

Regular Meeting
Town of Grand Lake – Board of Trustees
Monday May 9, 2022, 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order by Mayor Kudron at 6:00 P.M. in the Town Hall Board Room

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Kudron led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL PRESENT: Mayor Kudron, Mayor-Pro-Tem Bjorkman, Trustees Arntson, Bergquist, Packer, Sobon and Strachan; Town Clerk Thompson and Town Manager Crone

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mayor Kudron announced: Please turn off all cell phones during the meeting

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: Mayor Kudron stated if there are any conflicts of interest with any item on this evening's agenda, Trustees may announce their conflict at this time. **NONE**

MANAGERS REPORT: As spring rolls in, we will see bears coming out of hibernation. They are going to be hungry. Keep your trash in wildlife proof containers and make sure to lock up your dumpsters. The Town will be vigorously enforcing code provisions requiring garbage to be kept in wildlife proof containers and requiring those containers to be properly secured. The Town is scheduling our annual clean-up day on May 14th. We will have dumpsters at the GLC parking lot and will take trash collected from public property at Town Hall. We are not accepting any hazardous materials, medicine, or appliances. We look forward to everyone's helping to make our Town look great.

The Town will celebrate Memorial Day on May 30th with our traditional Memorial Day parade at 10:00 AM followed by the outdoor ceremony at Town Park. Please contact the Chamber of Commerce if you want to participate in the parade. If you have not been pre-approved, you will not be allowed to march in the parade. The Fourth of July is on a Monday this year. At this time, the Town is still planning on having fireworks over the lake; however, we will be keeping a close eye on fire conditions as we approach the date. The Town will be addressing the use of STR's in multi-family dwellings at the next meeting. We are planning on having a larger discussion (and listening session) about STR's at our June 13th workshop. It is road repair season again. The Town will be repairing the road across Rainbow Bridge and Jericho Road south of the bridge in the next week. Please be patient and safe around our highway workers.

Public Works has hired a new staff member, Daniel Hamm. Daniel has been a long-time resident of Grand County and we are really looking forward to working with him and utilizing his skills to help make our Town better. If you see Daniel out and about, make sure to welcome him to the team. Even with our new hire, the Town is still looking to bring on another Public Works member, as well as continuing to look for summer marina workers. If you know of anyone interested in either of these positions, please have them reach out to Town staff. We've seen a lot of progress on Grand Avenue as we approach the end of the Main Street Open for Business grant's timeline. We are still on schedule to get everything done before the big crowds of summer hit. As an added bonus, the Town has seen several other Grand Avenue businesses that are not part of the MSOB grant re-investing in their buildings. It is nice to see the pride that all these

businesses are showing in Grand Lake! Let's hope that everyone has a prosperous summer.

The Grand Lake Creative District is stepping up big time. They plan on getting the Community House finished this fall. They have started the Rocky Mountain Folk School and are receiving stupendous interest in their first offering. The plans for the Pitkin House Pottery Studio are ahead of schedule, and the Town Park Marquee are rapidly moving ahead. The whole Town owes a big debt of gratitude to the members of the Creative District. The next meeting will be held on May 23rd, 2022.

**UNSCHEDULED
PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mayor has announced this time is reserved for members of the Public to make a presentation to the Board on items or issues that are not scheduled on the agenda. The Board will not discuss or debate these items, nor will the Board make any decisions on items presented during this time. Rather, the Board will refer the items to Staff for follow up. If a member of the public wishes to comment regarding items on the agenda, time will be allocated at the beginning of each non-quasi-judicial item. For items of a quasi-judicial nature, time will be allocated during the public hearing for the item. Time limited for public comments is 3 minutes.

Mindy Nelson – 1398 County Road 466

John just mentioned that staffing was at a minimum last week. I came here on Thursday at 2 PM, I rang the bell, there was nobody here. I came back at 4 PM, Jenn was here at that point in time and so I could submit what I needed to submit, but I did not get taken care of what needed to be taken care of. I stopped back in on Friday just to kind of see who was around, one person was around at that point in time. My time is valuable, I don't have time to run back and forth to a municipality that I feel should be open for business during business hours.

