

TOWN OF EMPIRE
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Board of Trustees
September 15, 2020

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

The meeting was held through Zoom – a web-based video conferencing platform. It took several minutes to confirm that everyone could see and hear the meeting.

2. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Pro-Tem Sue Hauser, Trustee Denise Tennant, Trustee Linda Robertson, Trustee Lisa Kunze, Trustee Michael Ellington, Town Attorney Brandon Dittman, Police Chief John Stein, Town Clerk Jeannette Piel.

Absent: Mayor Wendy Koch

A quorum was present at the meeting.

3. Approval of Agenda

TRUSTEE ELLINGTON MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 15, 2020, TRUSTEE TENNANT PROVIDED THE SECOND, CLERK PIEL CONDUCTED A ROLL CALL VOTE, ALL WERE IN FAVOR, MOTION PASSED.

4. Approval of Consent Agenda. These items will be approved collectively with one vote.

Minutes August 18, 2020

Bills August

Resolution 20-17 - A Resolution of the Town of Empire, Colorado Modifying and Extending the COVID-19 Local Disaster Emergency Declaration.

TRUSTEE KUNZE MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 15, 2020, TRUSTEE ELLINGTON PROVIDED THE SECOND, CLERK PIEL CONDUCTED A ROLL CALL VOTE, ALL WERE IN FAVOR, MOTION PASSED.

5. Liquor Licensing Board:

TRUSTEE ROBERTSON MOTIONED TO ADJOURN AS THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND RECONVENE AS THE LIQUOR LICENSING BOARD, TRUSTEE KUNZE PROVIDED THE SECOND, CLERK PIEL CONDUCTED A ROLL CALL VOTE, ALL WERE IN FAVOR, MOTION PASSED.

a. Lewis Sweet Shop Liquor License Renewal

TRUSTEE ROBERTSON MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE LEWIS SWEET SHOP LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL, TRUSTEE ELLINGTON PROVIDED THE SECOND, CLERK PIEL CONDUCTED A ROLL CALL VOTE, ALL WERE IN FAVOR, MOTION PASSED.

TRUSTEE KUNZE MOTIONED TO ADJOURN AS THE LIQUOR LICENSING

BOARD AND RECONVENE AS THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, TRUSTEE ELLINGTON PROVIDED THE SECOND, CLERK PIEL CONDUCTED A ROLL CALL VOTE, ALL WERE IN FAVOR, MOTION PASSED.

6. Ordinances:

- a. **First Reading of Amended Ordinance 231 – An Ordinance of the Board of Trustees for the Town of Empire, Colorado Regulating Off-Highway Vehicles. (revisited)**

Mayor Pro-Tem Hauser discussed changing the stipulation that OHV's are not allowed on North and South Main Streets because it denied the privilege of using an OHV to a small group of people.

TRUSTEE TENNANT MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 231 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE TOWN OF EMPIRE, COLORADO REGULATING OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES, TRUSTEE KUNZE PROVIDED THE SECOND, CLERK PIEL CONDUCTED A ROLL CALL VOTE, FOUR WERE IN FAVOR, MAYOR PRO-TEM HAUSER ABSTAINED, MOTION PASSED.

The Ordinance will have a Second Reading and Public Hearing on October 20th, 2020 and will be posted in the Clear Creek Courant on September 23rd, 2020.

7. Resolutions:

- a. **Resolution 20-18 - A Resolution of The Town of Empire, Colorado Ratifying a Contractual Agreement with APC Construction Co. LLC for Main Street Repairs**

TRUSTEE KUNZE MOTIONED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 20-18: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF EMPIRE, COLORADO RATIFYING A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH APC CONSTRUCTION CO. LLC FOR MAIN STREET REPAIRS, TRUSTEE ELLINGTON PROVIDED THE SECOND, CLERK PIEL CONDUCTED A ROLL CALL VOTE, ALL WERE IN FAVOR, MOTION PASSED.

8. Discussion of Potential Sale of Property on East Side of Town.

All board members agreed to consider selling the property. The Town will find out the process to move forward.

9. Presentation from Sally Rush:

- a. **Pre-Fire Planning Process** – the Board discussed changes to the various maps.
b. **Ball Placer** – The Board discussed the extra slash that has been dumped in the Ball Placer and continued Due Diligence.

10. Public Comment: No Public Comment

11. Reports

- Police:
 - Chief Stein will provide a Monthly report with stats and updates.
 - National Night Out has been canceled.

- Mayor:
 - Ricky McClellan is resigning from the Board of Trustees
 - Buzz Chandler is resigning from the Planning Commission
- Attorney: Attorney Dittman discussed some of the upcoming statewide ballot initiatives and how they might impact municipalities.
- Admin:
 - The Town is continuing the photo contest through September for photos to be used on the Town website and Facebook sites. There will be a prize of a \$25.00 Visa gift card for two photos. Requesting panoramic photos of the Town and surrounding area, artistic photos of the streets and businesses, and local wildlife. All artists will receive credit for their photos if they are used. Details will be in the August newsletter.
- Town Hall: Events
 - Town Garage Sale – Thank you to everyone who participated, and a special thanks to Linda Robertson for coordinating the event.
 - FoCC Adopt-a-Highway is scheduled for September 19th. This is the fourth and last trash pick-up day for the year, coinciding with World Clean-Up Day.
- Streets and Maintenance: A HUGE thank you to Wendy Koch for completing the Main Street Repairs Paving Project!
- Water/Wastewater: A comprehensive letter from the Mayor with information about all aspects of the water system was included in the September Newsletter to keep residents informed. A HUGE thank you to Sue Hauser, Rob Connell, Terry Gray, John Ishee, and Wendy Koch for completing the Chlorine Injection Point Project!
- 2020 Census: These are the last few weeks to complete a Census questionnaire. Clear Creek County has been moving an electronic messaging board to various locations throughout the county, including Empire, for last minute encouragement. Enumerators are going door-to-door until September 30th.
- Planning Commission: The next meeting of the Planning Commission is September 30th, 2020, at 6:30 pm.

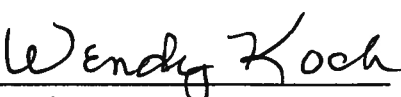
12. New Business.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hauser asked if the Board wanted to make repairs to the small church from the insurance claim money the Town received, \$10,000.00. The Board will all look at the church together at a future meeting.


13. Adjourn the Meeting

TRUSTEE ROBERTSON MOTIONED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING, TRUSTEE KUNZE PROVIDED THE SECOND, ALL WERE IN FAVOR, MOTION PASSED.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 PM.



 (mayor)



 (town clerk)