

**TOWN OF SILT  
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
AUGUST 26, 2019 – 7:00 P.M.**

The Silt Board of Trustees held their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, August 26, 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 Mayor Pro-tem Kyle Knott Trustee Justin Brintnall Trustee Andrea Poston Trustee Dina Prieto Trustee Jerry Seifert
	Absent	Trustee Sam Walls

Also present were Town Administrator Jeff Layman, Town Clerk Sheila McIntyre, Public Works Director Trey Fonner, Chief of Police Mike Kite, Community Development Director Janet Aluise, Town Treasurer Betty Vega 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 August 12, 2019 Board of Trustees meeting
- 2) **Resolution No. 20, Series 2019**, A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE APPRECIATION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE SERVICES OF MARK RINEHART AS A PLANNING COMMISSIONER OF THE TOWN OF SILT
- 3) **Resolution No. 21, Series 2019**, A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR A GARFIELD COUNTY FEDERAL MINERAL LEASE DISTRICT MINI GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000 IN ORDER TO OFFSET THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH PURCHASING STREET SAFETY EQUIPMENT AND ERGONOMIC OFFICE EQUIPMENT FOR USE IN THE FIELD AND IN TOWN OFFICES WITHIN THE TOWN OF SILT, GARFIELD COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO
- 4) **Resolution No. 22, Series 2019**, A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR A GARFIELD COUNTY FEDERAL MINERAL LEASE DISTRICT TRADITIONAL GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$375,025 FOR A TOTAL PROJECT COST OF \$589,325, IN ORDER TO OFFSET THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REPAIRING AND REPLACING SECTIONS OF THE TOWN'S WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM WITHIN THE TOWN OF SILT, GARFIELD COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO

**Trustee Seifert made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Mayor Pro-tem Knott 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** – There were no public comments.

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**Agenda Changes** – Administrator Layman stated that he would like to add an executive session for negotiations. He also thanked staff for the wonderful pig roast on Friday night and that everyone had a good time.

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**Recognition of Ross Talbott, Randy Callahan and Orrin Moon for their assistance with Fireworks show**

Mayor Richel explained that due to the mudslide, the licensed pyrotechnics person was unable to get through to do the show and that Ross Talbott who is licensed stepped up and filled that position at the last minute. Randy Callahan and Orrin Moon with Colorado River Fire Rescue assisted in finding Mr. Talbott so that the Town could hold their fireworks show as scheduled. They were also instrumental in seeing that the Town had a safe venue from which to shoot the fireworks.

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**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Heyday wrap up – Peggy Swank**

Peggy Swank was present to provide the Board with an update of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Heyday celebration. She thanked the Board and Town for their continued support to make this a successful event. The Heydays Committee and the Town both presented the Silt Historical Park with donations for proceeds that were received from the Silent Auction on Saturday and tips from the beer booth on both Friday night and Saturday.

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**Citizen discussion on future of Community Center**

Administrator Layman stated that the condition of the Community Center was discussed at the last meeting and that it was decided to put this out again tonight in an effort to gain more citizen comments before the Board makes a decision. Director Fonner stated that the building appears to have moved a little more but seems to have stopped for the last few days. Administrator Layman stated that he spoke with a structural engineer who stated that it would cost approximately \$1500 - \$2000 to do a full report on the building but also suggested that based on what he has heard about the building that it may be in the town's best interest to spend that money on a plan on what would take the buildings place. He added that from all of the people who have visited the building, everyone seems to agree that the building is not worth saving.

Director Aluise stated that the Towns insurance company would be here on September 4 to render their recommendation as well. There was discussion regarding replacing the building at some time in the future on a different site. Staff stated that they have also considered allowing the use of Council Chambers for meetings.

There was a consensus of the Board to have staff put out a RFP to see if there is anyone interested in salvaging the building. If no one shows any interest than the Town would send out another RFP to have the building torn down.

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## **Youth Farm Project – Sara Tymczyszyn**

Present tonight was Sara Tymczyszyn who approached staff about the possibility of doing a Youth Farming project at the Silt River Preserve. She stated that the West Slope Farm Project uses sustainable agriculture to transform the lives of young people and increase access to healthy food in Garfield County. The project is a vegetable farm dedicated to stewarding the land, teaching youth job skills and work ethic in the context of agriculture, and providing the community with access to fresh produce.

In conversations with Aspen Valley Land Trust, this project falls within the scope of the agreement for the land. The project will grow over time to a total of five acres and benefit the youth of our area as well as surrounding communities. Ms. Tymczyszyn stated that she hopes to have a pilot program in place by next summer.

