

**TOWN OF MORRISON BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MORRISON TOWN HALL, 110 STONE STREET  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2023  
6:00 P.M**

**Call to Order.** Mayor Wolfe called the Regular Town Board Meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

**Roll Call.** Mayor Chris Wolfe, Trustees Katie Gill, Sean Forey, Paul Sutton, David Wirtz and Adam Way were present. Trustee John Leonard was absent. A quorum was established.

**Staff Present.** Joe Rivera (Town Attorney), Jon Manna (Commander), Ariana Neverdahl (Town Clerk) and Courtney Christensen (Deputy Town Clerk)

**Amendments to the Agenda.** None.

**Public to Address the Board. David Killingsworth, 103 Bear Creek Avenue.** Killingsworth voiced his appreciation for the Streets & Grounds department. Killingsworth suggested the Town use the property along Highway 74 for parking. Killingsworth voiced his disappointment that the Town will no longer be including the Hogback Newsletter with monthly utility payments.

**Krista Gaasvig, 102 Market Street.** Gaasvig stated she was not in favor of the changes to parking permits for business owners. Gaasvig requested an additional two parking permits for the Hungry Goat, they have three owners and need additional parking passes for day-to-day operations. Gaasvig suggested the Board give our parking permits to local establishments based on sales tax revenue. Gaasvig mentioned there is little lighting along Mt. Vernon for employee parking and requested the Town install lighting.

**Brewster Caesar, 102 Canon Street.** Caesar voiced his support for Ordinance NO. 533, the ordinance benefits the applicant, Board of Trustees and Morrison residents. Caesar voiced his gratitude for the Police Department and stated he noticed a greater police presence in Town on the weekends.

**Presentations and Hearings.** None.

**General Business.**

**Ordinance NO. 533- An Ordinance Requiring a Public Meeting for Petitions for Annexation into the Town, and Declaring an Emergency.** Town Attorney Rivera stated the ordinance will require an applicant to present its petition for annexation to Town residents and other interested persons at a community meeting. The meeting shall take place after the Board has found the annexation petition complies with the statutory requirements. Town Attorney Rivera stated the Town will give fourteen-day notice prior to the meeting date. Town Attorney also stated the Board can waive the community meeting upon an approved motion.

Trustee Forey asked why the ordinance was an emergency ordinance. Town Attorney Rivera stated the Town currently has no annexation applications and the passing of this ordinance will ensure all applications will require a community meeting.

Trustee Sutton asked if the ordinance was only for annexations. Town Attorney Rivera stated the request from the Board was for rezoning and annexation. Town Planner McCool is currently working on the code update for zoning and rezoning..

Trustee Forey stated requiring a community meeting can make it a long difficult journey for the applicant. Trustee Forey stated he was not in favor of the ordinance and mentioned the public currently has

opportunities to speak at meetings.

Trustee Sutton stated that he is in favor of the ordinance and stated he was in favor of giving the public an opportunity to speak on changes that could affect the Town.

Trustee Gill stated the Town of Morrison is one of the only municipalities that does not require a community meeting prior to a developer turning in an application for annexation and zoning. Requiring a community meeting will give an opportunity to the Board to hear from the community before it is quasi-judicial. Trustee Gill stated the community meeting will also allow the developers to hear input from the community.

Trustee Forey stated the Town has a small population and stated the ordinance could discourage the applicants from applying.

Trustee Gill stated the Board discusses a lot of significant information about land use in executive sessions and having a community meeting will allow for more transparency between the Board and residents. Trustee Gill also stated the ordinance gives the Board an opportunity to waive the community meeting if the Board does not believe a community meeting is needed.

**Public Comment. Matt Schweich, 211 Spring Street.** Schweich voiced his support for the Ordinance and stated a community meeting is beneficial for the residents to understand what is happening in Town. Schweich stated developers wanting to come into Town should come and speak to the public to receive their feedback. They should know what the public thinks of the application before submitting an application. Schweich also stated that if the Board decided to waive the community meeting, the public is made aware beforehand.

**Maja Stefansdottir, 202 Spring Street.** Stefansdottir voiced her support for the ordinance and stated it would be nice for the public to know what is happening in Town.

**Jamee Chambers, 207 Bear Creek Lane.** Chambers voiced her support for the ordinance and stated a community meeting does not impose a burden on the applicant. A community meeting can help the applicant know how the community feels about their proposal.

**David Killingsworth, 403 Bear Creek Avenue.** Killingsworth voiced his support for the ordinance, it would be beneficial to business owners to know what is happening in Town.

Trustee Sutton voiced his support for the ordinance and stated he would like to know how the community feels on an issue before it becomes quasi-judicial.

**A motion was made by Trustee Forey to approve Ordinance NO. 533 AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING A PUBLIC MEETING FOR PETITIONS FOR ANNEXATION INTO THE TOWN, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gill. The motion passed by a vote of five ayes and one nay. Trustee Forey voted nay.**

**Colorado Rangers.** Commander Manna stated the Town currently has MOU's with other outside agencies to help cover the 2023 Bandimere events. Due to staffing shortages, the other agencies are unable to assist. The Police Department is asking the Board for approve the department using the Colorado Rangers to help work the reminder of the 2023 Bandimere events.

Trustee Sutton asked if the Town has received any complaints about the Colorado Rangers in the past. Commander Manna stated the Town has not received any complaints in the past.

**A motion was made by Trustee Way to authorize the Town Manager to pay the Colorado Rangers \$15,050.00 for their service to the Police Department for Bandimere 2023 Events. The motion was seconded by Trustee Sutton. All members present voted aye. The motion carried.**

#### **Departmental Reports.**

**Public Works.** Trustee Way asked if the Town was hiring for the Streets and Grounds position. Town Clerk Neverdahl stated Public Works Director Fouts is currently hiring for the position and started interviews this week.

Mayor Wolfe asked if Xcel will be funding a new Spring Street Bridge. Town Clerk Neverdahl stated Xcel is removing the gas line on the bridge and burying it underground.

Trustee Way asked if the Town pays for the Street lights in Town. Mayor Wolfe stated the Town does pay for them and if a resident sees a light out, they should notify the Town.

**Town Manager.** No oral report.

**Town Attorney.** No oral report.

#### **Consent Agenda.**

**A motion was made by Trustee Forey to approve the Consent Agenda for June 6, 2023. The motion was seconded by Trustee Sutton. All members present voted aye. The motion carried.**

#### **Board Comments.**

- Trustee Gill thanked Town Attorney Rivera for his work on Ordinance No. 533.
- Trustee Sutton asked if Town Staff can provide the Board with a list of surrounding property owners if the property has been purchased.
- Trustee Forey voiced support for only providing local establishments with one parking permit. The Board was in agreement.

#### **Executive Session.**

**Trustee Way moved to go into executive session For a conference under Town Charter Section 3.4 and C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(b) and (e) with the Town Attorney, Town Manager, and appropriate staff to receive legal advice and to instruct negotiators regarding three different subjects: (1) the Mt. Carbon IGA – 7th Amendment and raw water obligations; and (2) the lease and use of Town land for a retail marijuana store; and (3) potential annexation; The motion was seconded by Trustee Sutton; motion approved unanimously.**

**Adjournment.** Mayor Wolfe adjourned the regular Town Board Meeting at 7:27 P.M.



TOWN OF MORRISON

Chris Wolfe, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ariana Neverdahl, Town Clerk