



Board of Trustees  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
Thursday, August 17, 2023, 5 p.m.

**Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Udd called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Present were Mayor Udd, Mayor Pro Tem Atkinson, Trustees Tracy Gist, Greg Hart, Kathy Hirschboeck, and Mick Murray. Let it be shown for the record that Town Administrator Kami Collins and Town Clerk Jess Shelton were also in attendance.

**Agenda Approval:** Trustee Gist moved, and Trustee Murray seconded to approve the agenda. All voted 'aye,' no one voted 'nay,' the motion passed unanimously, and the agenda was approved.

**Consent Agenda**

- a. Minutes: 7/20/2023 Regular Meeting and Public Hearing (pgs. 3-6)
- b. Financial Report: 7/31/2023 (pgs. 7-12)
- c. Disbursements: 07/2023

Mayor Pro Tem Atkinson moved, and Trustee Hirschboeck seconded to approve the consent agenda. All voted 'aye,' no one voted 'nay,' the motion passed unanimously, and the consent agenda was approved.

**Community Groups:**

**Cathy Meskel** 9/11 Memorial Tribute & Candlelight Vigil. Ms. Meskel stated the 9/11 memorial services would be held on September 9 at 7:45 pm in front of the Pondy at 240 W Main Street. Ms. Meskel stated more information would be sent out soon.

**Bill Van Houten**, 9/11 Honor Run. Mr. Van Houten stated this was the third year of the run, and the proceeds go to recipients in need through the 9/11 Honor Run Foundation. Mr. Houten stated funds go locally if there is a local need and then to other areas if there is not a local need.

**Constituent Time**

**Skip Bethurum:** 110 SW 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Mr. Bethurum introduced Steve Anderson to the Board. Mr. Bethurum also introduced the Blight Remediation MOU to the Board. Mr. Bethurum asked the board to define the term "blight." Mr. Bethurum stated the Board should not give all the money to the Golf Course and should use some money for the rest of the town.

**Karen Locke:** 1495 SW 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. Ms. Locke stated she was asked if GMAEC (Grand Mesa Arts and Events Center) would be interested in the purchase of the pocket park by the post office. Ms. Locke stated she had some questions. TA Collins answered all of Ms. Locke's questions. TA Collins stated the park could not be given away in exchange for maintenance but could be leased for a minimal amount.

**John Peters:** 112 Phillips Square West Ridgway, Colorado. Mr. Peters stated he wanted to file a grievance against TA Collins for the processing of the Back 9 application. Mr. Peters handed paperwork to Clerk Shelton.

**Tate Locke:** 1110 SE Fairway Drive. Mr. Locke stated he wanted to schedule a meeting with TA Collins.

Mayor Udd requested the Board require staff to give a timeline report on this matter. TA Collins stated she could, but with legal review first.

**Karen Crump:** 165 NW 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Ms. Crump stated she had some road base delivered and when Public Works plowed the road, the road base was moved into a pile. Ms. Crump stated TA Collins stated Public Works would be out with gravel when the weather was nicer.

Mayor Udd directed staff to look at the issue for Ms. Crump.

### **Boards, Committees & Commissions**

Chairperson Skip Bethurum from the Planning & Zoning Commission introduced Steve Anderson to the Board. Mr. Anderson applied for the Planning and Zoning Commission and introduced himself to the Board. Mr. Anderson gave a history of himself.

Mayor Pro Tem Atkinson moved, and Trustee Murray seconded to approve the appointment of Steve Anderson to the Planning and Zoning Commission. All voted 'aye,' no one voted 'nay,' the motion passed unanimously, and Steve Anderson was appointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

### **Funding Request for Blight Remediation**

Trustee Hirschboeck moved, and Trustee Gist seconded to approve the Blight Remediation Funding Request. All voted 'aye,' no one voted 'nay,' the motion passed unanimously, and the Blight Remediation Funding Request was approved.

Trustee Hart asked what the intention of the Planning Commission was for the blight remediation. Mr. Bethurum handed out a letter he wrote and a proposal from Bruin Waste. Mr. Bethurum stated he planned to talk to the churches first, and with Sarah Henderson about the matter after that. Mr. Bethurum stated two dumpsters would be placed in different areas and would be in addition to the Community Cleanup September 18-23. Mr. Bethurum stated electronics were a major problem and a smaller dumpster would be used for that purpose. Mr. Bethurum, Commissioner Barnes, and Commissioner Weed would also help with this process.