**There was a consensus of the Board to move forward and have staff work with Ms. Tymczyszyn on this project.**

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First reading of **Ordinance No. 6, Series 2019, AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SILT, COLORADO AMENDING THE ZONING FROM R-2 GENERAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT ON A PARCEL KNOWN AS LOTS 4 THROUGH 10, BLOCK 8, BALLARD ADDITION, ALSO KNOWN AS 707 ORCHARD AVENUE, PARCEL 2179-03-31-2008, AND THE SILT HISTORICAL PARK, TO BETTER REFLECT THE ACTUAL LAND USE OF A MUSEUM ON THE PROPERTY WITHIN THE TOWN OF SILT, GARFIELD COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO**

Director Aluise stated that the current zoning creates a situation where the museum and park is a pre-existing, non-conforming use, presenting problems with permitting and expansion of the museum and park uses. Staff has also asked that the Board consider waiving all fees associated with this application.

The public hearing was opened at 8:04 p.m. Peggy Swank stated that the Heyday Committee works hard to contribute funding to the Historical Park in an effort to help them subsidize them. The hearing closed at 8:05 p.m.

**Trustee Brintnall made a motion approve Ordinance No. 6, Series 2019, AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SILT, COLORADO AMENDING THE ZONING FROM R-2 GENERAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT ON A PARCEL KNOWN AS LOTS 4 THROUGH 10, BLOCK 8, BALLARD ADDITION, ALSO KNOWN AS 707 ORCHARD AVENUE, PARCEL 2179-03-31-2008, AND THE SILT HISTORICAL PARK, TO BETTER REFLECT THE ACTUAL LAND USE OF A MUSEUM ON THE PROPERTY WITHIN THE TOWN OF SILT, GARFIELD COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO. Trustee Prieto seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.**

**Trustee Seifert made a motion to waive the \$250 zoning application fee. Trustee Brintnall seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.**

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## **Budget Calendar and Overview of Budget**

Administrator Layman went over his budget philosophy for next year and noted how the Town could be affected by new oil and gas guidelines and the chance of a possible recession. He

also spoke about the positive impacts to the budget based on new projects in the plans. He stated that staff would be taking a conservative approach by providing addition attention to people, not things. Focus will be on retaining current staff and improving service to our community. Administrator Layman asked the Board to think about these things and let him know what they feel should be considered.

Treasurer Vega went over the budget calendar and stated that staff would like to schedule a potential retreat to discuss the budget in more depth. She added that staff hopes to have a draft budget ready to present to the Board on October 15. Administrator Layman stated that at the retreat staff would like to discuss capital projects for 2020 based on the recently completed Water/Wastewater/Irrigation Master Plan as well as the Park, Recreation and Culture Master Plan that is currently in the works.

**There was a consensus to have a budget work session on September 25 from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

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### **July 2019 financials and balance sheets**

Treasurer Vega went over the July 2019 financials and balance sheets.

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

The Mayor and Trustees all thanked staff for their work at the Pig Roast and for Heydays weekend. They also thanked Public Works for their efforts and the long days they put in to address a water break on Domelby Court last week. Mayor Pro-tem Knott stated that with budget season coming on that citizens should let them know how they would like to see their money spent. Trustee Brintnall also reminded people to contact Dispatch if they see something wrong such as water running where it shouldn't be so that potential water breaks can be addressed as soon as possible. Mayor Richel reminded those who have branches that overhang sidewalks or blocking alleyways to keep them trimmed as they make it harder to see the kids now that school is back in session.

Administrator Layman reminded everyone about the Silt Block Party this Thursday from 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. to celebrate all of the businesses in Town.

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Mayor Richel adjourned for a break at 8:31 p.m. and reconvened at 8:37 p.m.

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### **Executive Session**

**Trustee Poston made a motion to go into an executive session to discuss the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer, or sale of any real, personal or other property interest under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(a). Trustee Seifert seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. The board adjourned to executive session at 8:38 p.m.**

**At the end of executive session, Mayor Richel made the following statement: "The time is now 8:51 p.m., and the executive session has concluded. No formal action was taken in executive session. The participants in the executive session were: Keith Richel, Andreia Poston, Dina Prieto, Jerry Seifert, Kyle Knott, Justin Brintnall, Jeff Layman,**

Sheila McIntyre and Trey Fonner. For the record, if any person who participated in the executive session believes that any substantial discussion of any matters not included in the motion to go into the executive session occurred during the executive session, or that any improper action occurred during the executive session in violation of the Open Meetings Law, I would ask that you state your concerns for the record". No objections were stated.

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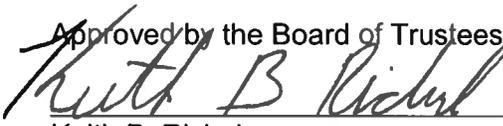
**Adjournment**

Mayor Pro-tem Knott made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Brintnall seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. Mayor Richel adjourned the meeting 8:52 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

