

MINUTES
Town of Crested Butte
Regular Town Council Meeting
Monday, September 15, 2025

Mayor Billick called the meeting to order at 7:20PM.

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

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

Town Clerk Lynelle Stanford, Community Development Director Mel Yemma, PROST Director Janna Hansen, Deputy Clerk/Licensing Clerk Eric Treadwell, Planner I Kaitlyn Archambault, Sustainability Coordinator Dannah Leeman (via Zoom), Housing Director Erin Ganser (via Zoom), and Building Official Astrid Matison (via Zoom) (for part of the meeting)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

1) September 2, 2025 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes.

Staff Contact: Town Clerk Lynelle Stanford

2) Appointment of Election Commission.

Staff Contact: Town Clerk Lynelle Stanford

3) Resolution No. 22, Series 2025 - A Resolution of the Crested Butte Town Council Authorizing the Grant of a Revocable License to 218 Elk Ave LLC, A Delaware Limited Liability Company to Encroach Into the Right-Of-Way Adjacent to the Combined 218 Tract (F/K/A Lots 7, 8 and 9A), Block 28 and the Right Of Way Known As The Sidewalk to the South of Elk Avenue, Town Of Crested Butte.

Staff Contact: Town Planner III Jessie Earley

4) Resolution No. 23, Series 2025 - A Resolution of the Crested Butte Town Council, Approving the New National Opioids Settlement with Eight Opioids Manufacturers: Alvogen, Amneal, Apotex, Hikma, Indivior, Mylan, Sun, And Zydus.

Staff Contact: Town Manager Dara MacDonald

5) Resolution No. 24, Series 2025 - A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Crested Butte, Colorado Acting as the Local Liquor Licensing Authority Finding Crested Butte Grocery LLC DBA Clark's Market Violated the Town of Crested Butte's Local Liquor Licensing Regulations.

Staff Contact: Town Attorney Karl Hanlon

6) Resolution No. 25, Series 2025 - A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Crested Butte, Colorado in Support of the Environmental Protection Agency's 2009 Endangerment Finding that Greenhouse Gases Endanger Public Health and Welfare.

Staff Contact: Sustainability Coordinator Dannah Leeman

7) Resolution No. 26, Series 2025 - A Resolution of the Crested Butte Town Council Authorizing the Grant of a Revocable License to 129 Elk Ave LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company to Encroach Into the Right-Of-Way Adjacent to 129 Elk Avenue, Tract A, Forest Queen Townhome Tracts, According to the Plat Thereof Recorded June 3, 2002 Under Reception NO. 520835, and the Declaration Pertaining Thereto Recorded June 3, 2002 Under Reception NO. 520836 and the Right of Way Known Second Street, Town of Crested Butte.

Staff Contact: Town Planner I Kaitlyn Archambault

8) Amendment to Waste Management Agreement.

Staff Contact: Public Works Director Shea Earley

9) Notice of Final Payment to A&M Renovations, LLC for the Crested Butte Town Hall Exterior Rehabilitation Project.

Staff Contact: Public Works Director Shea Earley and Community Development Director Mel Yemma

10) Trail Easement with Crested Butte Fire Protection District (CBFPD).

Staff Contact: Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails Director Janna Hansen

Item number ten from the Consent Agenda was removed and would be added to a future agenda per the request of the Crested Butte Fire Protection District.

Magner removed item number three from the Consent Agenda, which was moved to New Business.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Billick acknowledged public feedback received via email from Heather Seekatz, Bill Coburn, Cole Stanford, Murray Wais, Johnna and Bob Bernholtz, and David Schneider.

Graham Elliot and Hedda Peterson, Executive Director of Crested Butte Nordic, who reported to live at 1103 Van Tuyl Circle in Gunnison, commented.

STAFF UPDATES

MacDonald gave updates. Ganser answered questions.

LEGAL MATTERS

None

PROCLAMATION

1) Suicide Prevention Awareness Month – September 2025.

Billick read the proclamation declaring September Suicide Prevention Awareness Month.

