

TOWN OF SILVER CLIFF REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR AUGUST 6, 2024

Mayor H.A. Buck Wenzel called the meeting to order. The Board of Trustees of the Town of Silver Cliff, Colorado held their regular meeting at the Town Hall at 5:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

PRESENT: Mayor H.A. Buck Wenzel, Trustee Lisa Nolan, Trustee Jordan Benson, Trustee Braden Wilson - Online, Trustee Troy Bomgardner, Trustee JoAnn Schlabach

ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Jake Shy

STAFF PRESENT: Town Clerk Ileen Squire, Deputy Town Clerk Wendy Stroup, Building and Zoning Official Isaac Selden, Dan Slader Attorney

ATTENDEE INTRODUCTIONS: Brian Clince, Ashley Franklin, Lucas Epp – Commissioner, Allison O’Neal – Cloud Break, Zach Jerry Peterson, Cathy Peterson, Don Cook, Elliott Jackson, Paul Higgley, Joyce Perelie, Jody Richardson

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA:

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. APPROVAL OF JULY 2 REGULAR MINUTES AND SPECIAL MEETING MAY 16
- b. TREASURER’S REPORT
- c. FINANCIAL REPORT
- d. BALANCES AS OF July 2024

General Fund	\$314,883.70
Museum	\$ 37,010.83
Conservation Trust Fund	\$ 29,681.71
Total:	\$381,576.24
12-month CD	\$ 46,117.07
18-month CD	\$ 46,037.71
Total:	\$ 92,154.78
ARPA Funds	\$167,850.29
Total Funds:	\$641,581.31

- e. PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

Motion by Trustee Jordan Benson to accept the Consent Agenda, seconded by Trustee Lisa Nolan. Motion carried.

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NEW BUSINESS:

a. Brian Cline – concerns and a request for a change to the liquor code

I would like both towns to consider being stricter than the state on the law that allows the number of retail locations in a municipality. The law now is not within 3500 ft of each other, I would like to ask this board to consider something like a certain number within a municipality. Tim with the Liquor Cabinet and I are available for any workshop or questions you all may have.

Attorney Slater – Colorado supreme court prevents us from doing this. You may go to the legislator for this area and talk to them about this kind of change, but the town cannot change that law.

b. Cloud break Energy Partners – Allison O’Neill – solar farm

See presentation attached.

- Discussion: Money being paid back to the county \$50,000 to the fire department, \$10,000 to the search and rescue, \$10,000 High Country Recycle.
- Subscription – We have a How to Guide that we will share. Black Hills Energy customers will receive a discount on their monthly bill.
- Project life cycle why would it end. Lease agreements with property owners and power companies, environmental changes, but it could continue as well.
- Submitting a packet to the planning commission in the next few months. The project will be approximately a 2-year planning and building timeline.
- Noise – will this system meet the new standards in the ordinance? Yes.
- Glare – panels will have anti-glare coating and will be positioned so that there is no significant glare onto any neighboring homes.
- All replaced equipment will be removed from the property when replaced. There will only be new replacement parts stored neatly on the property.
- Size increase – Yes. Due to another project that fell through. With the approval from the property owner and Black Hills Energy. The project has also been moved further south and east of the first proposed location.
- Sales Tax – Will the town receive any sales tax from this? For purchase of all the equipment we use yes as a separate tax no.
- Where will you get the contractors from? We are planning to use as many local contractors as possible.
- Is this project just for Peterson? Yes, for the owner, but as well as all BHE customers. It will also provide other electricity for other programs including low income. We can prioritize this community first for this project subscriptions, but all of the BHE districts will be able to subscribe. We will come and walk people through subscribing as well as share the How to Guide.

c. Consideration of first reading of Ordinance 02-2024 Amending Chapter 10, Title 16 Solar Energy Facility Noise Levels

d. Consideration of first reading of Ordinance 03-2024 Amending Chapter 1, Title 6 Business License

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e. Consideration of approval of Resolution 06-2024 Declaring to Opt out of the Colorado Remote Public Access to Criminal Court Proceedings

f. Norup Pre Buy for the town shop and museum
Shop 2024-25 contract for 1400 @ \$1.95 = \$2,730.00
Museum 2024-25 contract 500 @ \$1.95 = \$975.00

Motion by Trustee Lisa Nolan to approve the pre buy the town shop and the museum, seconded by Trustee Jordan Benson. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Viscount – Judgement was paid to us and Ileen has paid both attorney and insurance company back.

STAFF REPORT

Ileen - park event workshop – next Tuesday the 13th

Town Plaza workshop – combined with the park event workshop on the 13th

COMMITTEE REPORT

PUBLIC COMMENTS

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OPEN COMMENT

ADJOURN

Motion by Trustee Jordan Benson to adjourn the meeting at 5:58 p.m., seconded by Trustee JoAnn Schlabach. Motion carried.



H. A. BUCK WENZEL, MAYOR

Attest:



Ileen Squire, TOWN CLERK

