

**TOWN OF SILT  
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
NOVEMBER 25, 2019 – 7:00 P.M.**

The Silt Board of Trustees held their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, November 25, 2019 in the municipal council chambers. Mayor Richel called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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<b>Roll call</b>	Present	Mayor Keith Richel Trustee Justin Brintnall Trustee Andreia Poston Trustee Dina Prieto Trustee Jerry Seifert
	Absent	Mayor Pro-tem Kyle Knott Trustee Sam Walls

Also present were Town Administrator Jeff Layman, Town Clerk Sheila McIntyre, Chief of Police Mike Kite, by phone Town Treasurer John Lewis and Amie Tucker and members of the public.

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**Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence**

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**Consent Agenda**

- 1) Minutes of the November 12, 2019 Board of Trustees meeting
- 2) **Resolution No. 31, Series 2019**, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE TOWN OF SILT, COLORADO, AUTHORIZING A MAIL BALLOT ELECTION FOR THE TOWN OF SILT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON APRIL 7, 2020 AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN CLERK TO APPOINT ELECTION JUDGES
- 3) **Resolution No. 28, Series 2019**, A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR A TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (“TAP”) GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$645,119, FOR A TOTAL PROJECT COST OF \$806,399, IN ORDER TO OFFSET THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH DESIGNING AND ENGINEERING THE PEDESTRIAN OVERPASS OVER INTERSTATE-70, RIVER FRONTAGE ROAD AND THE UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD WITHIN THE TOWN OF SILT, GARFIELD COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO

**Trustee Prieto made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Trustee Seifert seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.**

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**Conflicts of Interest** – There were no conflicts of interest.

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**Public Comments** – John Lepkowski wanted to talk to the board about the lack of code enforcement, pointing out the number of trees around town that are in violation of the code. He provided information to the board on tools to cut/prune trees and what the code states in regards to how trees should be trimmed. He added that he would help people trim their trees and do it free for the disabled.

Steve Ficklin provided the Board with a handout that showed several pictures of a driveway in the Spruce Meadows subdivision that is too narrow, causing drivers to drive on the grass area next to it. He stated that the problem keeps coming up to the HOA board adding that they have no authority with this issue. Mr. Ficklin stated that it is a poor design, that the park next to the driveway is part of the town, and that the town should be the one to come up with a solution.

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**Agenda Changes** – Administrator Layman stated that he would be phone conferencing in Treasurer John Lewis and Amie Tucker tonight regarding the draft budget presentation, the bond Ordinance and the October financials and that he would like to lump them all together.

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#### **Interview for VALE Board member – Kim Hammon**

Chief Kite stated that Ms. Hammon has submitted her application for the VALE board, adding that she has had some past experience. The Board interviewed Ms. Hammon for the vacancy.

**Trustee Prieto made a motion to appoint Kim Hammon to the VALE Board. Trustee Brintnall seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.**

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#### **Rifle Regional Economic Development Corporation (RREDC) update – Katie Mackley**

Present tonight was Katie Mackley with RREDC. She started by saying what a tremendous asset Administrator Layman has been to the board. She went on to explain that she has been working with the Town of Silt with a project that could work with the Opportunity Zone. Ms. Mackley also spoke about Federal EDA grants that the town can apply for, adding that since Silt has an Opportunity Zone it could get primary consideration.

Ms. Mackley also stated that RREDC would be rebranding in 2020 as the “Colorado River Valley” those municipalities from New Castle to Parachute. This would allow these towns to leverage their attributes as a region and not as individual municipalities. It is felt that they can be more successful when applying together instead of alone.

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#### **First reading of Ordinance No. 9, Series 2019, AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SILT, COLORADO, APPROVING THE SALE OF PROPERTY LOCATED ON HIGHWAY 6 & 24 EAST OF THE KUM & GO SERVICE STATION**

Administrator Layman stated that staff has been working with the realtor on a couple of due diligence items but that everything else seems to be in order.

The public hearing was opened at 7:32 p.m. John Lepkowski asked what was going to be built on this property and what the town’s plans are for the wetlands. The public hearing closed at 7:34 p.m.

**Trustee Seifert made a motion to approve first reading of Ordinance No. 9, Series 2019, AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SILT, COLORADO, APPROVING THE SALE OF PROPERTY LOCATED ON HIGHWAY 6 & 24 EAST OF THE KUM & GO SERVICE STATION. Trustee Poston seconded the motion, and the motion carried with Trustee Prieto voting nay.**

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## **Draft 2020 Budget presentation**

Administrator Layman contacted Treasurer Lewis and Ms. Tucker who both participated by phone. Mr. Layman proceeded with his power point presentation on the draft budget in addition to going over 2020 capital expenses for both grant and non-grant items and projections for 2019 and 2020.

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## **October 2019 financials and balance sheets**

Administrator Layman went over the October 2019 financials and balance sheets.

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First reading of **Ordinance No. 10, Series 2019, AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SILT, COLORADO, ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS WATER AND WASTEWATER ACTIVITY ENTERPRISE, AUTHORIZING LOANS EVIDENCED BY NOTES FOR THE PURPOSES OF (I) REFUNDING OUTSTANDING BONDS OF THE TOWN AT LOWER INTEREST RATES AND (II) FUNDING WASTEWATER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE LOANS FROM THE NET REVENUE DERIVED FROM THE OPERATION OF THE TOWN'S WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEM COMPRISING THE ENTERPRISE; AND APPROVING DOCUMENTS AND OTHER DETAILS IN CONNECTION WITH THE LOANS**

Administrator Layman stated that this refinance would reduce the interest rate and well as release \$590,000 from reserves. Treasurer Lewis stated that it is advisable to do the refinance, as it is a good financial plan for the town.

The public hearing opened at 8:12 p.m. There were no public comments and the hearing closed at 8:12 p.m.

**Trustee Seifert made a motion to approve first reading of Ordinance No. 10, Series 2019, AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SILT, COLORADO, ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS WATER AND WASTEWATER ACTIVITY ENTERPRISE, AUTHORIZING LOANS EVIDENCED BY NOTES FOR THE PURPOSES OF (I) REFUNDING OUTSTANDING BONDS OF THE TOWN AT LOWER INTEREST RATES AND (II) FUNDING WASTEWATER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE LOANS FROM THE NET REVENUE DERIVED FROM THE OPERATION OF THE TOWN'S WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEM COMPRISING THE ENTERPRISE; AND APPROVING DOCUMENTS AND OTHER DETAILS IN CONNECTION WITH THE LOANS. Trustee Prieto seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.**

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## **Updates from Board / Board comments**

Trustee Prieto thanked Administrator Layman for all of the information on the budget adding that it has been very helpful. Trustee Poston asked about the transition with the Treasurer and Administrator Layman stated that the budget has been more challenging this year but it was very helpful to have Amie Tucker step in and help. Trustee Seifert thanked staff for their work on the budget adding that he will be getting with Utilities Director Jack Castle regarding the sand filtration system.

Mayor Richel reminded everyone of Sitting with Santa on December 13. Administrator Layman stated that the town is holding a best-decorated yard contest for Christmas with the winner being announced at the January 13, 2020 meeting.

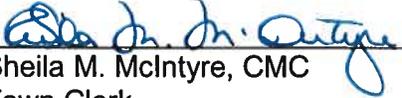
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**Adjournment**

**Trustee Seifert made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Prieto seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. Mayor Richel adjourned the meeting 8:17 p.m.**

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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Sheila M. McIntyre, CMC  
Town Clerk

Approved by the Board of Trustees

  
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Keith B. Richel  
Mayor

