

TOWN OF SILVER CLIFF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MINUTES FOR MAY 2, 2023

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 on May 2, 2023, at the Town Hall at 5:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance and the invocation were said.

PRESENT: Mayor H.A. Buck Wenzel, Mayor Pro Tem Lisa Nolan, Trustees: Fred Hernandez, Jordan Benson, Braden Wilson, Troy Bomgardner, Jake Shy

ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Roger Camper – Building/Zoning, Roger Squire – Public Works Street and Alley Director, Ileen Squire - Clerk/Treasurer, Tim Krejci – Public Works Park and Public Land Director/Code Enforcement, Attorney Dan Slater

STAFF ABSENT:

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA:

ATTENDEE INTRODUCTIONS: Terry Scanga Upper Arkansas Water, Ellie Chapmen, Deb Snell – Rotary Van, Courtney Miller – Rotary Van, Jerry Peterson Rezoning

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. APPROVAL OF APRIL 4, REGULAR MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETINGS APRIL 12 & 19
- b. TREASURER’S REPORT
- c. FINANCIAL REPORT

BALANCES AS OF APRIL 30, 2022

General Fund	\$244,642.77
Museum	\$ 19,122.22
Conservation Trust Fund	<u>\$ 20,199.38</u>
Total	\$283,964.37
CD’s 3 month \$44,865.39 - 12 month \$44,826.18 - 18 month \$44,893.60	\$134,585.17
GRAND TOTAL	\$418,549.54

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

Motion by Trustee Braden Wilson to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Trustee Jordan Benson.
Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Sheriff’s 1st Quarter report
 - Crime stats – burglaries and drunk drivers are up. I attended a training course at the Silver Dome for TIPS certification that they organized for all the businesses that have alcohol sales, it was good. Mary has invited us to do bar checks and we will be doing more at all locations. Crime is up for county but down for the quarter. Raises have been given to the deputies. We lost Nate Cory he went to state patrol. We now have tablets in our cars, new computer service and program updates.
 - Trying to get some cadets out of the academy, we need 9 deputies looking at 3 cadets in academy. Need 1 Sargent, interviewed one.
 - Mental health calls are high we now have an agreement with SolVista where they will come when called from us
 - 2 new vehicles on order – horse posse 4 member were sent to training.–
 - Buck – What are the 28 “other” on the report? Calls for people that just want some dispute on record.
 - Ordinance violations 1 for this quarter, 51 traffic stops

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- Jake – I appreciate the response to the trespassing on property behind the cemeteries.
- Braden – burglary houses, sheds, cars all the above – truck hay, car and truck stolen this past week

b. Rotary Van Service building plan

Courtney Miller – Started back in 2004 and we are growing and looking at expanding services. We are getting another multi-service van and our fleet is enlarging. With that we need a building to accommodate our fleet, other services, and offices for the organization. Explained the building floor plan (that was in the packet). We will be applying for grants for some help. We are asking if Silver Cliff would like to partner with us for the land for the building.

Troy – Would you move your meetings to this building? Yes.

Jake – Are asking us to partner on the grants for land? Whatever the Town is willing to partner with we are very appreciative of the support.

Buck – I did a letter of support for the new van, will do more letters of support for this project.

Roger C – Does the board have a plan for the 2 acres behind Dollar General?

Buck – Do you have any location in mind? Not yet just started looking.

Roger C - How much land do you think you would need? I am not sure; we need parking and room for an addition to the garage if needed. We have 5 vans now.

Troy - How many do you service in a week? Since October our trips have doubled. We do an average of 70 a month. Some of our drivers are paid or get lunch. Ride requests are mostly medical, but you can go shopping while you are out. Troy - How far along are you as far a how much land you would need, have you reached out to Westcliffe of the County?

Deb Snell - Westcliffe said they didn't really have any interest in helping us.

Roger C – I just figured out the land you would need for this plan. You will need at least a ¼ of an acre for the building plus parking.

Lisa – Do you have a timeline. Just grant deadlines is all we have so far. The new van won't be ready until September.

Troy - Are there stipulations to use the service? Courtney – Trips to Colorado Springs, Salida, Canon, Pueblo is where we go.

Braden – Is there an age restriction? Courtney – No. We operate on donations we do not have a set fee. We get support from other organizations.

Roger C – What is the largest van you have now? A 4 person plus wheelchair and it is our oldest vehicle.

Jake - Will the new one be handicap accessible as well? Yes.

Troy – Where is your fleet kept now? At OEM office/garage under a car port.

