

MINUTES
Town of Crested Butte
Regular Town Council Meeting
Monday, November 17, 2025

Mayor Billick called the meeting to order at 7:25PM.

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

After approval of the Consent Agenda, Kate Guibert was sworn in as a Council member, and Anna Fenerty vacated her seat. Fenerty voted for approval of the agenda and Consent Agenda, and Guibert voted on the motions, beginning with appointment of Mayor Pro Tem.

Staff Present: Town Attorney Karl Hanlon, Town Manager Dara MacDonald, Town Clerk Lynelle Stanford, Deputy Town Clerk Trevor Maltby, Community Development Director Mel Yemma, and Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails Director Janna Hansen (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." **Motion passed unanimously.**

CONSENT AGENDA

1) November 3, 2025 Regular Town Council Minutes.

Staff Contact: Deputy/Licensing Clerk Eric Treadwell

2) (First Reading) Ordinance No. 12, Series 2025 - An Ordinance of the Crested Butte Town Council Amending Section 4-5-50 of the Crested Butte Municipal Code.

Staff Contact: Community Development Director Mel Yemma

**3) WinterGlow 2025 Special Event Application (Crested Butte Tree Lighting)
Closing the 300 Block of Elk Avenue on Saturday, December 6, 2025.**

Staff Contact: Town Clerk Lynelle Stanford

4) Letter to Captain Saunders of the Colorado State Patrol Requesting Additional Patrol Presence Along State Highway 135 between Gunnison and Crested Butte.

Staff Contact: Town Manager Dara MacDonald

Number three, WinterGlow 2025 special event application, and number four, the letter to Captain Saunders, from the Colorado State Patrol, were removed from the Consent Agenda.

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

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE AND APPRECIATION FOR ANNA FENERTY

Council members voiced their appreciation for Anna Fenerty's service.

APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL MEMBER

Goldstone moved and Prochaska seconded a motion to appoint Kate Guibert to serve as Council member through the November 2nd, 2027, election. A roll call vote was taken with all voting, "Yes," which included Prochaska, Magner, Goldstone, Cowherd, O'Neal, and Billick. **Motion passed unanimously.**

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS – OATH OF OFFICE

Mayor Ian Billick and Council members newly appointed, including Beth Goldstone, John O'Neal, and Kate Guibert, took the oath of office and signed accordingly.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Billick acknowledged written public comments from Matt Kraft, David Wilkins, Audrey Anderson, and Payton Climer.

Jake Jones, 258 Kubler and David Wilkins, with The Hideout, commented.

STAFF UPDATES

MacDonald added updates and answered questions.

LEGAL MATTERS

The negotiating team of Billick and Magner were identified for upcoming mediation.

Hanlon added updates.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Appointment of Mayor Pro Tem.

Staff Contact: Town Clerk Lynelle Stanford

Prochaska moved and Goldstone seconded a motion to have Mallika continue as Mayor Pro Tem. A roll call vote was taken with all voting, "Yes." **Motion passed unanimously.**

2) Consideration of Appointments to Boards and Committees.

Staff Contact: Town Clerk Lynelle Stanford

Goldstone moved and Magner seconded a motion to appoint Gabi (Prochaska) to RTA and Mountain Express; Mallika (Magner) to the Public Art Commission; Kate (Guibert) to Region 10; leaving an empty spot on West Elk Scenic Byway Committee and Prochaska or Billick would attend Gunnison Valley Transportation Planning Region (GVTPR) meetings, as needed. A roll call vote was taken with all voting, "Yes."

Motion passed unanimously.

3) WinterGlow 2025 Special Event Application (Crested Butte Tree Lighting)

Closing the 300 Block of Elk Avenue on Saturday, December 6, 2025.

Staff Contact: Town Clerk Lynelle Stanford

From Consent Agenda

Heather Leonard affirmed the Chamber's commitment to comply with the Town's lighting ordinance and to support local businesses in achieving compliance, as requested by Magner.

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

4) Letter to Captain Saunders of the Colorado State Patrol Requesting Additional Patrol Presence Along State Highway 135 between Gunnison and Crested Butte.

Staff Contact: Town Manager Dara MacDonald

From Consent Agenda

Billick relayed the revisions recommended by Fenerty.

Magner moved and Goldstone seconded a motion to send the letter subject to changes. A roll call vote was taken with all voting, "Yes." **Motion passed unanimously.**

OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

The Council agreed to refer the issue raised by David Wilkins of The Hideout to BOZAR for further consideration.

Council members noted the following concerns:

- Public hesitance to engage with Town staff
- A noise complaint received by the Council
- The potential need for overnight permit parking

COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

Prochaska updated.

DISCUSSION OF SCHEDULING FUTURE WORK SESSION TOPICS AND COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

- Monday, December 1, 2025 - 6:00PM Work Session - 7:00PM Regular Council
- Monday, December 15, 2025 - 6:00PM Work Session - 7:00PM Regular Council
- Monday, January 5, 2026 - 6:00PM Work Session - 7:00PM Regular Council

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Billick read the reason for the 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.

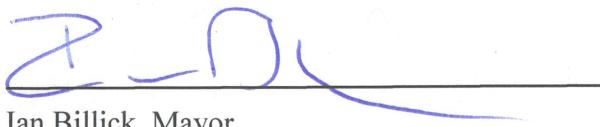
Prochaska moved and Goldstone seconded a motion to go into Executive Session. A roll call vote was taken with all voting, "Yes." **Motion passed unanimously.**

Mayor Ian Billick, Gabi Prochaska, Mallika Magner, Beth Goldstone, Kate Guibert, and John O'Neal (via Zoom) were present for Executive Session. Kent Cowherd left the meeting before the commencement of Executive Session, and John O'Neal was present for part of the Executive Session.

The Council went into Executive Session at 8:41PM. The Council returned to open meeting at 10:04PM. Mayor Ian Billick made the required announcement upon the Council's return to open meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Billick adjourned the meeting at 10:04PM.



Ian Billick, Mayor



Lynelle Stanford, Town Clerk (SEAL)

