



**TOWN OF LARKSPUR
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
SUMMARY MINUTES
October 19, 2017
6 p.m.
Town Hall**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Mayor Gerry Been at 6:03 PM.

PRESENT	ABSENT	NON-VOTING
Isaac Levy	Sandy McKeown	Town Attorney- Scott Knob
Heather Sanchez	Jennell Waggle	Town Clerk/Manager - Matt Krimmer
Jeremiah Holmes		
Matias Cumsille		
Mayor Gerry Been		

TOWN STAFF PRESENT: Sherilyn West, Barbara Allen, Linda Black, Susan Kerry, Joe Jeske, Paul Grant (SEMOCOR)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Recited.

PUBLIC ATTENDEES: Sgt. Brock Bowers (DCSD), Olin Jones, Larry Barrett, Toni Reynolds, Paul Bowers, Lisa Cordero, Thom Rogers, Janet Been, Jana Medina, Tim Dumler, and several unknown others

SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES: None.

UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES:

Sgt. Brock Bowers reported on open investigations regarding Town Hall vandalism and stolen car.

Thom Rogers had numerous comments and some questions regarding the petition for land rezoning and property sale. He also engaged in a loud verbal discord with several Council members.

Larry Barrett introduced himself as a member of an organization dedicated to eliminating billboards in Colorado and expressed disappointment in the two new billboards erected on I-25. He asked to have input to the development of the Town's new sign code.

Jana Medina read a prepared statement regarding her understanding of the petition to repeal zoning Ordinance 3.123. Jana states she was informed by the petition circulator that the petition was to require the Town to hold an election on zoning decisions instead of having the Town Council decide for the residents. Jana also submitted a handwritten statement from her daughter, McKenzie Rae Medina, who signed the petition upon being told the petition was intended to require a vote of the residents in making decisions of this nature instead of the Town Council deciding. Both Jana and her daughter stated that if they had understood the real intent of the petition they would not have signed it.

MOTIONS:

A motion to approve the Council public meeting minutes for October 5th, 2017 was made by Matias Cumsille and seconded by Jeremiah Holmes. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote 5-0-0.

Matias Cumsille made a motion to approve regular council meeting minutes for October 5th, 2017. The motion was seconded by Jeremiah Holmes. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote 5-0-0.

Matias Cumsille made a motion to approve Resolution 17-18, *A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF LARKSPUR COLORADO, AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL ELECTION ON DECEMBER 15, 2017, FIXING A BALLOT TITLE AND QUESTION, AND SETTING FORTH OTHER DETAILS RELATING THERETO.* The motion was seconded by Jeremiah Holmes. A roll call vote was taken. Five (5) in favor, zero (0) against; motion carried.

A motion was made by Matias Cumsille and seconded by Jeremiah Holmes to approve Resolution 17-19, *A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR A GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO, MINI GRANT FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE FRINK CREAMERY TRAILHEAD IN LARKSPUR ON PLUM AVENUE.* A roll call vote was taken. Five (5) in favor, zero (0) against; motion carried.

A motion to approve the trailhead name of “FRINK CREAMERY TRAILHEAD IN LARKSPUR” for the south trailhead and the proposed signage identifying the location was made by Isaac Levy and seconded by Matias Cumsille. A roll call vote was taken. Five (5) in favor, zero (0) against; motion carried.

Isaac Levy made a motion to approve Resolution 17-20, *A RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING SUMS OF MONEY TO DEFRAY EXPENSES WITHIN THE 2017 AMOUNTS BUDGETED FOR THE TOWN OF LARKSPUR, COLORADO.* A roll call vote was taken. Five (5) in favor, zero (0) against; motion carried.

Matias Cumsille made a motion authorizing Mayor Been to sign a letter to the United States Secretary of Transportation in support of a grant application being submitted jointly by Douglas and El Paso Counties to obtain funding for the I-25 GAP Project. Isaac Levy seconded the motion which then passed by unanimous voice vote 5-0-0.

A motion was made by Mayor Been and seconded by Isaac Levy to donate \$100.00 to the Larkspur Pet Hospital for its pro bono treatment of the racoon caught in a leg trap. A roll call vote was taken. Five (5) in favor, zero (0) against; motion carried.

A motion was made by Mayor Been and seconded by Matias Cumsille to adjourn the Council meeting. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote 5-0-0. Mayor Gerry Been adjourned the Council meeting at 7:48 p.m.

