

Regular Meeting Agenda

June 21, 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. **Joint Public Hearing of the Board of Trustees and the Planning Commission on the matter of three Conditional Use Permits for Short-Term Rentals:**

The Town of Empire has three available Short-Term Rental Licenses to fill in the residential zoning area. Notices of the Public Hearing were posted at each property, in the Clear Creek Courant, on the Town Website, in Town Hall, and in the Post Office by June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022. All property owners within one-hundred feet or adjacent to each property were notified by mail.

- a. 412 E Mtn Ave, James Andrews
  - i. Staff Report
  - ii. Planning Commission Recommendation
- b. 188 E Clear Creek, Dana Ray McWilliam
  - i. Staff Report
  - ii. Planning Commission Recommendation
- c. 192 E Clear Creek, Tony & Linda Robertson
  - i. Staff Report
  - ii. Planning Commission Recommendation

5. **Resolutions:**

- a. **Resolution 22-11: A Resolution of The Town of Empire, Colorado Ratifying an Agreement with East Slope Excavating for Emergency Excavation Services**
- b. **Resolution 22-12: A Resolution of The Town of Empire, Colorado Ratifying an Agreement with Ramey Environmental Compliance, Inc. for Emergency Services**

6. **Announcement Grant Updates:**

- a. **APPROVED: Additional D&E grant funding request to Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) \$51,000.00 for well project**
- b. **APPROVED: Grant funding request to Energy and Mineral Impact Grant (EIAF) for \$750,000.00. Mayor Wendy Koch, accompanied by Clerk Jeannette Piel and Engineer Rob Anderson, gave a PowerPoint presentation in-person to the selection board for the EIAF grant in Golden on May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The grant board was impressed with the amount of planning our small town has done to prepare for the drilling of a new Well and improvements to our Water Treatment Plant, and also with our handling of our recent Water Emergency.**
- c. PENDING: Grant reporting for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for reimbursement of \$76,410.33 for well project
- d. PENDING: Grant request to Representative Neguse for Congressionally Directed Spending \$4 mil to update the Water Distribution System after the Town’s water emergency
- e. PENDING: Grant request to Senator Hickenlooper for Congressionally Directed Spending \$4 mil to update the Water Distribution System after the Town’s water emergency

- f. PENDING: 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. PENDING: 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. PENDING: 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.
7. **Update on Beautification along Park Avenue:**
- a. All volunteers must sign a Waiver and Empire Volunteer Guidelines
  - b. Military Flags
  - c. Street of Flags
  - d. Flower Program
  - e. Trash Can and Dog Waste Receptacle Reminders
8. **Public Comment:** Public comment is limited to 5 minutes per person. The Board does not respond to questions during this time. For operational questions, please email the clerk.
9. **Reports:**
- a. Mayor: (CCEDC, CDOT, CCFA)
    - i. CDOT Hwy 40 Resurfacing Project Leadership Team: Mayor Koch, Chief Stein, & Clerk Piel are all participating on the leadership team, along with Amy Saxton from Clear Creek County Planning. Empire is well represented on this project.
  - b. Police:
  - c. Events:
    - i. June 25, 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.
    - ii. Farmers Market May 28, June 25, July 9 & 23, August 6 & 20, September 3 & 17. 9-1 in Theobald Park.
    - iii. Third Saturday in July, August, & September: Adopt-a-Highway Clean-Up with Friends of Clear Creek
    - iv. August 2, Tuesday: National Night Out
    - v. September 10, Saturday: Devil on the Divide
  - d. Admin:
    - i. 2022 OHV Stickers, if you have not received your sticker or need an application, please contact the clerk.
  - e. Planning Commission:
    - i. All Planning Commission meetings are in-person with remote access.
    - ii. This month, the Regular Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 6:30 pm.
    - iii. Next month, the Regular Meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 6:30 pm.
    - iv. The next Master Plan Workshop will be held on Monday, July 11<sup>h</sup>, 2022, at 6:30 pm.
10. **New Business from Board of Trustee Members:**

**11. The Next Board of Trustees Regular Meeting is July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 6:30 pm. In-person with remote access.**

**12. Adjourn Meeting**

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