

TOWN OF MONUMENT
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING

Monday, April 5, 2010

6:30 P.M. Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

Call to Order, Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance, Approval of Agenda

Mayor Easton called this Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Monument, Colorado to order at 6:30 P.M., at Monument Town Hall. Mayor Easton led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance. The following Board members and Staff were present for the meeting:

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Present:

Mayor Easton
Trustee Dominguez
Trustee Gingrich
Trustee Kaiser
Trustee Plank
Trustee Squires

Absent:

Trustee Drumm

TOWN STAFF:

Catherine Green, Town Manager
Gary Shupp, Town Attorney
Steven Burke, Police Sergeant
Richard Landreth, Public Works
Director
Pamela Smith, Town Treasurer
Tom Kassawara, Director of
Development Services
Scott Meszaros, Town Clerk

Also present were:

Jim Kendrick Steve Meyer Monica Harder Tom Harder
Jim Sawatzki

Trustee Plank made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Trustee Dominguez. The motion passed unanimously 6-0.

1. Approval of Minutes of March 15, 2010 Regular meeting

No changes were noted.

Trustee Kaiser made a motion to approve the minutes of March 15, 2010 for the Regular Meeting as presented. Trustee Dominguez seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0-1 as Trustee Kaiser abstained.

Public Comments

None

Recognizing Mr. Steve Meyer

Ms. Catherine Green, Town Manager, discussed the contributions and service which Mr. Steve Meyer provided to the Town over the past five years. He created and managed the "Monument Matters" website/newsletter; he also served as the Board's representative on the Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) with the Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG). Both the Board and PPACG provided certificates of appreciation for Mr. Meyer which Mayor Easton presented to him. Mr. Meyer provided a brief speech detailing his appreciation of the Board and the Town as being a wonderful place to have lived and to give back to.

MSG William J. Crawford Memorial Committee

Speaker was unable to attend, item continued to May 3rd BOT Meeting.

Return of the Rocky Mountain Chataqua at Palmer Lake

Mr. Jim Sawatzki, Local Historian and filmmaker, discussed the history and revitalization of the Rocky Mountain Chataqua at Palmer Lake. He explained that his purpose in presenting to the Board this evening is to gain financial support for the event as well as the publication efforts of the Historical Society on several of their current projects. The Chataqua is scheduled to be held on the first weekend in August (6, 7, 8). He asked if the Board would provide a contribution towards both efforts in the amount of \$2500.

The Board unanimously approved allocating \$2000 from the Board Contingency Fund to meet Mr. Sawatzki's request. Mr. Sawatzki thanked the Board and stated that he hopes that everyone is able to attend this year. The Board will also be included in the sponsorship recognition for both the Chataqua and the book publication efforts.

Resolutions:

2. Resolution #13-2010, a resolution designating Arbor Day 2010

Mr. Rich Landreth, Director of Public Works stated that the Town has been recognizing Arbor Day and recognized as a "Tree City" since 1981. The Town would like to recognize Arbor Day on April 30th, 2010. He explained that at least five (5) trees will be planted and he asked that the Board provide direction if they choose as to where these trees should be located.

Trustee Squires made a motion to approve Resolution #13-2010, a resolution designating Arbor Day 2010, seconded by Trustee Plank. Motion passed 6-0.

3. Resolution #14-2010, a resolution approving an IGA with the Triview Metropolitan District for Landscape/Road Maintenance Service

Mr. Rich Landreth, Director of Public Works, explained that the Triview Board has approved the IGA being presented. The Triview Board has purchased equipment and approval of this IGA will allow the Town to manage all Triview Public Works functions (Water and Sanitary Collection Systems are already operated under an existing IGA with Triview). He explained that Triview will pay a \$15,985/month fee for the services.

Ms. Catherine Green, Town Manager, explained that there is some reluctance and confusion in regard to the Town providing these services. She stated that we (Town of Monument) are not a contractor and services are provided in a similar fashion as municipal services within the Town (non-Triview) areas.

The Board inquired about “fuel service surcharges” and costs of providing this contract. Mr. Landreth responded that he has based his estimate upon potential fuel cost increases and that the residents of the Triview District will see an improvement in the service at a reduced cost to existing contractor provided work. He explained that snow, roadway, and other maintenance should be much better.

Trustee Plank made a motion to approve Resolution #14-2010, a resolution approving an IGA with the Triview Metropolitan District for Landscape/Road Maintenance Service, seconded by Trustee Gingrich. Motion passed 6-0.

