

**MINUTES
CARBONDALE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
CARBONDALE TOWN HALL
AND VIA ZOOM
JULY 27, 2021
MEETING**

Mayor Dan Richardson called the Board of Trustees hybrid Regular Meeting to order on July 27, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

The following members were present for roll call:

Mayor	Dan Richardson
Trustees	Marty Silverstein
	Lani Kitching
	Ben Bohmfalk
	Erica Sparhawk
	Luis Yllanes

Arrived After Roll Call	Heather Henry
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Staff Present:

Town Manager	Jay Harrington
Town Clerk	Cathy Derby
Finance Director	Renae Gustine

CONSENT AGENDA

- Accounts Payable totaling \$253,109.32
- BOT 7-13-2021 Regular Meeting Minutes
- Coffman Ranch Intergovernmental Agreement
- Columbia, Ltd Professional Services Contract – Recruitment Services
- Bike Park Maintenance Contract
- Purchase of Hydro Electric Turbine

Trustee Bohmfalk made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Trustee Kitching seconded the motion and it passed with:

6 yes votes: Richardson, Bohmfalk, Silverstein, Kitching, Sparhawk, Yllanes

Trustee Henry arrived at the meeting.

PERSONS PRESENT NOT ON THE AGENDA

Carbondale resident Mike Mines stated that he would like the Trustees to have a discussion on trash overage charges. He explained that he was charged for overage because he placed cardboard boxes along side his trash can rather than in it. The overage charges doubled his normal bill. Jay stated that information will be distributed to residents on trash overflow in the near future. Trustee Bohmfalk stated that he believes it's time to have a check-in with Mountain Waste.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Silverstein commented that tonight is the first time in fifteen months that the whole Board has been present for a meeting (due to COVID). Trustee Silverstein stated that Mountain Fair was a huge success and he congratulated Amy Kimberly and all of the volunteers. Trustee Silverstein stated that COVID cases are on the rise and he said people, especially those who are not vaccinated, may want to start thinking about wearing masks indoors. We don't want another lock down.

Mayor Richardson stated that he was impressed with all of the efforts that went in to planning the 50th Mountain Fair. He thanked Town staff for all of their hard work helping with the Fair. He stated that Garfield County was involved in a mobile COVID vaccine clinic at the Fair – 47 people were vaccinated. The mobile clinic will be at the Rodeo on Thursday.

Trustee Sparhawk thanked the police department for participating in the Tug of War and having a major presence at the fair. She stated that she enjoyed the extension of the Fair on to Main St.

Trustee Bohmfalk stated Fair participants had positive interactions with the police. He was sorry that someone was arrested for disorderly conduct. Trustee Bohmfalk stated that it's important that review of police policies is completed. He stated that people are questioning the police incident at Mountain Fair. Jay stated that the police department has very limited body cams right now and he doesn't think the incident was recorded. Jay noted that the officer who was involved in the Mountain Fair incident was today involved in a murder by cop situation. The police did not shoot the person and were able to de-escalate the situation. Trustee Bohmfalk stated that Barbara Freeman contacted him and asked him for help leading the charge for financial empowerment. The idea is to provide people with the resources to help them become financially secure. She would like Pitkin, Eagle and Garfield Counties to pledge their support. Trustee Silverstein stated that Pitkin and Eagle have already agreed to support the project.

Trustee Silverstein stated that on July 31st the re-districting committee will meet at the Third Street Center.

Trustee Henry stated that she and Dave Myler are meeting with Cheryl of the Garfield County Housing Authority to try to reinvigorate the multi-jurisdictional affordable housing authority coalition. Jonathan Rubin Fox has some great ideas on how to help trailer parks maintain their affordability.

ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS

The attorney was not present at the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING – LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER APPLICATION – ALLEGRIA RESTAURANT AND CATERING

Applicant: Allegria Restaurant and Catering
Location: 335 Main Street

Cathy stated that Allegria Restaurant and Catering has submitted a Transfer of Liquor License Application. Staff has deemed the application complete, all fees have been paid and all noticing requirements have been met. The owner, Benoit de Francisco, is familiar with Colorado liquor laws. Benoit introduced himself to the Board.

