

**TOWN OF MORRISON BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MORRISON TOWN HALL, 110 STONE STREET
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2019
6:00 P.M.**

Call to Order. Mayor Sean Forey called the regular Town Board Meeting to order at 6:03 P.M.

Roll Call. Mayor Sean Forey, Venessa Angell, Earl Aukland, Katie Gill, Debora Jerome, and Paul Sutton were present. Trustee Christopher Wolfe was absent. A quorum was established.

Staff Present. Kara Winters (Town Manager), Gerald Dahl (Town Attorney), George Mumma (Police Chief), and Lyndsey Paavilainen (Town Clerk).

Amendments to the Agenda. Item 6e, Sewer Service for Indigo Properties in Rooney Valley, was removed from the Agenda. Item, Community Resilience Initiative, was added under General Business as item 6e.

Public to Address the Board.

Maja Stefansdottir, 202 Spring Street. Stefansdottir had concerns with the drones that were flying through her neighborhood over the weekend. Stefansdottir questioned if the Town could address the legalities of allowing drones in Town.

3664 Soda Lakes Property Comments.

Margaretta Caesar, 102 Canon Street. Caesar stated she is not interested in the Town “selling its soul” regarding the tax revenue a hotel would generate for the Town. Caesar also stated she does not believe a boutique hotel is a three story, 100 room building and concluded she is opposed to the hotel concept as it would scar the hogback.

Brian Bogert, 211 Red Rocks Vista Drive. Bogert stated he is in support and in favor of the hotel as he thinks it would benefit the Town and its businesses in the long run. Bogert made mention to the previous hotel proposal and believes the Town missed an opportunity and does not want to see the same opportunity missed. Bogert stated the property is going to be developed, regardless if it is in Town, and would like to see the development benefit the Town as a tax base source as the Town cannot sustain on traffic revenue forever.

Brewster Caesar, 102 Canon Street. Caesar stated he is conflicted with the hotel idea; he understands it is important for the Town to diversify the General Fund’s revenue stream and wean its reliance on court revenues, but does not think a hotel is the best use for the property. Caesar believes the property may be best developed as a parking lot for access to the trails and for over-flow parking. Caesar questioned if Jefferson County would reconsider their parking lot development restrictions for when they create trails, they create a need for additional parking which needs to be addressed. Caesar concluded he believes the current hotel proposal is better than the previous proposal but does not like the developer’s request for public improvement project funding and would not like a “box-like” building to be developed in a prominent position.

Shari Raymond, 111 Canyon Vista Lane. Raymond first thanked the Board for tackling a “thankless” job and for keeping the Town on financial track, as she believes this is the first time the Utility Fund is self-sustaining and not reliant on the General Fund.

Raymond then stated she is neither opposed or in favor for the hotel at this time and would like more information. Raymond added she thought the Town missed out on a good opportunity with the previous proposal and urged the Board to review the proposal carefully, as she does not want a repeat of the previous proposal.

Kathleen Dichter, 109 Spring Street. Dichter stated she is in favor of the hotel as she believes it would help with the Town’s revenue sources, although it may not be aesthetically pleasing. Dichter also urged the Board to be efficient with the progression of the proposal and concluded she does not believe a hotel would “kill” the Town.

Dichter lastly requested for the 1st place runner from the REVEL Rockies Marathon to be highlighted in the upcoming Hogback.

Reza Ardehali, 2015 Bear Creek Avenue. Ardehali first stated the Town’s business owners are in favor of the hotel citing the changing economy as a driver. Ardehali connected the rising cost of living, law of diminishing return, decreasing patron guest count, and change in Red Rocks’ booking logistics as the competing dynamics for a changing community in Town. Ardehali urged the Board to consider the struggling businesses and economic changes when making their decision on the hotel proposal. Ardehali finally requested for the Board to visualize how they want their Town to look and to respect the need for revenue sources for the Town and businesses of the Town.

Gary Briggs, 505 Bear Creek Avenue. Briggs first questioned some logistics of the Town’s revenue stream regarding Red Rocks Ranch and water and sewer. Secondly, Briggs stated he believes the Town missed out on a good opportunity with the previous hotel proposal and thinks the Town and businesses would all benefit from the increase in revenue a hotel would bring.

Letter from the Cliff House Management.

Saif Pratt, 121 Stone Street. Pratt stated the Cliff House has been experiencing a decrease in revenues and has been looking at ways to diversify. In their efforts to diversify, Pratt stated they have been holding public events and is requesting for the continuance of these events with hopes of promoting tourism and drawing patrons into the businesses. Pratt added he has recently taken over as the Cliff House Manager and wanted to introduce himself to the Board with hopes of mending the Town and Cliff House’s relationship. Pratt concluded he would like to abide by the Town and would like to know how the Cliff House can help with Morrison.