I then started asking around to other people who I know have to come in on a regular basis and I got a response that says: It hasn't been right since COVID. I was just standing in front of that building two days ago at 4:10 PM with other people and the door was locked, no one was there, and folks are pissed. It happens often. I also have heard, and this is just hearsay I don't know for a fact, but I would like you guys to check into it, that the majority of the employees here have secondary offices in their home because they work remotely at least two days a week, every single week. So, with seven employees in this office, to only have one that's here. Granted people are sick, but it feels like this has been going on since COVID.

The staff has not returned back to a normal shift and a normal way of doing business here. Everyone else has, I know COVID is not over, but we are ramping up now for summer and as a business owner I need to be able to come to Town Hall and do business. So, that's all I have to say.

Emily Hagen – Grand Lake Chamber of Commerce

I am the Executive Director of the Grand Lake Chamber of Commerce. I haven't met everyone here, so I just wanted to come up during the public comments and introduce myself and say hi. I also wanted to invite the Town Board and Staff to an open house at the visitor's center that we are hosting on May 24th from 5 to 7 PM. I want to show you guys what we have done to the building. We are wrapping up the basement remodel. I

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will be installing new carpet myself later this week so don't look at it too closely. We want to show you guys our new meeting space and what we have done with the upstairs, we've reorganized things. We also put in a condensed version of the Troublesome Stories exhibit in the main floor of the visitor's center, just because why not. People still want to see it and we are there everyday anyway so I would love to show you guys. I will follow up with an email just so that there is something in writing. I will be doing a group update at 6 and Mountain Market will be providing some charcuterie and we will have some wine and some other things.

We have just worked really hard on the building over the last twelve months, and I would like to get people up there before the busy season starts. And of course, open invitation to you all. Any time you guys want me to come and do a marketing update or anything during one of your meetings I would be happy to come and fill you in on what we are doing.

MEETING MINUTES:

Consideration to approve the Meeting Minutes dated April 11, 2022

Trustee Arntson made a motion to approve the meeting minutes dated April 11, 2022. Mayor Pro-Tem Bjorkman seconded the motion. Town Clerk Thompson called the vote:

Mayor Kudron	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Bjorkman	Aye
Trustee Bergquist	Aye
Trustee Arntson	Aye
Trustee Strachan	Aye
Trustee Packer	Aye
Trustee Sobon	Aye

Consideration to approve Meeting Minutes dated April 25, 2022

Trustee Arntson made a motion to approve the meeting minutes dated April 11, 2022. Mayor Pro-Tem Bjorkman seconded the motion. Town Clerk Thompson called the vote:

Mayor Kudron	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Bjorkman	Aye
Trustee Bergquist	Aye
Trustee Arntson	Aye
Trustee Strachan	Aye
Trustee Packer	Aye
Trustee Sobon	Aye

FINANCIAL REVIEW:

Consideration to approve Accounts Payable for May 2022

Mayor Pro-Tem Bjorkman made a motion to approve Accounts Payable for May 2022. Trustee Sobon seconded the motion. Town Clerk Thompson called the vote:

Mayor Kudron	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Bjorkman	Aye
Trustee Bergquist	Aye
Trustee Arntson	Aye
Trustee Strachan	Aye

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Trustee Packer Aye
Trustee Sobon Aye

QUASI-JUDICIAL:

Consideration of a Special Event Liquor Permit for the Grand Arts Council 6th Annual Comedy Night In The House

Trustee Bergquist made a motion to approve the Special Event Liquor Permit Application from the Grand Arts Council, as presented. Trustee Sobon seconded the motion. Town Clerk Thompson called the vote:

Mayor Kudron Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Bjorkman Aye
Trustee Bergquist Aye
Trustee Arntson Aye
Trustee Strachan Aye
Trustee Packer Aye
Trustee Sobon Aye