Mayor Richardson opened the public comment portion of the public hearing. There was no one present who wished to address the Board so Mayor Richardson closed the public hearing.

Trustee Silverstein made a motion to approve Allegria's Transfer of Liquor License Application. Trustee Yllanes seconded the motion and it passed with:

7 yes votes: Sparhawk, Bohmfalk, Kitching, Richardson, Henry, Silverstein, Yllanes

PUBLIC HEARING –RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER APPLICATION – WINETIME

Applicant: WTLLC
Location: 792 State Highway 133

WineTime has submitted a transfer of a Retail Liquor License Application. Staff deemed the application complete, all fees have been paid and all noticing requirements have been met. Owner Gracelia Pena introduced herself to the Board. She is familiar with Colorado liquor laws.

Mayor Richardson opened the public comment portion of the public hearing. There was no one present who wished to address the Board so Mayor Richardson closed the public hearing.

Trustee Sparhawk made a motion to approve WineTime's Retail Liquor License Transfer Application. Trustee Silverstein seconded the motion and it passed with:

7 yes votes: Bohmfalk, Kitching, Richardson, Henry, Silverstein, Yllanes, Sparhawk

SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR LICENSE – KDNK

KDNK has applied for a Special Event Liquor License for a frisbee tournament to be held at Gianinetti Park. All fees have been paid and the Police Department has reported no problems with the applicant or the premises.

Trustee Yllanes made a motion to approve KDNK's Special Event Liquor License Application. Trustee Kitching seconded the motion and it passed with:

7 yes votes: Silverstein, Richardson, Henry, Kitching, Yllanes, Sparhawk, Bohmfalk

SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR LICENSE – CARBONDALE CLAY CENTER

Carbondale Clay Center has applied for a Special Event Liquor License for a fundraiser to be held at their facility. All fees have been paid and the Police Department has reported no problems with the applicant or the premises.

Trustee Sparhawk made a motion to approve Carbondale Clay Center's Special Event Liquor License Application. Trustee Silverstein seconded the motion and it passed with:

7 yes votes: Richardson, Henry, Kitching, Yllanes, Sparhawk, Bohmfalk, Silverstein

COLORADO AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY INITIATIVE (CAFCI) UPDATE

CAFCI Co-Chair Judy Blanchard stated that there are four main challenges for seniors going forward. She explained that four CAFCI members will present on the challenges.

Ron Kokish presented on Intra-Urban Transportation. Ron Stated that Carbondale will continue growing and the population will skew towards older citizens. Climate degradation is the single biggest challenge and auto usage exacerbates it. We need intra-urban transportation, an alternative to auto usage, to move people around town. We can eliminate parking and construct wider trails and put accumulated assets to work.

Niki Delson presented on Multi-Modal Mobility. Niki said that multi-modal mobility is essential for health. The Comprehensive Plan states the ability to get around town without a car is paramount. Carbondale's streets and sidewalks are not conducive to pedestrians. There are major cracks and raised sidewalks. Multiple sidewalks lead to nowhere. There are cars parked on the sidewalks, and low tree branches hang over some of the sidewalks. There are no clear designated bike routes. We need to gather data on the problem areas.

Frank Scamboti presented on a Comprehensive Information Directory. He stated that Carbondale doesn't have a directory and he asked the Town to develop one similar to 211 or 411.

Nancy Peterson stated that the fourth challenge is accessibility to outdoors and open spaces. She noted that 20-25% of our population has a disability. Engagement relies on universal design. We need more affordable and accessible housing. She asked that Universal Design be included in the Comprehensive Plan and in the Town's building codes. She asked the Board to consider holding a work session on the above topics.

Trustee Silverstein state that the Town need's CAFCI's lobbying support. He feels that RFTA is not doing enough regarding intra-urban transportation – there isn't a bus stop at City Market or Crystal Meadows.

Trustee Henry stated that she appreciates CAFCI breaking down their priorities. She agreed that the Board should have a work session and she asked what would be the two top priorities?

