

MINUTES
Town of Crested Butte
Regular Town Council Meeting
Monday, July 21, 2025

Mayor Billick called the meeting to order at 7:11PM.

Council Members Present: Mayor Ian Billick, Kent Cowherd, John O'Neal, Anna Fenerty, Gabi Prochaska, Beth Goldstone, and Mallika Magner (via Zoom)

Staff Present: Town Attorney Karl Hanlon, Town Manager Dara MacDonald, and Interim Finance Director Rob Sweeney

Town Clerk Lynelle Stanford, Community Development Director Mel Yemma, Housing Director Erin Ganser, Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails Director Janna Hansen, and Public Works Director Shea Earley (for part of the meeting)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Billick recommended the agenda item for The Center for the Arts under New Business be moved to the end of the meeting after Executive Session.

O'Neal moved and Prochaska seconded a motion to approve the agenda as amended moving the public discussion on The Center for the Arts after Executive Session. A roll call vote was taken with all voting, "Yes." **Motion passed unanimously.**

CONSENT AGENDA

1) July 7, 2025 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes.

Staff Contact: Deputy Town Clerk/Licensing Clerk Eric Treadwell

2) Community Plan Letter to the Crested Butte News.

Staff Contact: Community Development Director Mel Yemma

3) (First Reading) Ordinance No. 6, Series 2025 - An Ordinance of the Crested Butte Town Council Approving the Lease of a Portion of the Property at 308 3rd Street to the Corporation of the Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory at Gothic.

Staff Contact: Property Manager RaeMarie Barry

Billick disclosed his relationship with the Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory (RMBL) and participated in the vote on the Consent Agenda.

The letter on the Community Plan (item number two) was moved from the Consent Agenda to New Business.

Fenerty moved and Goldstone seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended with the letter pulled off Consent Agenda and moved to New Business for discussion. A roll call vote was taken with all voting, "Yes." **Motion passed unanimously.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Billick acknowledged feedback from Ruth Turnquist Carver, including a follow up email, and a question from Shane Biery.

Keith Bauer, 108 2nd Street, with Elk Mountains Backcountry Alliance; Brian Fenerty, who lives on Red Lady Avenue; and Maria Fenerty, who also lives on Red Lady Avenue, commented.

STAFF UPDATES

The Council discussed intergovernmental meetings and the volume of trash.

LEGAL MATTERS

None

PRESENTATION

1) Update from TWG on Mineral Point Construction.

Staff Contact: Housing Director Erin Ganser

Ryan Kelly, from TWG, attended via Zoom. He fielded questions from Council members.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Community Grants Program - Qualifications and Evaluation Criteria.

Staff Contact: Interim Finance Director Rob Sweeney

Sweeney presented, and there was Council discussion.

2) Resolution No. 18, Series 2025 - A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Crested Butte, Colorado, Acting as the Local Liquor Licensing Authority Finding Probable Cause of a Liquor Code Violation by Crested Butte Grocery LLC D/B/A Clark's Market.

Staff Contact: Town Attorney Karl Hanlon

Hanlon reported.

Goldstone moved and Fenerty seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 2025-18 a Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Crested Butte, Colorado acting as the Local Liquor Licensing Authority Finding Probable Cause of a Liquor Code Violation by Crested Butte Grocery LLC d/b/a Clark's Market and further authorize and direct that a Notice of Hearing and Order to Show Cause be issued with a hearing date of August 5, 2025. A roll call vote was taken with all voting, "Yes." **Motion passed unanimously.**

3) Community Plan Letter to the *Crested Butte News*.

Staff Contact: Community Development Director Mel Yemma

The item was removed from the Consent Agenda.

Fenerty moved and Prochaska seconded a motion approving the letter subject to changes and allowing staff discretion. A roll call vote was taken with all voting, "Yes." **Motion passed unanimously.**

COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

Fenerty updated and Billick elaborated. Cowherd provided an update.

OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

None

DISCUSSION OF SCHEDULING FUTURE WORK SESSION TOPICS AND COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

- *Tuesday*, August 5, 2025 - 6:00PM Work Session - 7:00PM Regular Council
- Monday, August 18, 2025 - 6:00PM Work Session - 7:00PM Regular Council
- *Tuesday*, September 2, 2025 - 6:00PM Work Session - 7:00PM Regular Council

The Council agreed to schedule a meeting concerning Mountain Express with Mt. Crested Butte on Monday, September 22, 2025.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1) An Executive Session for a conference with the Town Attorney pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402 (4)(e) for determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations; developing strategy for negotiations; and instructing negotiators and pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402 (4)(b) to receive legal advice on specific legal questions both regarding Mt. Crested Butte Water and Sanitation District.

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negotiations; developing strategy for negotiations; and instructing negotiators and pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402 (4)(b) to receive legal advice on specific legal questions both regarding the Crested Butte Center for the Arts.

Fenerty moved and Prochaska seconded a motion to enter Executive Session for both purposes stated on the agenda. A roll call vote was taken with all voting, "Yes." **Motion passed unanimously.**

The Council went into Executive Session for a conference with the Town Attorney pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402 (4)(e) for determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations; developing strategy for negotiations; and instructing negotiators and pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402 (4)(b) to receive legal advice on specific legal questions both regarding Mt. Crested Butte Water and Sanitation District at 8:53PM. The first Executive Session was concluded at 9:15PM.

The Council, Town Attorney Karl Hanlon, Town Manager Dara MacDonald, Interim Finance Director Rob Sweeney, and Public Works Director Shea Earley attended the first Executive Session.

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The Council, Town Attorney Karl Hanlon, Town Manager Dara MacDonald, and Interim Finance Director Rob Sweeney attended the second Executive Session.

NEW BUSINESS, CON'T


4) The Center for the Arts – Conveyance of Building and Land.

Staff Contact: Town Manager Dara MacDonald and Town Attorney Karl Hanlon

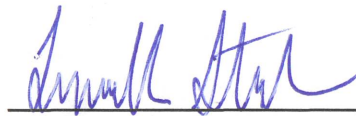
Jillian Liebl and Brett Henderson, from The Center for the Arts, reported. The majority of Council members expressed openness to continuing the discussion, with The Center scheduled to return to the Council in October.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Billick adjourned the meeting at 10:18PM.



Ian Billick, Mayor



Lynelle Stanford, Town Clerk (SEAL)

