

MINUTES
Town of Crested Butte
Regular Town Council Meeting
Monday, November 3, 2025

Mayor Billick called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

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

Kent Cowherd attended via Zoom for part of the meeting.

Staff Present: Town Attorney Karl Hanlon, Town Manager Dara MacDonald, Deputy Clerk/Licensing Clerk Eric Treadwell, Community Development Director Mel Yemma, Finance Director Rob Sweeney, Public Works Director Shea Earley, Sustainability Coordinator Dannah Leeman Gore, Town Planner III Jessie Earley, Housing Director Erin Ganser, and Town Clerk Lynelle Stanford (for part of the meeting)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Fenerty moved and Prochaska seconded a motion to approve the agenda. A roll call vote was taken with all voting, "Yes." Goldstone was momentarily absent and did not vote. **Motion passed unanimously.**

CONSENT AGENDA

1) October 20, 2025 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes.

Staff Contact: Town Clerk Lynelle Stanford

2) Resolution No. 35, Series 2025 - A Resolution of the Crested Butte Town Council Amending the Fund Balance Reserve Policy, Effective November 3, 2025.

Staff Contact: Interim Finance Director Rob Sweeney

3) Resolution No. 36, Series 2025 – A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Crested Butte, Colorado Approving the Amended and Restated Gunnison Valley Transportation Authority Intergovernmental Agreement.

Staff Contact: Town Manager Dara MacDonald

4) Quarter 3 2025 Financial Update.

Staff Contact: Finance Director Rob Sweeney

Magner removed item #4 from the Consent Agenda.

Magner moved and Fenerty seconded a motion to approve the amended Consent Agenda with item #4 removed. A roll call vote was taken with all voting, "Yes." **Motion passed unanimously.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Billick acknowledged public comment submitted via email from Johnna and Bob Bernholtz.

Randi Stroh of Elk Mountain Backcountry Alliance commented.

STAFF UPDATES

MacDonald, Gore, and Ganser provided updates.

LEGAL MATTERS

Hanlon updated.

PUBLIC HEARING

1) Resolution No. 32, Series 2025 - A Resolution of the Crested Butte Town Council Adopting the Budget and Appropriating Sums of Money for the Town of Crested Butte, Colorado for the Fiscal Year Beginning the First Day of January 2026, and Ending the Last Day of December 2026, Estimating the Amount of Money Necessary to be Derived from Revenue Sources, and Setting Forth the Total Estimated Expenditures for Each Fund.

Staff Contact: Interim Finance Director Rob Sweeney

Billick opened the public hearing. There were no comments, and the public hearing was closed.

Prochaska moved and Goldstone seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 32, Series 2025. A roll call vote was taken with all voting, "Yes." **Motion passed unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS

1) Appointment of Two Town Council Members to Design Standards Update Advisory Committee.

Staff Contact: Town Planner III Jessie Earley

Magner, Prochaska, and Cowherd volunteered to join the committee.

Fenerty moved and O'Neal seconded a motion to appoint three members of the Town Council to the Design Standards Update Advisory Committee. A roll call vote was taken with all voting, "Yes." **Motion Passed unanimously.**

2) Resolution No. 33, Series 2025 - A Resolution of the Crested Butte Town Council Adopting the Mill Levy for the Town of Crested Butte, Colorado for the Fiscal Year 2026, Beginning the First Day of January 2026 and Ending the Last Day of

December 2026.

Staff Contact: Interim Finance Director Rob Sweeney

Goldstone moved and O'Neal seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 33, Series 2025 to set the Mill Levy to nine mills for the Street and Alley Fund. A roll call vote was taken with Goldstone and O'Neal voting, "Yes," and Prochaska, Fenerty, Magner, Cowherd, and Billick voting, "No." **Motion failed.**

Council discussed and asked questions.

Prochaska moved and Cowherd seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 33, Series 2025 to set the Mill Levy to ten mills for the Street and Alley Fund. A roll call vote was taken with Prochaska, Goldstone, Cowherd, O'Neal and Billick voting, "Yes," and Fenerty and Magner voting, "No." **Motion Passed.**

3) Resolution No. 34, Series 2025 - A Resolution of the Crested Butte Town Council Adopting Certain Fees and Charges for the Fiscal Year 2026.