### **Radar Speed Signs**

Trustee Hirschboeck moved, and Trustee Murray seconded to approve the purchase of the radar speed signs. All voted 'aye,' no one voted 'nay,' the motion passed unanimously, and the purchase of radar speed signs was approved.

Mayor Udd stated he was surprised staff did not ask for the other options available for the sign, such as traffic counters. Public Works (PW) Director Young stated the ability to collect traffic counts and peak times would be helpful. PW Young stated they were asking for two signs, one mobile and one stationery.

Trustee Hart moved, and Trustee Murray seconded to table the purchase of the radar speed signs, until there was clarification on which sign(s) were needed. All voted 'aye,' no one voted 'nay,' the motion passed unanimously, and the purchase of the radar speed sign was tabled.

### **Resolution 11-2023: Amending the Employee Wage Scale**

Mayor Udd stated he did not like new items being provided the night of a meeting. TA Collins stated the direction was given to her yesterday during the budget work session and she followed the direction given to her by providing the information tonight, since it was an agenda item.

Trustee Gist stated it was important to review the information since directions were given the day before. Trustee Gist stated the discussion needed to be held now and not pushed back further. Trustee Gist stated staff

were an asset to the town and deserved to be paid fairly. Further discussions were held about Resolution 11-2023.

Trustee Hart moved, and Trustee Murray seconded to approve Resolution 11-2023.

Trustee Hart moved and Trustee Gist seconded to amend Resolution 11-2023 with the amendment of bullet point two that leadership staff would be placed five steps behind their current steps and not the three steps presented in the draft resolution.

**Roll Call vote:** Trustee Gist, Trustee Hart, Trustee Murray, and Trustee Hirschboeck voted 'aye' and Mayor Pro Tem Atkinson and Mayor Udd voted 'nay.' Motion passed and Resolution 11-2023 passed by a majority vote.

Trustee Gist left the meeting room at 6:32 p.m. and returned at 6:33 p.m.

**Resolution 12-2023: Facility Rental and Use Fees**

Trustee Hirschboeck asked about the restrooms at the park being available. TA Collins stated the issue occurred due to vandalism and special cleaning crews had to come in to repair the facilities, but the restrooms are available when the park is being rented.

Trustee Murray moved, and Trustee Hart seconded to approve Resolution 12-2023, Facility Rental and Use Fees. All voted 'aye,' no one voted 'nay,' the motion passed unanimously, and Resolution 12-2023 was approved.

**Resolution 13-2023: Digital Town Seal**

Mayor Pro Tem Atkinson moved, and Trustee Murray seconded to approve Resolution 13-2023. All voted 'aye,' no one voted 'nay,' the motion passed unanimously, and Resolution 13-2023 was approved.

**Opting Into Proposition 123: Funding for Affordable Housing**

DOLA Representative Dana Hlavac explained what the Funding for Affordable Housing was under Proposition 123. Mayor Udd stated Proposition 23 should be sent to the Planning and Zoning Commission to get the plan together and that this will come back as an action item at the next regular Board of Trustees meeting.

**Management Report**

- TA Collins reviewed the written report she submitted.
- Mayor Udd stated he liked the form TA Collins had shown to the Board for those interested in a committee or Board position. Mayor Udd stated he would like to ask if the applicant had attended a meeting for the position for which they are applying. Trustee Hart suggested having the questions bulleted in the letter of interest. TA Collins was directed to update the form and get the form live.
- GOCO did not like the tennis court proposal and did not feel the pickle ball group had not done enough to raise funds and it was not a large enough citizen group that would be affected.
- Trustee Hart asked to have reports on crime data and comparisons from prior years submitted to the Board.
- Mayor Udd and Trustee Hart would like to go to the mountain for a water system tour on August 30. Trustee Murray will not be able to go. Trustee Hirschboeck and Mayor Pro Tem Atkinson did not want to go.
- Trustee Hart would like comparison data on the golf statistics, to go with the new data that Winston has provided for rounds golfed.

**Treasurer's Report** – Trustee & Treasurer Mick Murray. Trustee Murray submitted a written report.

**Trustee Hawbaker Resignation**

Trustee Gist moved, and Trustee Murray seconded to accept Trustee Hawbaker's resignation. All voted 'aye,' no one voted 'nay,' the motion passed unanimously, and the resignation of Trustee Hawbaker was accepted.

