

Regular Meeting Agenda

May 17, 2022 ~ 6:30 pm

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1. **Call Meeting to Order**
2. **Roll Call** – The Empire Board of Trustees requires a simple majority of four trustees present at the meeting for a quorum.
3. **Approval of Agenda**
4. **Presentation & Request: Tracy Troia – Mayor’s and Commissioners Youth Scholarship**
5. **Resolutions**
 - a. Resolution 22-08: A Resolution of The Town of Empire, Colorado Appointing And/Or Reappointing Town Officers
 - b. Resolution 22-09: A Resolution of The Town of Empire, Colorado Establishing a Policy for the “Street of Flags” Program
 - c. Resolution 22-10: A Resolution of The Town of Empire, Colorado Establishing a Policy for A Military Tribute Flag Display at The Town of Empire Visitor’s Center
6. **Request for Approval: Marijuana Local License Renewal for Mary Jane’s Empire, Dan Volpe**
 - a. We are approving the local license; the state license does not renew at the same time.
 - b. All license fees and Town fees paid
 - c. Report from Chief Stein
7. **Request: Karl Karner request for waived water fees**
8. **Request: Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) letter of support for CDOT**
9. **Announcement: Appoint Planning Commission Members and Chair**

Chair – Sally Rush

Commission Members – Wendy Koch, Mayor; Denise Tennant, Ex-officio; Eileen Wheelock; Tony Robertson
10. **Announcement: Seeking a Treasurer’s Deed for the Empire Paymaster property**
11. **Announcement: Drinking Water Consumer Confidence Report for 2021**
12. **Announcement: Schedule joint Public Hearing for Board and Planning Commission to evaluate Conditional Use Permits for Residential Short Term Rental Applicants, June 21 BOT meeting.**
13. **Announcement Grant requests:**
 - a. Additional D&E grant funding request to Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) \$51,000.00 for well project
 - b. Grant funding request to Energy and Mineral Impact Grant (EIAF) for \$750,000.00 with presentation given by the Town for well project
 - c. Grant reporting for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for reimbursement of \$76,410.33 for well project
 - d. Grant request to Representative Neguse for Congressionally Directed Spending \$4 mil to update the Water Distribution System after the Town’s water emergency
 - e. Grant request to Senator Hickenlooper for Congressionally Directed Spending \$4 mil to update the Water Distribution System after the Town’s water emergency

- f. Grant application in process for Emergency Community Water Assistance Grant (ECWAG) USDA amount undetermined for Water Distribution System after the Town's water emergency
- g. Grant request to Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) for Human Bear Conflict Reduction Grant of \$80,000.00 to install bear-proof trash receptacles in all town parks and throughout the business corridor
- h. Grant inquiry to CDOT and DRCOG to continue developing the Welcome Park with parking lot, electric charging stations, bike racks, bus stop for the Round-a-Bout, public bathroom, picnic area, trail on side of the mountain with wildlife overlook, and connecting trail to other town property on North Empire. Function like a rest-stop. Town signs for wayfinding. Additional benches along walking route.

14. Update HMP Goals:

- a. Fire Ban and Code Red
- b. List of second homes
- c. List of residents with mobility challenges
- d. WFDSS evaluation with GIS data identifying our critical water and wastewater facilities

15. Update CCC Tourism Bureau Presentation:

Identify things Empire can do to support the County Tourism Program – Promote Businesses, Heritage Tourism with Storytelling, Wayfinding (signs with directions), Advertise in Visitors Center, Identify and advertise places to stay to promote Empire as a tourism destination.

16. Update on Beautification along Park Avenue:

- a. Planting flowers, pulling weeds in June
- b. Street of Flags in June
- c. All volunteers must sign a waiver

17. Update on Board Orientation and Training

18. Public Comment

19. Reports

- a. Budget:
- b. Mayor: (CCEDC, CDOT, CCFA)
 - i. Wildlife Bridge
- c. Police:
 - i. Chief Stein will provide a monthly report with stats and updates.
 - ii. Andrew on family leave, had baby Autumn on Friday
 - iii. Lyle Wohlers Awards Luncheon – Chief John Stein nominated for award for leadership and advocacy at the State Legislature.
- d. Events:
 - i. May 25, Wednesday: Lyle Wohlers Law Enforcement Awards and Luncheon
The 2021 Lyle Wohlers Law Enforcement awards are for officers who have gone above and beyond the call of duty, and citizens who encourage and support the efforts of law enforcement to keep our communities safe and crime free. This prestigious award is in honor of Colorado State Patrol Technical Lyle Wohlers, who proudly served for 26 years in the Colorado State Patrol. Trouper Wohlers was brutally killed during a routine traffic stop near Georgetown, Colorado in 1992.
 - ii. May 21, 2022, CCMRD and FoCC Community Workday at PAWS: The Town will donate employee hours and fuel for the flatbed truck to remove branches and debris if the transfer station fee is covered by CCMRD or waived by the county.


- iii. Farmers Market May 28, June 11 & 25, July 9 & 23, August 6 & 20, September 3 & 17. 9-1 in Theobald Park.
- iv. Suggestions for presenting the colors for the Military Flag Tribute
- v. TBD, Saturday: Town Clean-Up Day
- vi. Third Saturday in June, July, August, & September: Adopt-a-Highway Clean-Up with Friends of Clear Creek
- vii. August 2, Tuesday: National Night Out
- viii. September 10, Saturday: Devil on the Divide
- e. Admin:
 - i. 2022 OHV Stickers have arrived, we will be mail them to everyone who paid.
- f. Public Works: (Parks, Streets)
 - i. The Dog Park will be closed for the month of May for maintenance and soil amendments.
 - ii. Minton Field next to the Cemetery, the grass is coming up, we will continue to monitor the situation.
 - iii. Streetlamp repaired on SE corner of HWY 40 & Cowles.
- g. Water/Wastewater:
 - i. Working on a thank you newsletter and something in the courant for all water thank you's
- h. Planning Commission:
 - i. All Planning Commission meetings are in-person with remote access.
 - ii. The Planning Commission Workshop will be held on Monday, May 23rd, 2022, at 6:30 pm
 - iii. This month, the Regular Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 25th, 2022, at 6:30 pm.
 - iv. Next month, the Regular Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 29th, 2022, at 6:30 pm.
 - v. The next Master Plan Workshop will be held on Monday, July 11^h, 2022, at 6:30 pm.

20. New Business

21. The Next Board of Trustees Supplemental Meeting is Tuesday, May 24th, 2022, at 6:30 pm, and the Regular Meeting is Tuesday, June 21st, 2022, at 6:30 pm. In-person with remote access.

22. Adjourn Meeting


(mayor)


(town clerk)