

**Town of Bayfield
Regular Town Board Meeting
January 20, 2015
1199 Bayfield Parkway, Bayfield CO 81122**

Town Board Members Present: Trustee Davenport, Trustee Nelson, Trustee Nyberg, Trustee Salka, Trustee Sanders, Mayor Smith

Town Board Members Absent: Trustee Morlan

Staff Present: Chris La May (Town Manager), Kathleen Cathcart (Town Clerk), Derick Campbell (Deputy), Jeff Robbins (Town Attorney)

Media Present: Carol McWilliams with the Pine River Times

The meeting was called to order @ approximately 6:58 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Trustee Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes from January 6, 2015, as presented. Trustee Davenport seconded.

All were in favor.

Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Bills: Trustee Davenport made a motion to approve the bills dated January 7 through January 15, 2015, as presented. Trustee Salka seconded.

Roll call: 6 – 0 (Mayor Smith abstained from the bill to Data Safe Services)

Motion passed unanimously.

General Public Input: No comments were offered.

Town Updates: Trustee Davenport asked for clarification regarding Source Gas ceasing operations. Town Manager La May stated that Source Gas is still working in Town, but they have completed the work on the river crossing.

Action Agenda Item #1: Discussion and Possible Action – Setting Date for Downtown Colorado, Inc. Assessment

Town Manager La May stated that Downtown Colorado, Inc. has suggested some dates in March that they would be able to provide the assessment for the Town of Bayfield. Staff is recommending March 16 and 17, 2015.

After discussion, the Board agreed on March 16 and 17, 2015 for the assessment. The Regular Board Meeting will be rescheduled for Wednesday March 18, 2015.

Trustee Nelson asked if there was any response from the Chamber of Commerce regarding this project.

Mayor Smith stated that Trustees Morlan, Nyberg, Salka and Sanders, Town Manager La May and himself all attended the last Chamber of Commerce meeting. Town Manager La May and Mayor Smith both spoke at the meeting and the Chamber seemed very receptive to accomplishing this project.

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Action Agenda Item #2: Discussion and Possible Action – Street Funding Alternatives

Town Manager La May stated at the last meeting the Board requested that he return with some alternative revenue sources for discussion. Town Manager La May presented nine items for discussion. The Board was asked if the item was worthy of additional research and consideration or if the item was not something the Board would consider.

The Board agreed that a Gas Franchise Fee, an Electric Franchise Fee, a Street Impact Fee, Storm Water Enterprise Service Fees, and increased ROW Permit Fees, Recreation Fees and Facility Rental Fees should all be considered.

The Board agreed that Overweight Vehicle Fees should not be considered at this time.

The Board was split on the issue of Retail Recreational Marijuana. Trustees Nelson and Davenport and Mayor Smith do not feel that this item should be considered. Trustees Nyberg, Salka and Sanders all stated that they feel that the residents should be aware that all options are being considered to fund the street maintenance.

The Board agreed to hold an Open Forum at 6:00 pm on Tuesday February 3, 2015 before the regularly scheduled Board Meeting. This forum will give the public an opportunity to voice their opinions regarding the possible revenue sources being considered.

Action Agenda Item #3: Discussion and Possible Action – Lease of Fiber

Town Manager La May stated that Cedar Networks has expressed interest in leasing one strand of Dark Fiber from the Town of Bayfield. Staff is drafting an agreement as it relates to price, service levels, expectations and obligations. The initial concept behind the lease of fiber was to share a portion of the revenue with the Southwest Colorado Council of Governments for assisting some of the communities and managing some of their assets. The MOU with the SWCCOG has not been finalized but staff feels that it would be to our advantage to move forward with the lease agreement with Cedar Networks. The City of Durango currently leases fiber at a rate of \$60.00 per mile. This is the rate that staff has proposed in the agreement. Staff is asking if the Board is comfortable in moving forward with a lease agreement.

Trustee Davenport asked if a time limit should be put on the dollar amount charged per mile.

Trustee Nelson stated that the amount charged could be changed upon the renewal of an annual contract.

The Board agreed that staff should move forward with the lease agreement for Dark Fiber to Cedar Networks.

Action Agenda Item #4: Board Reports (SWCCOG, LPCEA, RHA, SWTPR, Region 9, Other)

Trustee Nelson stated that Dark Fiber Leasing was discussed at the last meeting of SWCCOG. She also stated that there will be a Colorado Disaster Panel at the La Plata County Fairgrounds on January 29, 2015. SWCCOG supported a grant for a CNG Station in Durango and a letter of support for Bobby Lieb, who is applying for a DOLA Grant.

Mayor Smith stated that he missed the LPCEA meeting and did not have a report.

Trustee Davenport stated that the RHA discussed general business and worked on a slot analysis.

Trustee Salka stated that SWTPR will meet on February 6, 2015.

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Trustee Sanders stated that Region 9 will meet on January 29, 2015.

Trustee Nyberg stated that the Planning Commission discussed an ordinance regarding detached dwelling units.

Town Manager La May stated that the Senior Board is considering applying for a BP Grant. Phyllis Ludwig suggested using the grant funds to expand the Senior Center.

Mayor Smith stated that it was premature for the Town to commit any funds to expanding the Senior Center Facility.

Action Agenda Item #5: New/Unfinished Business

Town Manager La May stated that Troy McAllister is resigning from the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission is now short two members.

Trustee Nelson asked if there was any more information regarding a joint tax effort with La Plata County.

Town Manager La May stated that he attended a phone conference with the Chair of the County Finance Committee, a County Commissioner and an outside consulting firm. The discussion was mainly about what the County needs to accomplish. The consultant suggested that this might be an opportunity for us to contract with the County to obtain information that would be provided through the consulting firm. Town Manager La May also stated that he is going to get a price from the consulting firm for a contract without the County. The second hour of the phone conference was speaking with the Citizen's Committee Chair from Montrose County. Montrose County passed two property tax increases on the same ballot. His recommendation was to be as specific as possible in the ballot language.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:57 pm.