



January 13, 2025  
7:00 p.m. Town Council Meeting  
Zoom meeting for the public 958 684 9882  
Minutes

## ROLL CALL

Mayor Chris Johnson

Councilmembers: Jim Crook, Jessica Hart, Cherri Olson, Jeff Peed, Tim Pobirk, Gill Saunders

Staff: Bruce Bair, Chana Clawson, Cindy Jones

1. **CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER by Mayor Johnson**
2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** after placing 9. Public Non-Agenda before 7. Executive Session, Gill Saunders made a motion to approve the agenda. Jeff Peed seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **CONSENT AGENDA**  
Minutes  
Disbursements Jeff Peed inquired about a couple of the payees. After clarification, Jeff made a motion to approve the minutes and disbursements. Jim Crook seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** Mayor Johnson read a thank you card from Larry Jakubiak who puts on the Nork Fork Community Dinners in Hotchkiss. They had a record number of attendees, 375.  
Bruce Bair announced that Colorado River District is putting on a Growing Water Smart Workshop, April 28-30 in Montrose.
5. **OLD BUSINESS\***
6. **NEW BUSINESS**  
**Resolution 1-2025** U.S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION WATERSMART: DROUGHT RESILIENCY PROJECT TO REHABILITATE THE TOWN'S SOURCE OF DRINKING WATER for Spring project. Tim Pobirk made a motion to approve Resolution 1-2025. Gill Saunders seconded the motion. Motion carried.  
**Liquor License** renewal with addition of take-out application for North Fork Boardwalk. Owner, June Keszeg asked that her liquor license be renewed. Paperwork and fees were paid to the office. Jim made a motion to approve the liquor license renewal. Gill Saunders seconded the motion. Motion carried.  
**Topic: Billing of Dogwood property.** Liz Heidrick read a letter that was given to the council members regarding the property that burned in town. She was asking for forgiveness of the late charges. Tim Pobirk made a motion to forgive



the late fees in the amount of \$150. Jeff Peed seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**9. PUBLIC NON-AGENDA ITEMS.** Bo Pipher addressed the council regarding the property he purchased on Fir Ave. He indicated that the property is over 10,000 square feet and he would like to split it (back) into two properties. He intends on building on the piece of property that is vacant. He would like to know what he would need to do to get a variance to have a 10' set back instead of 20'. Bruce added that the properties have 2 water & sewer taps. Attorney Bo Nerlin suggested having a meeting with staff and himself to go over codes and development application to then present to the council.

#### **7. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Executive Session for discussion of a personnel matter under C.R.S. 24-6-402(2)(f) and not involving: any specific employees who have requested discussion of the matter in open session; any member of this body or any elected official; the appointment of any person to fill an office of this body or of an elected official; or personnel policies that do not require the discussion of matters personal to particular employee regarding the salary negotiation for Al Williams.

Jeff Peed made a motion to go into the executive session. Jessica Hart seconded the motion. At 7:59 the council entered into executive session. Executive session concluded at 8:16.

**8. NON-AGENDA ITEMS** Jim Crook inquired what the rules are regarding the take-out portion of the liquor license. Attorney Bo Nerlin stated that there is an abundance of information on the Colorado Department of Revenue website. Jessica Hart asked when the town would be advertising for the Deputy Clerk job. Attorney Bo Nerlin advised that the town clerk's position be filled first.

#### **10. REPORTS**

- a. Attorney's report no report
- b. Public Works-written report provided. Bruce added that he will now be informing the council of any permits and taps sold. He also added that there was an accident in front of town hall, and he is working with Cirsa who will then submit the estimate for repairs to the individual's insurance carrier. He stated that in the past he has done what is necessary for the town's insurance company, Cirsa, but is working with staff & will work with his replacement to hopefully do even more.

c. Consultant & Interim Town Clerk no report

d. Board Members

Cherri Olson stated that there was a trailer parked for a period of time in town and indicated that they were aware that it would not be allowed by the town. There was a meeting for Crawford businesses at Lazy J's.

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Jessica Hart reported that there was a big fire in Hotchkiss and Paonia FD also responded.

Gill Saunders reported that there is good information in the CML newsletter and that he is going to reach out to our state representative and ask if he would attend a meeting every month or two.

e. Mayor's Report

Mayor Johnson thanked staff and attorney Bo Nerlin.

**11. POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting is January 27th

**12. ADJOURNMENT 8:44 p.m.**

**\*POSSIBLE ACTION ON ALL AGENDA ITEMS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED\***