

MONDAY, January 22nd, 2024, at 7:00 PM

I. Call To Order

Meeting called to order at 702pm by Mayor Alessandria Regester

II. Roll Call

Present in Person: Alessandria Regester, Marty Gitlin, Randall McDonald, Chris Frey, Bryon Monseu, Lee Berenato, Kathy Grubbs, Clerk Chelsea Nihiser, Public Audience is Eli Josephs. Via Zoom John Butcher (Rec manager for CCC)

III. Motion to Approve Agenda

C. Frey moves to approve the agenda as presented. B Monseu seconds. Motion passes with all in favor

IV. Bills for Approval

C. Frey motions to approve bills as presented. R. McDonald seconds. Motion passes with all in favor

V. Approval of Minutes: January 8th, 2024

R. McDonald motions to approve the minutes from January 8th, 2024. M. Gitlin seconds. Motion passes with all in favor.

VI. Public Comment

No public comment

VII. Administrative Items:

a. Mayor Report

No report

b. Town Clerk Update

Today was the last day to turn in the Nomination Petitions. I will verify signatures and let candidates know if their petitions need to be cured for any reason by tomorrow evening.

2024 Budget submitted to DOLA, Mill Levies submitted to County Commissioners on time.

John Volk/WQCP rate increase in 2024. \$1689.50 increases by \$84.5 to \$1774.00/month.

VIII. New Business / Action Items

a. Appointment of Citizens at Large to SPMP Committee (C. Frey/M. Gitlin)

C. Frey states 4 letters of interest were received from citizens at large. C. Frey and M. Gitlin will look over the letters and determine which three to appoint to the committee.

b. Eli Joseph's Motorized Trail Access Permit Request (C. Frey/M. Gitlin)

M. Gitlin states funding was allocated to maintain land on the mountain for wildlife and citizens and is intended for nonmotorized use unless in an emergency. It would be betraying the donors who contributed and enabled us to purchase this property by having a developmentally forward approach to this situation. While M. Gitlin shares passion for mining, he does not feel approving this permit is the right approach. C. Frey suggests tabling the issue until there is a full SPMP committee. He wants the SPMP Committee and CCC to work together to discuss permit issues. Eli stated that he is trying to preserve the land, and that his intention for motorized use is only for the first three legs of the 730 trail. Mayor requested Clerk contact C. Neely to invite her into the discussion and see if she knows of any stipulations in the purchase of the SPMP land that explicitly prohibits motorized access.

c. Mainstreet Parking Notice (A. Regester)

A. Regester would like a notice to be sent out with water bills alerting residents of the Town's plan to plow. It is suggested to clear the north side of Main Street prior to noon, then clear the south side in the afternoon. Also, we need a better plan for Silver Street Residents, as there are many people getting stuck or street parking, which is unsafe. Last season was treacherous. The question of code enforcement is brought up, specifically how does the Town enforce such a notice. M. Gitlin is to meet with the new sheriff next week and will clarify, but in the past the Town posted a notice stating "By Order of the Town of Silver Plume" the sheriff's office would be willing to act on our behalf with enforcement of violations if properly posted. If anyone has topics for discussion for the new sheriff, please direct them to M. Gitlin. Mayor wants to formally make the request of residents. It is also suggested to have signs that move back and forth between sides of streets for plowing, stating what day that side of the road is to be plowed.

d. STR Committee and Meeting (K. Grubbs)

K. Grubbs has been working with the clerk on STR applications. Old committee was dissolved when the STR ordinance was adopted. There are questions regarding the duties of the STR Administrator/Inspector. There are also questions regarding the applications received at Town Hall. A committee needs to be formed to meet with the Clerk and the Millers, who are interested in the Administration of STR's on behalf of the Town to clarify roles and duties. L. Berenato/K. Grubbs/R. McDonald are appointed to the STR committee and will meet Monday January 29th at 7pm.

e. Mainstreet Sidewalk Project Update (C. Nihiser)

The clerk updates the Board that the IGA between the Town and CDOT has been signed by all parties correctly. The clerk would like to meet with the signers, C. Frey and B. Monseu, as well as Project Manager L. Berenato, to go over funding sources and grant award expectations. The next step is to determine if the CDOT funds will cover design and

construction, or construction only. It would be easier and faster to “self-fund” the design phase, so Clerk would like to go over the other Water Quality Grant awarded for this project, and ARPA funds to cover this phase. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 31st at 6pm.

f. Annual Review/Renewal of Vehicle Maintenance Contract with Milos Speed Shop (C. Frey).

M Gitlin moves to renew the Vehicle Maintenance Contract between the Town of Silver Plume and Milos Speed Shop. R. McDonald seconds. C. Frey abstains, all others in favor

g. HDPLC Board Member Replacement (C. Frey)

C. Frey states he lacks the time and has not been able to make meetings as representative of Silver Plume on the Colorado Historical District Public Lands Commission. He is requesting someone else take over representation on this Board. R. McDonald volunteered.

h. Caselle Accounts Payable Application Proposal (A. Regester)

S. Regester states right now billing works with one computer for Caselle Utility Billing software and one computer for QuickBooks bookkeeping software that do not communicate with each other, which requires double entry into other systems. This process is time consuming and very archaic. The Towns QuickBooks license expires May first, so the Town needs to decide if we will renew QuickBooks or upgrade to Caselle for all applications. It would be beneficial to switch prior to license expiring. Georgetown uses Caselle for all applications. Caselle customer service is extremely helpful, while QuickBooks is lacking. Initial investment of switching to caselle will be more expensive than QuickBooks. If we were to renew QuickBooks this year our annual cost would be \$2100.00, with each consecutive year being \$2400.00. Caselle would be \$5718.00 in the first year due to the purchase of the license but would go down to \$1248/year in the consecutive years. The clerk adds that in addition to basic bookkeeping, this switch will also be helpful with audits and budgets. C. Frey states he believes there has been enough money budgeted for software to cover the cost of Caselle, which L. Berenato agrees with. L. Berenato inquires if the Clerk will have to manually enter the QuickBooks data into caselle, or if that is imported, and clerk clarifies that the conversion over is included in the purchase, so the IT department will migrate everything over for us. M. Gitlin motions to switch to Caselle for all applications. Kathy seconds, motion passes with all in favor.

Updates:

a. Road and Bridge Committee

M. Gitlin states there are issues with plowing. The clerk had reached out to M. Gitlin on Friday to confirm if Nile McGlauchlin could operate the plow truck to plow streets and water treatment plant. Needs to be communication with plow drivers, as M. Gitlin states some residents cannot shovel their driveways due to health issues. The clerk clarifies that the residents in question had reached out to the clerk on Wednesday, and that N. McGlauchlin offering to plow was a direct result of the residents request for help, and that those situations for this week were resolved. M. Gitlin also reported that current plow driver, C. Culp resigned. C. Frey states that they need an additional member of the R&B Committee to address the hiring and training of R&B personnel. Lee Berenato joined the Committee. R&B Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday 1/25/24 at 6pm. M. Gitlin requested a load of sand be ordered to spread onto Silver

Street, and the clerk states that the hopper on the truck is full of sand, and that N. McGlauchlin had spread sand over Town an hour earlier.

b. Budget Committee-

no update

c. Personnel Management Committee

Requested Clerk reach out to C. Culp to get final hours.

d. Cemetery Committee

Need to produce solutions for vandalism in the cemetery. Gate torn down (still up there). C. Frey will gather up gate. Motion censored lights are a solution.

e. Mountain Park Committee

IX. Adjournment

M. Gitlin moves to adjourn. C. Frey seconds. all in favor.