Consideration of a Special Event Liquor Permit for the Grand Lake Area Chamber of Commerce 42nd Annual Chili Cookoff at Town Park

Mayor Pro-Tem Bjorkman made a motion to approve the Special Event Liquor Permit Application from the Grand Lake Area Chamber of Commerce, as presented. Trustee Bergquist seconded the motion. Town Clerk Thompson called the vote:

Mayor Kudron Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Bjorkman Aye
Trustee Bergquist Aye
Trustee Arntson Aye
Trustee Strachan Aye
Trustee Packer Aye
Trustee Sobon Aye

NEW BUSINESS:

Consideration to approve Resolution 17-2022, a Resolution approving a Supplemental Budget for FY 2021

Trustee Arntson made a motion to approve Resolution 17-2022, as presented. Mayor Pro-Tem seconded the motion. Town Clerk Thompson called the vote:

Mayor Kudron Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Bjorkman Aye
Trustee Bergquist Aye
Trustee Arntson Aye
Trustee Strachan Aye
Trustee Packer Aye
Trustee Sobon Aye

Consideration to approve Resolution 16-2022, a Resolution approving an early payoff of leases for 2018 John Deere Grader and 2015 John Deere Loader

Trustee Packer made a motion to approve Resolution 16-2022, as presented. Trustee Bergquist seconded the motion. Town Clerk Thompson called the vote:

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Mayor Kudron	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Bjorkman	Aye
Trustee Bergquist	Aye
Trustee Arntson	Aye
Trustee Strachan	Aye
Trustee Packer	Aye
Trustee Sobon	Aye

Consideration to approve Ordinance 06-2022, and Ordinance updating the Grand Lake Municipal Code 6-2-9 to include EV Charging Stations

Mayor Pro-Tem Bjorkman made a motion to approve Ordinance 06-2022, updating the Grand Lake Municipal Code 6-2-9, and to include (ATM's) Automated Teller Machines. Trustee Packer seconded the motion. Town Clerk Thompson called the vote:

Mayor Kudron	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Bjorkman	Aye
Trustee Bergquist	Aye
Trustee Arntson	Aye
Trustee Strachan	Aye
Trustee Packer	Aye
Trustee Sobon	Aye

Consideration to Appoint Trustee Bergquist to the Planning Commission

Trustee Arntson made a motion to appoint Trustee Bergquist to the Planning Commission. Trustee Sobon seconded the motion. Town Clerk Thompson called the vote:

Mayor Kudron	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Bjorkman	Aye
Trustee Bergquist	Aye
Trustee Arntson	Aye
Trustee Strachan	Aye
Trustee Packer	Aye
Trustee Sobon	Aye

MAYORS REPORT:

I've been gone for a couple of weeks. I had a chance to see a lot of little Towns throughout America. I still think that Grand Lake is still the best place on earth. There are some really neat and special things that you can see and experience. There is something different here. That gave me a lot of energy, it helped to renew my faith that all the work that we are doing is for the right reason because it's for the people and our future. As a board over the next few months, we are going to have to start making actionable decisions. There is stuff that needs to be done. The way the process works is that we think through the ideas, we have our staff that helps percolate those ideas and we find out if they are viable. We have to figure out how to pay for them. Then we have to just do it.

In my short span in politics, that is one of the things that's been the most challenging, to understand why politics doesn't work like business and how the adaptability is able to

be done and I think some of that is in the way that we must do things. In order to get things done, I believe that we must start out acting with our planning and start talking about it so we can do something. To that end, we are going to start looking at a schedule of important topics that I'm not going to provide a lot of direction because I want that to come from all of us. I want those ideas to be percolated from the people that you know and from our community and our hearts. Our first one is going to be the finances because you're already in the position that you're being asked to make important decisions. When we go through this audit, do me a favor and look at our budget this past year and see what that's all about. It's not big by municipal standards, but it's not small either. It's bigger than any of our businesses. It's an operation that I think runs very efficiently with 25 people. When you think of our elected and our staff that is what we have, and a handful of volunteers that we could not do it without.