Forey first stated the Board can direct Dahl to review surrounding municipalities’ restrictions regarding drones, referencing Stefandottir’s concerns. Secondly, Forey thanked the residents and businesses for their comments regarding the hotel. Thirdly, in regards to the Cliff House, Forey mentioned a permit needs to be filed and approved by the Town in order to hold a public event. Fourthly, Forey explained the PIF agreement with Red Rocks Ranch and stated the businesses are an important part of the Town and reassured the businesses that the Board has

them in mind when making decisions. Lastly, Forey urged the businesses and residents to complete the Town survey.

Aukland requested for those opposed to the hotel proposal to generate other ideas on how the Town can diversify its revenue stream and to present their ideas to the Board.

Presentations and Hearings. None.

General Business.

Ordinance 474- An Ordinance Amending Municipal Code Section 1-14-3 Concerning Eligibility for Reimbursement of Expenses Through The Education Assistance Program. Dahl stated approving education courses and tuition reimbursement is an administrative function and unnecessary for the Board to approve. Winters requested to add the ability for the Mayor to approve courses for the Town Manager in the event the Manager wanted to take courses. Angell made a motion to approve Ordinance 474 An Ordinance Amending Municipal Code Section 1-14-3 Concerning Eligibility for Reimbursement of Expenses Through the Education Assistance Program with the changes as noted. Gill seconded the motion. All present voted in favor.

Ordinance 475- An Ordinance Amending Section 1-4-1 Of the Morrison Municipal Code Concerning Penalties. Dahl stated this ordinance would allow for the ability to cite for continuing violations. Sutton made a motion to approve Ordinance 475- An Ordinance Amending Section 1-4-1 of the Morrison Municipal Code Concerning Penalties. Angell seconded the motion. All present voted in favor of the motion.

Ordinance 476- An Ordinance Amending Title 3, Chapter 1 of the Morrison Municipal Code Concerning Business Licenses. Dahl reviewed the proposed amendments to the code of: removing the ability for business license denials to be appealed to the Board, the removal of a required character and background check on new general business license applicants, the addition of the ability for the Town Manager to refer Special Event Licenses to the Board for a decision, and to empower the Town Manager, or their designee, to report to the Liquor Enforcement Division of the approval of a license. Dahl also suggested the removal of arbitrary numeric requirements of the number of vendors and length of days for a special event in code section 3-1-9(b) to allow for a more general description. Jerome made a motion to approve Ordinance 476- An Ordinance Amending Title 3, Chapter 1 of the Morrison Municipal Code Concerning Business Licenses with the addition of the amendment to code section 3-1-9(b). Gill seconded the motion. All present voted in favor.

Spring Street Bridge Engineering Proposal. The Board had concerns that the proposal was only for the evaluation of the bridge and did not include the possible replacement or repair of the existing bridge. The Board directed Winters to get bids on pre-fabricated bridges.

Community Resilience Initiative. The Board gave Winters permission to apply to the Xcel Initiative Program.

Departmental Reports.

Public Works. The Board discussed Evergreen's erosion problems in regards to the BCWA report and their action to mend the issues.

Police Department. The Board commented on the number of DUI's in Town. The Board also appreciated the Chief's traffic management experiment and his report concluding the Police Department's current management practice is the most efficient. Aukland gave kudos to the Department for their event support for the REVEL Rockies Marathon.

Town Manager. Winters questioned if the Board would be interested in having Old West Shoot Out Shows in Town. The Board stated they would like more information.

Town Attorney. Dahl stated he is working on the International Building Codes ordinance and it will be on the upcoming Agenda.

Consent Agenda. Gill made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda dated May 21, 2019. Sutton seconded the motion. All present voted in favor of the motion.

Board Comments. The Board requested for a final email to be sent out to the residents and businesses reminding them to participate in the Town Survey.

Dahl indicated he will bring drone enforcement options to the Board at their next meeting.

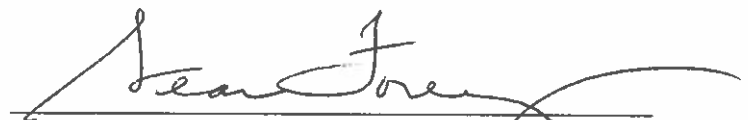
Gill had concerns with received complaints regarding REVEL's noise and the possibility of amplified music during the event.

The Board discussed how the Cliff House's Howl at the Moon events were not issued a permit for their previous two events and their concerns with permitting another event of theirs due to code violations. Winters stated the Cliff House could play amplified music as long as it adhered to the Noise Ordinance.

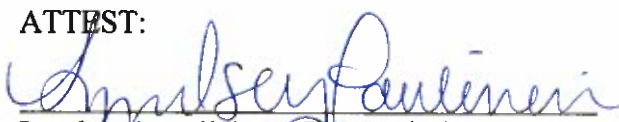
Hogback Article Discussion. Sutton stated he would include Dichter's request for highlighting the 1st place REVEL Rockies Marathon finisher in the Hogback.

Adjournment. The regular meeting was adjourned at 7:37 P.M.

TOWN OF MORRISON


Sean Forey, Mayor

ATTEST:


Lyndsey Paavilainen, Town Clerk