NEW WELL PROJECT:

- **Water Treatment Plant (WTP) construction notice to proceed was issued October 6, 2017 and Velocity is on site.**
- **A meeting is scheduled on site with IREA to confirm power line route and installation.**
- **Ballots for the TABOR election on November 7, 2017 to approve debt limit increase for funding the WTP were mailed October 13, 2017.**

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT (WWTP):

- **Budget Planning meeting scheduled for October 26, 2017.**

SEMOCOR REPORT:

- **System Reports for August and September were presented and accepted.**

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

- **Referendum petition to repeal Ordinance 3.123 was received and presented.**
 - ✓ **Council rejected petition, set election date of December 15, 2017, and approved the ballot question via Resolution 17-18.**
- **Construction and Development Projects**
 - ✓ **Dumler Travel Center** – Deferred action on sale of property to Off the Chain 2.
 - ✓ **Jellystone at Larkspur Campground** – Sun Communities is reviewing options regarding water supply sources.
 - ✓ **Moltz Constructors** – Have broken ground. Construction underway.
- **Town Projects**
 - ✓ **Front Range Trail Project** – Pending budget review.
 - Douglas County has completed engineering for a bridge to cross Plum Creek where the Town's trail connects to the County's trail at the north end near the I-25 overpass. DC has also informed us they will build the bridge for the Town at no cost to the Town.
 - The north trailhead will be built several hundred feet north of Upper Lake Gulch Road along the railroad right of way.
 - Naming rights for the North trailhead have been discussed and the Council is open to considering same for this and other Parks and Trails facilities.
 - The South trailhead at the east end of Plum Avenue will be named Frink Creamery Trailhead in Larkspur. Proposed trailhead signage has been approved.
 - Trail fencing will be split rail style with round poles to separate private property from trail open space property and enclose the North and South trailheads.
 - Joe Yavorski has offered to a portion of his land on the West side of Plum Creek along the width of his property to allow alternative trail routes on both sides of the Creek.
 - ✓ **Sidewalk-Pathway Project** – Three phases on hold pending budget review:
 - Phase 1 – Town Hall to Ball Field path and walk way

- Phase 2 - Construction of concrete curb, gutter, sidewalks, and crosswalks
- Phase 3 – Been Corner survey and landscaping design
- ✓ **Annex Landscaping and Irrigation** – On hold pending budget review.
- ✓ **Spruce Mountain Road Drainage Project** – Funding alternatives being considered.
- ✓ **Bobcat Trail** – Pending GOCO grant funding.
- ✓ **Town Hall Building and Deck Power Wash and Stain** – Work is underway.
- ✓ **Additional Town Hall Cameras** – Installation underway.
- **Building Permit Status** - Summary report update provided
- **Planning Department** – Summary report provided
- **Proposed Fee Schedule** – Added Parks and Recreation Fees for Council feedback.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Resolution 17-20**, transferring funds between accounts was passed.
- **CDOT I-25 Coalition Support Letter** – Council authorized Mayor to sign letter to the Secretary, Department of Transportation.
- **The Larkspur Town Clerk will hold a Public Meeting on November 28, 2017 at 6 p.m., at the Town Hall, to provide information on how a small town government works, address all matters of interest to the Community at Large and the General Public, and answer any and all questions, as best as possible, based on factual knowledge of the subject matter.**

LEGAL UPDATES:

- **The following activities are still in process:**
 - ✓ **Sign Code Ordinance** – Comments received are being evaluated and considered in preparing the next draft revision of the Ordinance.
 - ✓ **Use Tax IGA** – ON HOLD pending receipt of corrected documentation from County attorney.

MANAGER UPDATES:

- **1st Medical Information Forum** – October 10th, was very poorly attended. Community support sorely lacking.
- **Special Election Ballots** – Mailed October 13th
- **Lester Burch’s 90th Birthday Celebration** was a success.
- **Next PC Meeting** - October 23rd, 2 p.m. at Town Hall Annex
- **Budget Workshop Retreat** – October 26th, 5:30 p.m., Bear Dance Golf Club
- **LES PTO Fall Festival** – October 28th, beginning at 11 a.m., CRF grounds
- **Partnership Elected Officials Reception** – November 9th, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., Highlands Ranch Mansion
- **CDOT I-25 PEL Project Working Group** – Next meeting December 1st, 2017

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- **Matias Cumsille** addressed the comments and accusations made by Mr. Thom Rogers at the beginning of the meeting and directed Town staff to respond to social media postings using the Town’s facebook page. Other Council members unanimously concurred.

MAYOR’S COMMENTS: Mayor Been restated his concerns about traffic on Spruce Mountain Road and suggested the Town consider more options including adding flashing signs, implementing a speed trap, installing stop signs at the Upper Lake Gulch Road interchange and at the mobile home park, installing virtual speed bumps, and establishing a toll road.

Mayor Been also requested a publicity campaign be started addressing illegal hunting and trapping of animals pointing to a seriously injured raccoon recently found in Town with a leg trap noting leg traps are illegal in Colorado. He informed Council the raccoon was treated pro-bono by the Larkspur Animal Hospital. Mayor Been also suggested starting a “wildlife rescue fund” to reimburse the Animal Hospital for the medical supplies used in treating the raccoon. Following the meeting several people gave the Town Clerk a cash donation for the fund.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Matt Krimmer
Town Clerk/Manager

These minutes are only a summary of the proceedings of the meeting. They are not intended to be comprehensive or to include each statement, person speaking or to portray with complete accuracy. The most accurate record of the meeting is the digital recording maintained in the office of the Town Clerk.