Financial Reports and Updates:

4. Disbursements over \$5,000

Ms. Pamela Smith, Town Treasurer, stated that in addition to the \$76,114.71 request for the Third Street Contract payment to Pioneer Sand Company, Inc., the Town has received the invoice from Hart Inter-Civic for the Ballot printing and expenses which is for \$7,330.20. She explained that the election item was not in the packet as it had not been received prior to the packets going out. The expense is well within budgeted parameters.

Trustee Plank made a motion to approve the disbursements over \$5,000, seconded by Trustee Dominguez. Motion passed 6-0.

5. Analysis of 2009 Budget

Ms. Pamela Smith, Town Treasurer, asked if the Board would like for her to detail the Analysis of the 2009 Budget or if they have any specific questions.

The Board responded that as the item is informational only, they would like to have it continued to next BOT meeting when all members will have had time to review it.

Mr. Scott Meszaros, Town Clerk, stated that upon the Board’s request to continue, he asked that they please remove the item from their packets to minimize having to make copies and re-stuff the item for the next meeting. He would ensure that Trustee Drumm gets a copy as he is not in attendance.

Discussion Item

3/50 Campaign

Mayor Easton provided a quick background on the previous discussion of the 3/50 Campaign concept. He explained that HMMA has a subcommittee which has been meeting to develop the concept here in Monument.

Trustee Plank explained the concept of how three (3) individually owned small businesses would be missed in a community if they were no longer around. The program studies have shown that for every \$100 spent, that translates back into the community as either \$63 from locally owned businesses, \$43 from “chain” owned businesses, or \$0 from online sales. The Subcommittee would like to do a 3-month trial project from June 1st through August 31st with locally owned businesses. This would entail product sales businesses which produce sales tax revenues and not service related businesses. Consumers will save up a minimum of \$350 in sales receipts which will be validated by one of the local participating merchants and will result in one (1) entry for the customer. All of the entries will go into a drawing for a \$500 cash prize winner at the Chili Cook-Off event. A second cycle will be done over the September

through November shopping period; the drawing will be conducted at “Small Town Christmas”. However; at this time it is not certain if the Town will be supporting the prize or not.

Ms. Pamela Smith, Town Treasurer, commented that her only request is that the tax money “prize” not be called a “tax rebate”.

The Board unanimously agreed to move forward with the proposed trial 3/50 Project.

Reports and Updates:

Town Attorney

Mr. Gary Shupp, Town Attorney, stated that Judge Prince (District Court Judge) has ordered that the Rockwell Ready-mixed Concrete and Kalima Masse case be dismissed with prejudice, each party to pay her or its own costs. He explained that this case is finally behind us, however; there is new litigation with “Mr. Brodie” regarding property on Third Street and he has filed for Summary Judgment on the case. Mr. Shupp explained that upon the Board’s request at the last meeting, he has sent a letter to the “Arbor Mountain” people who complied and provided signature essentially dedicating back to the Town the land. The Town will now have to determine what to do with the land.

Town Manager's Report

Ms. Catherine Green, Town Manager, stated that there will be an election results gathering at Town Hall at approximately 5pm until results have been posted. There will be refreshments and everyone is invited to participate. She described her efforts to schedule the “workshop” for the Board; she explained that some members have asked that we do the session on a regularly scheduled meeting night. She will get back with a date when the agenda and attendance will be conducive to providing the session. She explained that “Monument Nurseries” has offered to sell its entire inventory of trees to the Town for \$20k. She stated that the Triview Board was also informed about this offer and is willing to pay for half of the amount to obtain trees. Trustee Dominguez has visited the nursery as have Mr. Landreth and Mr. Rathburn and the offer seems like a very sound idea. The Town has been offered the ability to have a gate installed on north Monument Lake Road and the trees may be taken out over a period of time. The Board agreed that this offer is a good idea and to proceed with the purchase (along with Triview paying the other half).

Ms. Green discussed the water (Fountain Mutual Shares) issue and stated that the seller would like to have the Town contract with them for “due diligence”. Following discussion, the Board unanimously agreed to move forward and sign a contract to undergo due diligence (formal item to be brought back at a future Board meeting).

Adjournment

Trustee Kaiser made a motion to adjourn at 8:05 pm, seconded by Trustee Plank. The motion passed unanimously 6-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott W. Meszaros, CMC
Town Clerk