

Town of Collbran Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting | Public Hearing 6 p.m. -Tuesday April 16th, 2024

I. Call to order

Mayor Wilcox called to order the regular meeting of the Town of Collbran Board of Trustees at 5:58pm.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

Present: Trustee Zentz, Trustee Evans, Trustee Winkleblack, Trustee Price, & Mayor Wilcox

IV. Persons Not on the Agenda

Linda Ayers spoke about her experience living here in Collbran and what a pleasure it has been the past 25 years. She mentioned what a warrior Kris Melnikoff was and how she was an advocate for the Town and community in a multitude of ways. Mrs. Ayers also spoke to the new Board about the importance of being kind and “to live and treat others as if they won’t be here tomorrow.”

Brandon Melnikoff read from a book called The Stick and The Bad Mood and mentioned the importance of kindness to the Board and the community members present in the gallery. He then yielded his time to Rachel Schowalter.

Rachel Schowalter approached the Board on the premise that the Board needs to act in a professional manner. She mentioned how many people in the community were appalled by the behavior of certain board and community members at the April 9th meeting and encouraged the Board and said community members to conduct themselves with kindness, respect, and professionalism going forward.

Theresa Wilcox approached the Board with her frustrations in hearing rumors or people outright telling her, “I’m surprised your husband hasn’t been poisoned yet.” She feels that her husband is being threatened due to his newly elected position as mayor.

V. Public Hearing – Special Use Application for the Town of Collbran Communications Tower & Support Facilities

Public Hearing Called to order AT 6:12PM

Davis Farrar presented the information regarding the special land use permit needed for the broadband tower at Gandi Park. All required notices have been posted and/or mailed. Mr. Farrar explained that the broadband tower will be located near the carrier neutral location for internet service providers and that this tower construction is one of the last phases to be completed in the Broadband project as a whole.

Mayor Wilcox asked about the possibility of Internet Service Providers connecting onto the TMobile tower that is already up. Staff explained that the TMobile Tower is a privately owned entity and it would be up to TMobile or the tower owner if they would allow other ISPs to co-locate. Because of the grants the Town was awarded and the stipulations of those grants, a carrier neutral location with open access to ISPs is required.

Trustee Price mentioned that her paperwork referenced the “wrong code numbers” regarding the special land use code. Staff explained that Mr. Farrar probably had the older version of the code as ours was recently codified and was renumbered. Mr. Farrar apologized for the numbering issue but explained that this is a land use permit and it would be under the land use code.

Mayor Wilcox asked about the distance between the new proposed tower and the current TMobile tower. He mentioned that he knows of a quarter mile distance requirement and this could be an issue for cross communications.

Mark McGowan stated that the new tower may not be in the best spot for shooting waves or adequate in height. He also requested a guaranteed amount of space on the tower and wanted to know how many ISPs would be located on the tower.

Corey Brindle with Region 10 spoke via Zoom and went over what Region 10 is and the success they have had bringing Broadband to many communities on the Western Slope. He was also able to confirm that the distance between the new proposed tower and the TMobile are adequate in distance apart.

MOTION: TRUSTEE WINKLEBLACK MOVED TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR THE TOWN OF COLLBRAN COMMUNICATIONS TOWER & SUPPORT FACILITIES AS PRESENTED; SECONDED BY TRUSTEE EVANS

Ayes: Trustees Zentz, Evans, & Winkleblack

Nays: Trustee Price & Mayor Wilcox

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED AT 7:10PM

REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:11PM

VI. River City Consultants Conceptual Presentation - Terrell Park Subdivision

River City Consultants presented an idea for a Terrell Park Subdivision to the Board of Trustees and Town Staff. This idea is in the very beginning stages and will move forward as dictated by Ordinance. Staff will work with the developer and Town Planner moving forward.

VII. Authorization for the Town Manager to solicit comparative pricing for the 2024 Alley Sanitary Sewer replacement based upon the design provided by KLJ Engineering and an Engineer's Estimate of Probable Cost of approximately \$22,000 and waiving the competitive bid requirements of the Town's procurement policy in order to expedite the repairs. Recommended source of funding is 2024 sewer fund capital budget of \$50,000, \$30,000 available for 2024 sludge drying/removal that can be postponed to 2025

There is a section of sewer line in the alley between Main Street and Elm Street that needs to be replaced. Multiple individual lines tie in together and then connect to the 6 inch main line.

MOTION: TRUSTEE EVANS MOVED TO APPROVE THE AUTHORIZATION FOR THE TOWN MANAGER TO SOLICIT COMPARATIVE PRICING FOR THE 2024 ALLEY SANITARY SEWER REPLACEMENT BASED UPON THE DESIGN PROVIDED BY KLJ ENGINEERING AND AN ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COST OF APPROXIMATELY \$22,000 AND WAIVING THE COMPETITIVE BID REQUIREMENTS OF THE TOWN'S PROCUREMENT POLICY IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE THE REPAIRS AS PRESENTED; SECONDED BY TRUSTEE ZENTZ

Ayes: Trustees Zentz, Winkleblack, Price, Evans, and Mayor Wilcox

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. Trustee Informational and/or items for future agenda

Trustee Price asked for a status report on the vicious dog attack that occurred on Main Street several weeks ago. Town Manager explained that we were waiting on signatures from the Town's prosecuting attorney and for the Sheriff's Department to serve the papers to the owner of the alleged vicious dog. Court for this case will be held on May 24th at noon.

IX. Upcoming meetings

- a. April 23, 2024 joint work session with Plateau Valley School Board
6:00 pm @PV school
- b. May 7, 2024 – regular board meeting, 6:00 pm

X. Adjournment

MOTION: TRUSTEE WINKLEBLACK MOVED TO ADJOURN; SECONDED BY ALL

MOTION CARRIED - Meeting adjourned at 7:46pm



Approved



Attest

Town of Collbran
Board of Trustees
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