Buck - Keep the board updated on this project.

c. Round Mountain Water & Sanitation District update

Dave Schneider – mill levy and update on wastewater

Mill Levy – gave annexation history – 2.499 is the current mill levy –\$48,000 in property taxes (mill levy) – removing Silver Cliff Ranch out of the district our attorney has researched this issue and there has to be a 100% approval of the property owners and we know that Silver Cliff Land and Cattle would not agree. The owners would deposit the money to cover the loss of income to RMW, then we have a public hearing, would research all involved interests, then go to court to get a judgement to remove them. It is quite a process.

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Wastewater – Good news 1 ½ years of testing protocols and in January we meet the limits. In March we did a confirmation testing protocol and got slightly better results. We updated demonstration report and sent it back to CDPHE got a reply. They are happy with that but not happy with the bugs that we are using. They want long-term testing in a full-size facility. We are now going back and forth they need to clarify full size. An alternative is we can't find one without starting over. The moratorium will be on until we get approval from CDPHE for a new system.

Roger C – This is hurting both towns and property owners. Dave - Hadden Creek Colorado is in the same situation, we have gone down the contacting our state representative route and still can't find any help. Hopefully in 30 days we will have more information. The bug plant is trying to work with the state.

Jordan – Water report about the drinking water is it safe or not? That is a report that we have to do for CDPHE. Yes, your water is fine to drink. This is an unfunded mandate for backflow prevention throughout the district. We have been doing an inventory and checkup on all backflow preventions systems. Seeing who needed to upgrade and who didn't and who is testing and whose is not. We were to be in full compliance in 2022, but we did not make this deadline. Is our water harmful? No, do we have a lot of backflows no, the new meters will show us if there is a backflow preventor that we do not know about. We have not had a backflow event in 6-7 years and that was from the tank and that has been fixed.

Braden – Can we write a letter of some kind that would help? Yes, to the CDPHE on how this is affecting your community.

Good news, all the new meters have been installed and we have a new well. We received a million in grants to get the well done with no matching funds.

d. Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District update
Gave a history and presented current and future projects.

e. Set date for a public hearing on the proposed rezoning map
June 21, 2023, before 5:00 planning commission – Jerry getting new maps

f. Set a workshop date to update the strategic plan update
Ileen email some dates out on googlesheets

STAFF REPORT

Building & Zoning Roger Camper

- Museum final cleaning 8th move equipment in – pavilion inside painting railing install painting, picnic tables, artificial turf, concrete ramp sidewalk steps, front, electrical
- BP – 2 house, 2 sheds, and 2 garages going in on Goebel way
- Contract on another house on second street
- APC paving helping with the Museum
- Mike Colgate mine is all cleaned doing last inspection next week
- Cleanup day is May 6th

Street & Alley – Roger Squire

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- Attending the Highway 96 meetings to stay up on the project – problem with the culvert at Butler and 96 will talk about that on Thursday – this is only the base coat that is being done now they will come back and do a 3” topcoat
- Working on figuring out a tractor trailer with a belly dump that we can use to put the millings down – I will start on Mill Street – we will get enough that we can get lot of streets done
- Cliff Street might get the next millings

Park – Tim Krejci

- Park – back flow tested – 40’ of sprinkler system replace – batting cage on hold
- Pocket Park cornhole in ladder toss in – building horseshoe pits will install after concrete work is done
- CIRSA Inspection tomorrow prep – should be ready
- Pump house line switched for the water truck fill and sprinkler
- Lots of projects on the books this year getting a schedule
- Part time employee ad in this week

Clerk – Ileen Squire

- Grants – Audit – organizing electronic cleanup day, Town Clean Up Day, ribbon cutting for Safe Routes to School, and museum – Tony’s Liquor License application I fill is complete and ready to continue – Personnel Policy reviewed and working on the changes – helped Williamsburg court clerk with forms and process - Viscount tracking documents and dates – normal everyday business

Dan Slater Attorney – I was appointed to be the Custer County Attorney this should not affect the work I do for the Town unless there is something that comes up in between the town and the county.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dave – RMW Partnered with CDOT to replace lines in the 600 block while this overlay project was happening.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OPEN COMMENT

Lisa – short term date workshop/personnel policy include Dan

Braden and Andre passed out cleanup day fliers

Jordan and Troy - After prom – was a great success.

Buck – Thank you staff for all you do for us.

ADJOURN

Motion by Trustee Fred Hernandez to adjourn at 6:47 p.m., seconded by Trustee Braden Wilson. Motion carried.



H. A. BUCK WENZEL, MAYOR

Attest:



ILEEN SQUIRE, TOWN CLERK