So, the first thing we are going to talk about is finances. The next meeting, we are going to talk about, and John talked about this, is that our June 13th meeting is going to be on Short Term Rentals. We have had a lot of discussion about this in the community. I think it's time for us to take those next steps. What does that look like for the future of Grand Lake. All of us have knowledge that there's economic benefit from more people staying here, but at what cost. We must decide how much is too much and how little is too little and what works best for the Town of Grand Lake. The leaders before us in Grand Lake took a stab at it before anybody else did. In the late 80's, early 90's Grand Lake was one of the first Towns to come up with Short Term Rental licensing requirements in the state of Colorado. I think that is something that's important. We owe it not only to the people who are living in their homes now, but the people that are buying their homes and what they are going to be allowed to do and what they will not be allowed to do.

I think some changes are going to happen. It will not be the same. After that we are going to have our attorney come in at both meetings in June to discuss short term rentals and ethics and the steps as leaders and legislators, what are the steps, how can you share information in a way that's not only informative but also keeps you from getting into trouble. You're in a position now that some people like to find trouble with elected leaders so don't take it personal, it is what it is. After that, I want to talk about housing. We all know that we have a housing problem. We need seasonal housing, we need worker housing, we need affordable housing, we need long term housing, and we need more land to build them. We've acquired as much land as I think is possible. It's now time for us to decide how to use it and how to move forward with that.

The last thing that I want to talk about before we start talking about our budget items, is our lands and our stewardship as we were talking about with the wildfire council. As you heard about some of the different groups and committees our interactions with the Forest Service have impacts. Our interaction with reclamation has impacts on our Town and our economy and our viability. How we work with our land and our stewardship and what do we as leaders want that future to look like. We can put a mark on this now, it's part of the reason that our lands plan is coming together. We have lands and we should start deciding what we do with it instead of leaving it out there for somebody to offer the Town way more money that we can't say no to. That is possible these days and I never thought that could happen, but it does.

Then we get to start talking about our budget. So now we are in the first meeting of August and we're going to be building a budget that we are going to have a sense of how our sales taxes are doing from year to year to see are we truly growing as we thought we were or was it just COVID, was it just people coming up to support us after the fire. How do we do that? How do we spend the money? Hopefully we will have been able to get some prioritization of the items that I just talked about through our meetings. Then we decide that we must spend some money here or spend a lot of money there, or we can't spend this money right now because we must preserve it for something else. Our staff is going to work to bring that before you. It will generate questions by our public and they are going to ask you for answers, and you won't have them all. That's the way, and keep asking staff, don't be afraid to ask John questions about what this means.

John is our CEO, that is his role. He is supposed to know everything. He is also supposed to be able to direct you to the right person who knows everything else. That's why the rest of our Staff should not have to hear from you until after John has had a chance to say I don't know but you can talk to Jenn about that. I want you to use John, that's how we can get those answers. Much the same for those of you who interacted with staff on Thursday when Mindy was unhappy with the way that she engaged with staff at the office. That is a reasonable objection that she has, and we must find a way to do better. That is a problem that our staff has and as a Board we can share that with our staff that we don't want to see happen again. These are issues that have some good solutions that are pretty easy.

FUTURE ITEMS & STAFF DIRECTION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Pro-Tem Bjorkman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Strachan seconded the motion. Town Clerk Thompson called the vote:

Mayor Kudron	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Bjorkman	Aye
Trustee Bergquist	Aye
Trustee Arntson	Aye
Trustee Strachan	Aye
Trustee Packer	Aye
Trustee Sobon	Aye

This meeting of the Board of Trustees was adjourned at 7:40 PM.



Jennifer Thompson
Jennifer Thompson, Town Clerk

Steve Kudron
Steve Kudron, Mayor