### **Vacancy Appointment Process**

The process for advertising the Board vacancy will be the Writing on the Edge, direct emails, advertising in the Delta County Independent, and on social media. The Board would like to see that applicant use the new form that TA Collins had shown earlier. Letters will be due September 15 and then they will be seated on the 21<sup>st</sup>. A special meeting was scheduled for September 19 at 6 p.m. to interview the applicants.

### **Constituent Time**

**Justin Hoffbauer**, 115 NW Fir Avenue, Cedaredge. Mr. Hoffbauer stated cleanup days including tires and mattresses would be good, since those bigger items sit in yards longer. Mr. Hoffbauer suggested having citizens show proof of residency, like a water bill when utilizing the community cleanup dumpsters. Mr. Hoffbauer stated food trucks in town were a way for people to get their footing in the food industry and often led to brick-and-mortar businesses.

**Steve Pierce**, 1525 SE Stonebridge Drive, Cedaredge. Mr. Pierce stated there should be a sign to restrict weight limits on the bridge going West on Deer Trail; there was already one for East bound. Mr. Pierce stated he called for affluent water, and it was easy to do.

### **Committee Updates**

**Mosquito Abatement:** Mayor Udd stated that mosquito trapping has stopped because Delta County could not keep doing it, due to staffing issues. Mayor stated there was only one area that had a positive test. Trustee Hirschboeck asked about the MOU with Orchard City about the mosquito abatement. Trustee Hirschboeck asked to have more social media advertising for the use of the dunks.

**Recreation District:** Mayor Udd stated the Recreation District is busy.

**Region 10:** Mayor Pro Tem Atkinson stated transportation was discussed, but it was more about Region Three and the Gunnison area.

**Economic Development/One Delta County:** Clerk Shelton stated little was occurring with this group and stated the last meeting was cancelled.

**Tree Board:** they are super busy and look forward to Applefest.

**Club 20:** Trustee Hart and TA Collins will go to the September meeting, and Mayor Udd would like to attend as well.

### **Trustee Comments**

- Mayor Udd stated he was hoping to see the decision on the Master Plan at this meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Atkinson stated that there was not a quorum, and the meeting was cancelled. The next meeting will be on September 5 and Planning & Zoning would have a decision on September 7.
- Trustee Gist thanked the Board for passing the wage decision.
- Trustee Hart stated he had suggestions on the affluent water in the wintertime. Trustee Hart suggested an "unfinished" section be added to the agenda.
- Trustee Murray also thanked the Board for passing the wage decisions and for the work that was done.
- Mayor Pro Tem Atkinson stated he was against the status of the wage decision because it was a huge hit to the reserves; then stated he was not against it, just not ready to address it. Mayor Pro Tem asked to have a line item on the agenda that served as a running status update, since the Trustee comments were limited. TA Collins asked Mayor Pro Tem to send her the list of items he felt had not been addressed.

Mayor Pro Tem stated prior meeting topics have not been readdressed and should be on the agenda to be answered. TA Collins asked to have the Board send those items to her in an email.

- Trustee Hirschboeck asked for clarification on what Trustee Comments could be.

### **Upcoming Events & Meetings**

Business After Hours, Thursday, August 24, 5:30 p.m.

Golf Course Advisory Board Meeting, Tuesday, August 29, 4:30 p.m.

3<sup>rd</sup> Annual 9/11 Honor Run, Saturday, September 9, 7:30 am

Party in the Park, Saturday, September 9, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

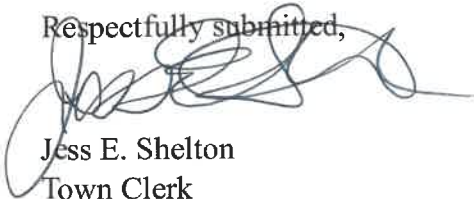
9/11 Memorial Tribute & Candlelight Vigil, Saturday, September 9, 7:45 p.m.

**Adjourn:** Mayor Udd adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

**Gretchen Atkison** asked to make a comment to the Board after the meeting was adjourned, stating that a golf tournament for scholarships will be on September 9 at the Cedaredge Golf Course.

**Cordell Chapman** also commented to the Board after the meeting stating that a running list of items on the agenda would be good.

Respectfully submitted,



Jess E. Shelton  
Town Clerk