Staff Contact: Interim Finance Director Rob Sweeney

O'Neal moved and Prochaska seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 34, Series 2025 adopting the fiscal year 2026 fee schedule. A roll call vote was taken with all voting, "Yes." **Motion passed unanimously.**

4) Quarter 3 2025 Financial Update.

Staff Contact: Finance Director Rob Sweeney

Formerly Consent Agenda item number four.

Magner asked questions, which were answered by MacDonald and Ganser.

Cowherd left the (Zoom) meeting, and he did not vote on subsequent motions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Billick read the reason for entering 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.

Prochaska moved and O'Neal seconded a motion to go into Executive Session. A roll call vote was taken with all voting, "Yes," except Cowherd was absent and did not vote. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Billick, Prochaska, Fenerty, Magner, Goldstone, and O'Neal were present for Executive Session. Town Attorney Karl Hanlon, Town Manager Dara MacDonald, Interim Finance

Director Rob Sweeney, and Public Works Director Shea Earley were present for the Executive Session.

The Council went into Executive Session at 8:37PM. The Executive Session concluded at 8:45PM. Mayor Billick made the required announcement upon returning to open meeting at 8:45PM.

NEW BUSINESS CON'T

1) Mt. Crested Butte Water and Sanitation's Failure to Pay for Biosolids.

The staff report outlined three options for Council consideration:

1. Accept the district's proposed payment plan and direct staff to prepare the necessary loan agreements to document the arrangement; or
2. Direct staff to pursue a one-day mediation session with the district; or
3. Direct staff to prepare a complaint for collection of the outstanding balance.

MacDonald also provided an email to the Council presenting three settlement options for consideration:

- Option A: Payoff by December 1, 2028, with 2% interest accrued from January 1, 2023, through November 30, 2025, and 4.5% interest commencing December 1, 2025;
- Option B: Payoff by December 1, 2028, with 0% interest accrued from January 1, 2023, through November 30, 2025, and 5.5% interest commencing December 1, 2025; or
- Option C: Payoff by December 1, 2029, with 0% interest accrued from January 1, 2023, through November 30, 2025, and 5.5% interest commencing December 1, 2025.

Council discussed above options. Council decided that two Council members, the attorney and appropriate Town Staff would plan to meet with the district to pursue settlement Option A and then Option B. If Option A or B was not agreed upon, then mediation would be pursued.

Prochaska moved and Goldstone seconded a motion to offer Settlement Option A as identified in MacDonald's email. If an agreement was not made, then Council, staff and the attorney would pursue Option 2 from the staff report to pursue one-day mediation with the district. A roll call vote was taken with all voting, "Yes," except Cowherd was absent and did not vote. **Motion passed unanimously.**

COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

None

OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

There was discussion regarding The Center for the Arts.

DISCUSSION OF SCHEDULING FUTURE WORK SESSION TOPICS AND COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

- Monday, November 3, 2025 - 6:00PM Work Session - 7:00PM Regular Council
- Monday, November 17, 2025 - 6:00PM Work Session - 7:00PM Regular Council
- Monday, December 1, 2025 - 6:00PM Work Session - 7:00PM Regular Council

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Billick read the reason for entering executive session: for discussion of a personnel matter under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(f) and not involving: any specific employees who have requested discussion of the matter in open session; any member of this body or any elected official; the appointment of any person to fill an office of this body or of an elected official; or personnel policies that do not require the discussion of matters personal to particular employees regarding the review of the Town Manager.

Magner moved and Fenerty seconded a motion to go into Executive Session. A roll call vote was taken with all voting, "Yes," except Cowherd was absent and did not vote.
Motion passed unanimously.

Billick, Prochaska, Fenerty, Magner, Goldstone, and O'Neal were present for Executive Session. MacDonald was present for a portion of the Executive Session.

The Council went into Executive Session at 9:24PM. The Executive Session concluded at 10:21PM. Mayor Billick made the required announcement upon returning to open meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Billick adjourned the meeting at 10:21PM.

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Ian Billick, Mayor

Eric Treadwell

Eric Treadwell, Deputy Clerk/Licensing Clerk (SEAL)

