MINUTES

Town of Crested Butte Regular Town Council Meeting Tuesday, August 5, 2025

Mayor Billick called the meeting to order at 7:10PM.

Council Members Present: Mayor Ian Billick, Kent Cowherd, John O'Neal, Anna Fenerty, Beth Goldstone, and Mallika Magner

Gabi Prochaska was present for the meeting through New Business item number one.

Staff Present: Town Attorney Karl Hanlon, Town Manager Dara MacDonald, Interim Finance Director Rob Sweeney, Town Clerk Lynelle Stanford, Public Works Director Shea Earley, and Community Development Director Mel Yemma

Building Official Astrid Matison, Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails Director Janna Hansen, and Housing Director Erin Ganser (via Zoom) (for part of the meeting)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Billick confirmed removal of the Executive Session from the agenda.

Fenerty moved and Prochaska seconded a motion to approve the agenda. A roll call vote was taken with all voting, "Yes." **Motion passed unanimously.**

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) July 21, 2025 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes. Staff Contact: Town Clerk Lynelle Stanford
- 2) (First Reading) Ordinance No. 8, Series 2025 An Ordinance of the Crested Butte Town Council Approving the Ground Lease of a Portion of the Property at 602 Elk Avenue to the Corporation of the Gunnison County Electric Association.

 Staff Contact: Town Manager Dara MacDonald
- 3) The People's Fair Special Event Application Closing Elk Avenue from 2nd Street to 4th Street and 3rd Street from Alley to Alley on Saturday, August 30, 2025, and Sunday, August 31, 2025.

Staff Contact: Town Clerk Lynelle Stanford

4) Lot 18 at Pristine Point Funding Agreement.

Staff Contact: Recreation, Open Space and Trails Supervisor Joey Carpenter

5) Resolution No. 20, Series 2025 - A Resolution of the Crested Butte Town Council, Approving the New National Opioids Settlement with Purdue and the Sackler Family.

Staff Contact: Town Manager Dara MacDonald

Prochaska moved and Goldstone seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda (with the caveat mentioned by Magner). A roll call vote was taken with all voting, "Yes." Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rob Mahedy, who reported living at Cement Creek Ranch, and Penni Ervin, 513 Belleview Avenue, commented.

STAFF UPDATES

MacDonald and Earley updated, and MacDonald answered questions.

LEGAL MATTERS

Hanlon updated.

PRESENTATION

1) 2024 Audited Financial Statements and Letter to Governing Board. Staff Contact: Interim Finance Director Rob Sweeney

Lillian Marcione and Mike Dooley were present via Zoom on behalf of McMahan and Associates LLC.

Prochaska moved and O'Neal seconded a motion to accept the audit. A roll call vote was taken with all voting, "Yes." Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

1) (Second 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 Laborary at Gothic. Staff Contact: Public Works Director Shea Earley

Billick confirmed proper public notice was given. Billick disclosed his relationship with the Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory (RMBL).

Billick opened the public hearing for public comment. No one commented. The public hearing was closed.

Goldstone moved and Fenerty seconded a motion to approve Ordinance No. 6, Series 2025. A roll call vote was taken with all voting, "Yes." Motion passed unanimously.

2) Hearing to Show Cause, if any, why Crested Butte Market LLC's (doing business as Clark's Market) Fermented Malt Beverage and Wine License No. 04-00825 should not be suspended or revoked for having violated provisions of Colorado State Statute and the Town of Crested Butte Municipal Code related to their Liquor License Renewal Application.

Staff Contact: Town Attorney Karl Hanlon

Billick confirmed that proper public notice had been given. He stated that the Council would accept public feedback at the meeting but intended to continue the public hearing until September 2, 2025. Billick also acknowledged written comments submitted by Peter Cook and Aaron Tomcak.

Billick opened the meeting to public comments. Peter Cook commented.

Magner moved and Fenerty seconded a motion to continue the public hearing to the regular meeting on September 2, 2025. A roll call vote was taken with all voting, "Yes." **Motion passed unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS

1) (First Reading) Ordinance No. 9, Series 2025 - An Ordinance of the Crested Butte Town Council Repealing and Replacing Chapter 18 of the Crested Butte Municipal Code.

Staff Contact: Community Development Director Mel Yemma

Matison reported on the ordinance. Council members asked questions and discussed.

Magner moved and Goldstone seconded a motion to set Ordinance No. 9, Series 2025 for public hearing on August 18, 2025. A roll call vote was taken with all voting, "Yes." **Motion passed unanimously.**

Prochaska left the meeting after the agenda item and did not vote on subsequent motions.

2) Resolution No. 19, Series 2025 - A Resolution of the Crested Butte Town Council Adopting the Fund Balance Reserve Policy, Effective August 5, 2025. Staff Contact: Interim Finance Director Rob Sweeney

Sweeney reported on the agenda item. There was Council discussion.

Fenerty moved and Goldstone seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 19, Series 2025. A roll call vote was taken with all voting, "Yes," except Magner voted, "No," and Prochaska was not present to vote. **Motion passed.**

3) (First Reading) Ordinance No. 7, Series 2025 - An Ordinance of the Crested Butte Town Council Repealing and Replacing Chapter 13, Article 5 of the Crested Butte Municipal Code.

Staff Contact: Public Works Director Shea Earley

Goldstone moved and Fenerty seconded a motion to set Ordinance No. 7, Series 2025 for public hearing on August 18, 2025. A roll call vote was taken with all voting, "Yes." **Motion passed unanimously.** Prochaska was not present to vote.

COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

None

OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Academy Place, food trucks, and the healthcare situation were mentioned.

DISCUSSION OF SCHEDULING FUTURE WORK SESSION TOPICS AND COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

- Monday, August 18, 2025 6:00PM Work Session 7:00PM Regular Council
- *Tuesday*, September 2, 2025 6:00PM Work Session 7:00PM Regular Council
- Monday, September 15, 2025 6:00PM Work Session 7:00PM Regular Council

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Billick adjourned the meeting at 9:46PM.

Ian Billick, Mayor

Lynelle Stanford, Town Clerk (SEAL)