Mayor Richardson agreed that the Board should have a work session with CAFCI. He encouraged CAFCI to meet with other organizations who may be a better lever for these issues. He stated that requiring universal design is harder than you think. He disagreed with Trustee Silverstein that RFTA is not doing enough. RFTA has been talking about first and last mile solutions for quite some time. Mayor Richardson has been talking with legislators about putting a question on the State ballot to allow for Real Estate Transfer Assessment (RETA). The RETA revenue could be used to build affordable housing.

Susan, who lives in Vermont, stated that Vermont has a 211 number they can call to ask any question.

Trustee Bohmfalk thanked CAFCI for their advocacy. A car-free vision for the future is intriguing but there are many challenges. He doesn't see the Town taking the lead on a resource directory – it's more of a State issue.

Trustee Sparhawk stated that Colorado Communities for Climate Action is working on multi-modal in the legislature but they are receiving resistance. She noted that there is a 211 directory system in Colorado that was funded by the United Way. However, they don't have a lot of information on Carbondale.

Trustee Kitching stated that from 2010-2012 the Mid-Valley Collaboration developed a directory but it didn't work – she believes geography was a factor.

Jay stated that the Carbondale sidewalk repair program will be starting soon.

COLORADO COMMUNITIES FOR CLIMATE ACTION (CC4CA) – APPROVAL OF POLICY STATEMENT

Trustee Sparhawk explained that every year, CC4CA, who advocates for stronger state and federal climate policy, must ratify their policy statement. Trustee Sparhawk stated that this year very little has changed in the statement - they have added an equity and a water statement.

Trustee Sparhawk made a motion to approve the Colorado Communities for Climate Action Policy Statement effective July 1, 2021. Trustee Kitching seconded the motion and it passed with:

7 yes votes: Sparhawk, Henry, Yllanes, Richardson, Kitching, Silverstein, Bohmfalk

COLUMBIA, LTD – TOWN MANAGER RECRUITMENT DISCUSSION

Drew Gorgey of Columbia, Ltd stated that the purpose of the discussion is to discuss recruitment scheduling and the Town Manager's salary range.

Discussion ensued and the Board agreed that the timeline for filing an application will be August 8 – September 13th. Finalist interviews will be scheduled for October 21-22.

The salary range is \$150,000 - \$190,000 and housing may be available.

DISTANCE REQUIREMENT FROM MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS TO SCHOOLS

This item was pulled from the Agenda at the request of Renee Grossman who initially asked for the discussion.

MID-YEAR SALARY ADJUSTMENT

Jay explained that last year's salary survey was based on 2019-2020 pre-pandemic data. Housing costs continue to climb, and the Town continues to struggle with being competitive in the job market. The Town had a very good (financial) year in 2020 and is off to a strong start to 2021. As a result, staff is proposing a mid-year salary increase to retain employees in this challenging economy. The proposal is to increase Tier 1 salaries – those between \$40,000 - \$67,000 by 5%. The Tier 2 increase of 3.5% would be for those salaries between \$67,000 - \$85,000. The Tier 3 increase of 2% would be for those in the \$85,000 - \$155,000 salary range. The annual increase in payroll would equal \$140,325.00. The raise, if passed, would go into to effect in the next pay period.

Discussion ensued.

The Board agreed that the proposed salary increase was a good idea. Trustee Henry suggested increasing each tier by 1%; the Board agreed.

Trustee Yllanes made a motion to approve a mid-year salary adjustment of 6% for Tier 1; 4.5% for Tier 2; and 3% for Tier 3. Seasonal and part-time staff pay will increase \$.75 per hour. Trustee Kitching seconded the motion and it passed with:

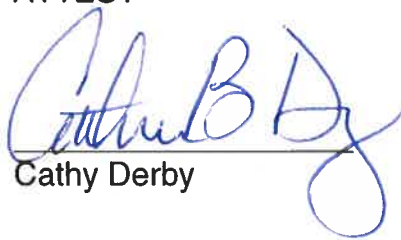
7 yes votes: Silverstein, Richardson, Henry, Bohmfalk, Kitching, Yllanes, Sparhawk

ADJOURNMENT

The July 27, 2021, regular meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held in person and virtually on August 10, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED

ATTEST


Cathy Derby


Ben Bohmfalk, Mayor Pro Tem

