moratorium would be a good idea. Mayor Jones concurred.

MOTION: Trustee Dorman moved to extend the moratorium on retail marijuana establishments in the Town of Collbran until July 15, 2015; seconded by Trustee Entwistle.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 yes votes – Dorman, Entwistle, Sturm, Schowalter, and Jones. 0 no votes. Motion passed.

FORMER TRUSTEE RECOGNITION

Former Trustees Eddie Satterfield and Eugene L. Stricklan were presented plaques recognizing their years of service. Eddie Satterfield mentioned an ordinance he would like passed that would give Marshal Appelhanz more flexibility in dealing with youth in the community, instead of him having to send them down to Mesa County for incidents. Marshal Appelhanz said it related to a Colorado State Statute regarding interference with faculty or staff at an educational facility. Marshal Appelhanz also mentioned that a statute regarding endangering public transportation is another one that he would like to be able to deal with locally at Collbran's Municipal Court.

TOWN OF COLLBRAN FINANCIAL REPORTS

Admin. Farrar indicated to the Board that financial reports for 2013 and the first quarter of 2014 were included in their packet as well as charts and graphs summarizing County and Town tax revenues for 2012 and 2013. He mentioned that the General, Water, and Sewer Funds did well for fiscal year 2013. Admin. Farrar informed the Board that he has communicated with the auditor to present the 2013 audit to the Board early this Summer instead of mid-Fall like in the past. Admin. Farrar asked the Board if they had any questions on the financials, and then reviewed the charts and graphs showing the sales tax revenues for 2012 and 2013. He commented to the Board that for fiscal year 2014, the first good indicator would be the mid-year report since tax revenue lags behind expenditures so it is difficult to

gauge earlier in the year. Mayor Jones asked if any of the Trustees had any questions, or if they wanted to schedule a workshop. He and Admin. Farrar encouraged the Trustees to look over the material and ask questions at any time they might have them. Admin. Farrar mentioned that he is responsible for the budget and holds the department heads accountable for their budget and meets with them periodically to discuss it.

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Jones reviewed the seminars on fracking and also economic development that he attended the week before in Grand Junction. He said that he was excited about what was discussed. He mentioned that if groups work together, including those locally, much more can be accomplished. Admin. Farrar commented that he was once part of a Rapid Action Team (RAT) in Carbondale that could help the public with information on town tax structure, permitting processes, etc. He said they would meet with people within a day or so to get their questions answered to help quell any rumors about whatever the topic might be.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Admin. Farrar talked about the fireworks proposal from Stonebraker Fireworks. A discussion ensued about whether to use Terrell or Gandi Park. It was mentioned that Gandi Park is risky in the Summer because of the fire danger from the nearby hillside. Admin. Farrar mentioned that the Town has budgeted for fireworks on the Fourth of July as well as Cowboy Christmas. The Board liked the idea of having more aerial fireworks than ground ones. Eddie Satterfield indicated that he has received a mix bag of preferences for which park to have the fireworks at.

Admin Farrar discussed the U.S. Airways Magazine article that was put together promoting Collbran and the surrounding area which will be released in June. He mentioned the various pictures that were selected for the article.

Admin. Farrar referred to the infrastructure improvements and maintenance that will be taking place soon. Himself and Public Works Assistant Keith Encke looked over all of the Town's streets and rated the different locations on a scale of one to ten. Those areas that rated between two and three will be patched this year. There is \$20,000 budgeted for street repairs for 2014. The only business interested in taking the job was Rainbow Valley Asphalt in Fruita (the job was too small for other companies to want to bother to come up to do it). Admin. Farrar also mentioned that jetting sewers have not been done for a number of years, so \$10,000 is budgeted to work on that this year. The plan is to systematically jet all of the Town's sewer mains over the course of a number of years. Admin. Farrar commented that this needs to be done for liability reasons and also because deferred maintenance would put us in a bigger hole down the road.

Admin. Farrar updated the Board on the planned construction of the 911 Communications Tower. Trustee Sturm asked whether or not Collbran will have representation on the Grand Junction Regional Communications Center Board. Admin. Farrar mentioned that he is requesting to be on the agenda of their next meeting to find out about it since they have not been giving him feedback on the topic recently. He said that he would like the intergovernmental agreement (IGA) to be rewritten so we can have a seat

on that board. Admin. Farrar said that he'll probably talk with DeBeque as well since they are in the same situation as us.

Admin. Farrar welcomed the Board to attend the Economic Development Council Meeting on May 7 at noon. He also welcomed them to attend the Municipalities Dinner in Fruita on May 15 at 6pm, and the Colorado Municipal League elected officials' training and lunch which is on May 22 in Glenwood Springs at 11am.

Admin. Farrar updated the Board on the potential for flooding in the area and preparations concerning it this Spring. He said that so far the outlook is positive.

Kelly Stewart stepped forward to inform the Board that she bought a bus to have a food truck. She was interested in pursuing a liquor license.

APPROVE EXPENDITURES

MOTION: Trustee Schowalter moved to approve the expenditures for the Town for the period of April 9, 2014 through May 6, 2014; seconded by Trustee Entwistle.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 yes votes – Entwistle, Sturm, Schowalter, Dorman, and Jones. 0 no votes. Motion passed.

Trustee Schowalter asked if they could do something for Rory White and his family. Mayor Jones mentioned that they could put that on the agenda for June or maybe July since right there there is an outpouring of support from the community right now.

The topic of trash dumpsters in Town filled with trash came up. A brief discussion ensued with Marshal Appelhanz contributing on what to do about it.

Trustee Entwistle mentioned that she visited a motorcycle rider at the American Servicewomen's Memorial who rides on the Tour of Honor that covers 300 memorials in 49 states. Trustee Entwistle requested if on the June agenda they could discuss a facelift of the American Servicewomen's Memorial. Mayor Jones indicated that he had talked with Gov Aker about having a retaining wall being built around the Memorial where the hillside is. Admin. Farrar contributed to the conversation.

ADJOURN

MOTION: Trustee Entwistle moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting; seconded by Trustee Schowalter.

NON-ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 yes votes – Sturm, Schowalter, Dorman, Entwistle, and Jones. 0 no votes. Motion passed.

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.