

**New Castle Town Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, December 17, 2019, 5:30 PM**

Call to Order

Mayor A Riddile called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present	Councilor Hazelton Mayor A Riddile Councilor Copeland Councilor Leland Councilor G Riddile
Absent	Councilor Mariscal Councilor Owens

Also present at the meeting were Town Administrator Dave Reynolds, Town Clerk Melody Harrison, Town Treasurer Loni Burk (via telephone conference), Town Attorney David McConaughy and Assistant Town Attorney Haley Carmer.

MOTION: Mayor A Riddile made a motion to excuse Councilor Owen's absence. Councilor Copeland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

MOTION: Mayor A Riddile made a motion to excuse Councilor Mariscal's absence. Councilor Copeland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Meeting Notice

Town Clerk Melody Harrison verified that her office gave notice of the meeting in accordance with Resolution TC 2019-1.

Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest.

Agenda Changes

There were no agenda changes.

Citizen Comments on Items not on the Agenda

There were no citizen comments.

Consultant Reports

Consultant Attorney – Town Attorney David McConaughy cautioned the council that if any of them were contacted by disgruntled land-use applicants who wish to lodge a complaint against staff, they should inform the applicant that if the conversation were to continue,

the council member will be conflicted and unable to speak to or vote on the applicant's land-use application at public hearing. Any discussion should be limited to the public hearing. Land use applicants communicating with a council member outside the public hearing is considered an ex-parte communication, eliminating the council member's ability to vote. Mayor A Riddile said he had excused himself from a conversation with a developer, and Attorney McConaughy said that was entirely appropriate for the Mayor to have done that.

Consultant Engineer – not present.

Items for Consideration

Consider Ordinance Tc 2019-9 - an Ordinance of the Town of New Castle, Colorado Summarizing Additional Expenditures for the General Fund and the Utility Fund, and Adopting a Supplemental Budget for the Town of New Castle, Colorado, for the Calendar Year Beginning on the First Day of January 2019 and Ending on the Last Day of December 2019 (second reading)

MOTION: Councilor Leland made a motion to approve Ordinance TC 2019-9, an Ordinance of the Town of New Castle, Colorado Summarizing Additional Expenditures for the General Fund and the Utility Fund, and Adopting a Supplemental Budget for the Town of New Castle, Colorado, for the Calendar Year Beginning on the First Day of January 2019 and Ending on the Last Day of December 2019 on second reading. Councilor G Riddile seconded the motion and it passed on a roll-call vote: Councilor Leland: yes; Mayor A Riddile: yes; Councilor Hazelton: yes; Councilor G Riddile: yes; Councilor Copeland: yes.

Consider Resolution TC 2019-24 - A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of New Castle, Colorado, Adopting a Directory of Fees and Charges

Clerk Harrison told the council that the only thing that had changed in the fee schedule since the last time the council had seen the document was that staff had added the licensing fee for tobacco retailers.

MOTION: Councilor Leland made a motion to approve Resolution TC 2019-24, A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of New Castle, Colorado, Adopting a Directory of Fees and Charges. Councilor G Riddile seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

November 5, 2019, minutes

November 19, 2019 minutes

MOTION: Councilor Hazelton made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilor Copeland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Council Comments

Councilor G Riddile said that he had been working with the capital projects planning committee and they found that there was some flexibility in the budget. In addition, Garfield County said that they would match up to \$150k for the LoVa Trail. Councilor G Riddile said that he also understood that RFTA would give \$75k. He recommended that the council allow the town to provide funding towards the LoVa Trail project in the amount of \$15k out of the capital projects line item for 2020. Time was of the essence because staff would be meeting with the City of Glenwood Springs on Thursday to request funding for the LoVa Trail project.

Administrator Reynolds said that New Castle, Glenwood Springs and RFTA had applied for a joint FMLD grant, asking for \$1 million dollars for construction of a portion of the LoVa Trail close to Glenwood Springs. The award from the FMLD was \$700k, leaving a shortfall of \$300k. If the applicants cannot fund the shortfall, the project will simply die because there is no way to cut \$300k out of the construction budget.

The Garfield County Board of County Commissioners said they would give the project \$150k if the project applicants could obtain the remaining \$150k from other sources. Because the applicants were going to ask the City of Glenwood Springs Board for the remaining \$75k needed. Staff's thinking was that if the Town of New Castle could provide the \$15k in funding it would be a show of good faith that New Castle was dedicated to the project, since thus far the town had not put any cash into this part of the project. Additionally, it would lower the request from Glenwood to \$60k.

Treasurer Burk said that the town had received some additional property tax revenue, and council had allocated an additional \$10k to trails development out of that. Treasurer Burk said that an additional \$10k had been added to the LoVa Trail Operations line item that could be utilized as well. She felt that there would be enough in the 2020 budget to fund the \$15k. The council directed staff to reallocate the necessary approved budget funds to provide the needed \$15k for the LoVa Trail joint FMLD grant.

Mayor A Riddile said that the Coal Ridge Co-Ed Cheer Team had won another state title, and he asked Councilor Leland to write another proclamation honoring them. Mayor A Riddile said that the high school had placed previous New Castle proclamations in the trophy case at the school. Councilor Leland said that the video posted by the cheer team was incredible.

Mayor A Riddile thanked public works for the new electric vehicle charging station.

Attorney McConaughy said that he was working with Police Chief Tony Pagni to adopt policy before the end of the year to address the new red flag law that goes into effect on January 1, 2020.

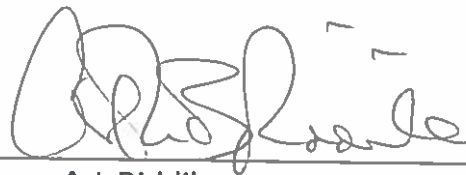
Mayor A Riddile asked how the sale of evidence guns was going. Administrator Reynolds said there was a bit of a complication with that and Chief Pagni was working with the District Attorney's office to straighten it out. He said it would likely be mid-summer 2020 before the auction took place.

Administrator Reynolds told the council that he and Clerk Harrison had put together some 2019 accomplishments. Clerk Harrison showed the power point presentation to the council.

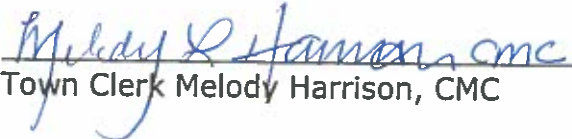
MOTION: Mayor A Riddile made a motion to adjourn. Councilor G Riddile seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Respectively submitted,



Mayor Art Riddile



Town Clerk Melody Harrison, CMC