Goldstone moved and Fenerty seconded a motion to adopt the proclamation dedicating September as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. A roll call vote was taken with all voting, “Yes.” **Motion passed unanimously.**

2) Proclamation Celebrating the Life of Don Cook.

Billick read the proclamation celebrating the life of Don Cook.

O’Neal moved and Prochaska seconded a motion to adopt the proclamation celebrating the life of Don Cook. A roll call vote was taken with all voting, “Yes.” **Motion passed unanimously.**

PRESENTATION

1) Red Lady Roundabout Preliminary Design.

Staff Contact: Public Works Director Shea Earley and Community Development Director Mel Yemma

Yemma, Earley, and Adam Gomez, of Kimley-Horn, presented. Council asked questions and discussed.

PUBLIC HEARING

1) (Second 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

Billick confirmed that adequate public notice had been given.

Yemma presented and answered questions. Matison and Joe Wonnacott with the Crested Butte Fire Protection District answered questions.

Billick opened the public hearing. No comments were received. Billick closed the public hearing.

Goldstone moved and Cowherd seconded a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 9, Series 2025 with staff recommendations. A roll call vote was taken with Prochaska, Fenerty, Goldstone, Cowherd, and Billick voting, "Yes," and Magner and O'Neal voting, "No." **Motion passed (5-2).**

NEW BUSINESS

1) Resolution No. 22, Series 2025 - A Resolution of the Crested Butte Town Council Authorizing the Grant of a Revocable License to 218 Elk Ave LLC, A Delaware Limited Liability Company to Encroach Into the Right-Of-Way Adjacent to the Combined 218 Tract (F/K/A Lots 7, 8 and 9A), Block 28 and the Right Of Way Known As The Sidewalk to the South of Elk Avenue, Town Of Crested Butte.
Staff Contact: Town Planner III Jessie Earley

Resolution No. 22, Series 2025 was formerly item number three from Consent Agenda.

Magner voiced reasons for removing the item from Consent Agenda. The Council discussed and asked questions.

Magner moved and O'Neal seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 22, Series 2025. A roll call vote was taken with Prochaska, Cowherd, O'Neal, and Billick voting, "Yes," and Fenerty, Magner, and Goldstone voting, "No." **Motion passed (4-3).**

COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

Prochaska updated.

OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Fenerty voiced concerns regarding an encounter with a Mt. Crested Butte police officer; Magner suggested a Council retreat after the election; and Cowherd suggested parking enforcement be suspended early.

DISCUSSION OF SCHEDULING FUTURE WORK SESSION TOPICS AND COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

- Monday, September 22, 2025 - 6:00PM - Joint Meeting with the Town of Mt. Crested Butte Regarding Mountain Express.
- Monday, September 29, 2025 - 6:00PM Intergovernmental Meeting Hosted by the City of Gunnison

- Monday, October 6, 2025 - 5:00PM Work Session - 7:00PM Regular Council
- Monday, October 21, 2025 - 6:00PM Work Session - 7:00PM Regular Council
- Monday, November 3, 2025 - 6:00PM Work Session - 7:00PM Regular Council

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Billick read the reasons for Executive Session: for the purpose of a conference with the Town Attorney pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(b) regarding Federal grant requirements; and for the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and/or instructing negotiators, under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(e) regarding the Mt. Crested Butte Water and Sanitation District.

Prochaska moved and Fenerty seconded a motion to go into Executive Session. A roll call vote was taken with all voting, "Yes." **Motion passed unanimously.**

The entire Council, except Goldstone, Town Attorney Karl Hanlon, Town Manager Dara MacDonald, Interim Finance Director Rob Sweeney, and Public Works Director Shea Earley were present for Executive Session. Community Development Director Mel Yemma was present for the first Executive Session.

The Council went into Executive Session at 9:27PM. The Executive Session concluded at 10:08PM. Mayor Billick made the required announcement upon returning to open meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Billick adjourned the meeting at 10:09PM.



Ian Billick, Mayor



Eric Treadwell, Deputy Clerk/Licensing Clerk (SEAL)

