

TOWN OF EMPIRE
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Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
October 18, 2022

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM.
The meeting was held in person and through Zoom.

2. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Wendy Koch, Mayor Pro-Tem Linda Robertson, Trustee Denise Tennant, Trustee Lorry Singmaster, Trustee Susan Owen, Police Chief John Stein, Attorney Brandon Dittman, Town Clerk Jeannette Piel.

Absent: Trustee Shannon Hickman.

A quorum was present at the meeting.

3. Approval of Agenda

TRUSTEE TENNANT MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 18, 2022, TRUSTEE ROBERTERSON PROVIDED THE SECOND, CLERK PIEL CONDUCTED A ROLL CALL VOTE, ALL WERE IN FAVOR, MOTION PASSED.

4. Presentation by Donna Kline, President of the Project Support Senior Center Board of Directors

The Project Support Center is requesting a Historical Grant and needs to have \$79,300 to receive it. They currently have \$28,000. The Board of Trustees will vote at the November Meeting whether to donate funds to this cause or to pass on this opportunity.

5. Ordinances:

- a. **Ordinance 266: An Ordinance of The Town of Empire, Colorado Making The 2018 Edition of The International Fire Code Effective Within the Borders of The Town of Empire as Amended.**

TRUSTEE TENNANT MOTIONED TO TABLE THE SECOND READING OF THE ORDINANCE 266: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EMPIRE, COLORADO MAKING THE 2018 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE EFFECTIVE WITHIN THE BORDERS OF THE TOWN OF EMPIRE AS AMENDED, TRUSTEE SINGMASTER PROVIDED THE SECOND, CLERK PIEL CONDUCTED A ROLL CALL VOTE, ALL WERE IN FAVOR, MOTION PASSED. The Second Reading of Ordinance 266 is tabled. The Second Reading and Public Hearing will take place on November 15, 2022, after publication in the Clear Creek Courant.

6. Announcement: Drilling of the new well has started today, Tuesday Oct 18, and should be drilled by the end of this week. There will be other activities equipping the well over the next couple of weeks.

7. Discussion: The 2023 Proposed Budget

The Board Members have received a copy of the first draft of the 2023 Budget. The Board

held one workshop on October 4th and will hold another one on November 1st. The public cannot speak at the workshop, but at the November meeting, there will be public comment on the Budget, and anyone can email the clerk with any questions or objections to the Budget. We plan to vote on approval of the Budget at the November 15th Board Meeting.

8. Public Comment

- Frank Mauracher had questions concerning road repair and areas in the budget for the cemetery, parks, bathrooms, and playground.
- Tony Kaspari - Shared the Visitor Center looks very nice, but there are numerous properties in Empire in need of code enforcement. Tony has concerns about the potholes on South Main Street and questions on the asphalt millings in Ball Placer. Tony had questions concerning the new Mother Load (Mint Load) OHV business and permit requirements. Tony ended with questions concerning the number of police vehicles and stats on traffic violations.

9. Reports

- a. Clear Creek Watershed & Forest Health Partnership (CCWFHP):
Sally and John met with CCWFHP to evaluate fire mitigation projects in the Town of Empire.
- b. Admin:
 - i. Oct. 21 Friday Turn in Scarecrow Sign-up Form to Town Hall.
 - ii. Oct. 22 Saturday Bring Scarecrow to Theobald Parking Lot for installation.
 - iii. Oct. 29 Saturday Trick or Trunk in Theobald Park 4-5 pm, Chili Cookoff in Town Hall 5-7 pm.
 - iv. Dec. 10 Saturday Empire Christmas Celebration—put it on your calendar so you don't forget.
- c. Planning Commission:
 - i. All Planning Commission meetings are in-person with remote access.
 - ii. This month, the Regular Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 26th, 2022, at 6:30 pm.
 - iii. The Planning Commission November and December meetings will be combined, and held on Wednesday, December 7th, 2022, at 6:30 pm.

10. New Business

Jerry Ross from the Mile High Jeep Club is formally requesting to partner with the Town of Empire for their event on Saturday July 22, 2023, to July 29, 2023. There were no objections from the Board of Trustees.

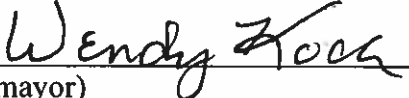
11. The Next Board of Trustees Regular Meeting is November 15th, 2022, at 6:30 pm. In-person with remote access.


15. The Next Board of Trustees Regular Meeting is December 13th, 2022, at 6:30 pm. In-person with remote access.

16. Adjourn Meeting

TRUSTEE TENNANT MOTIONED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING, TRUSTEE SINGMASTER PROVIDED THE SECOND, CLERK PIEL CONDUCTED A ROLL CALL VOTE, ALL WERE IN FAVOR, MOTION PASSED.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM.


(mayor)


(town clerk)