

**New Castle Town Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, January 03, 2023, 7:00 PM**

Call to Order

Mayor A Riddile called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present	Councilor Mariscal Councilor Carey Councilor Hazelton Mayor A Riddile Councilor Copeland Councilor Leland Councilor G Riddile
Absent	None

Also present at the meeting were Town Administrator Dave Reynolds, Town Clerk Melody Harrison and Town Treasurer Loni Burk and members of the public.

Meeting Notice

Town Clerk Melody Harrison verified that her office gave notice of the meeting in accordance with Resolution TC 2022-1.

Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest.

Agenda Changes

There were no agenda changes.

Citizen Comments on Items not on the Agenda

There were no citizen comments.

Consultant Reports

Consultant Attorney – not present.

Consultant Engineer – not present.

Items for Consideration

Update: The River Center

Heather Paulson, Executive Director of the River Center. Director Paulson greeted the council and thanked them for their support in 2022.

Director Paulson told the council that the River Center had finally gone back to serving only New Castle and Silt which had been nice for the staff and volunteers. Director Paulson reviewed everything the Center had done for the community in 2022 which included the number of households that were assisted, classes that had been offered, the community garden, purchase of their building and modification thereof, food and utility bill assistance, partnering with RE-2 school district, Meal Monkey, Totes of Hope, Senior Lunch, Volunteer New Castle, Angel Tree and much more. Director Paulson told the council that the big fundraiser for the year will be an adult prom that will be held at Red Barn Guest Ranch. The council thanked Director Paulson for everything the River Center did for the community.

Recess the Town Council Meeting, Convene as the Local Liquor Licensing Authority
MOTION: Councilor Hazelton made a motion to recess the town council meeting and to convene as the local liquor licensing authority. Councilor G Riddile seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Consider a Special Events Liquor License Application for the Town of New Castle for the 'Bad Art Night' Event on January 14, 2023

Clerk Harrison told the council that the Special Events office had applied for a liquor license for the event 'Bad Art Night' that will be held on January 14, 2023. She said that the license had been applied for in early December, was complete and the staff managing the alcohol service was Serv-Safe certified.

MOTION: Councilor G Riddile made a motion to approve a Special Events Liquor License Application for the Town of New Castle for the 'Bad Art Night' Event on January 14, 2023. Councilor Carey seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Adjourn the Local Liquor Licensing Authority, Reconvene the Town Council Meeting
MOTION: Councilor Hazelton made a motion to adjourn the local liquor licensing authority and to reconvene the town council meeting. Councilor Mariscal seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Consider Resolution TC 2023-1 - A Resolution of the New Castle Town Council Designating Public Notice Posting Places

Clerk Harrison explained that the resolution was done annually as required by the state to designate public notice posting places in town.

MOTION: Mayor A Riddile made a motion to approve Resolution TC 2023-1, A Resolution of the New Castle Town Council Designating Public Notice Posting Places. Councilor Copeland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Consider Resolution TC 2023-2 - A Resolution if the Town Council of the Town of New Castle, Colorado, Waiving the Requirement for Posting of Bonds by Certain Town Officers

Clerk Harrison told the council that the resolution was to waive the town municipal code requirement that certain employees post bonds because the town's insurance carrier, CIRSA, provided coverage for employee fraud.

MOTION: Councilor G Riddile made a motion to approve Resolution TC 2023-2, A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of New Castle, Colorado, Waiving the Requirement for Posting of Bonds by Certain Town Officers. Councilor Mariscal seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Consider Resolution TC 2023-3 - a Resolution of the New Castle Town Council Approving a Memorandum of Understanding with Garfield County Senior Programs

Clerk Harrison told the council that the town passed a resolution every year to approve the MOU with Garfield County Senior Programs. She also noted that the budget provided for more than enough for congregate meals, and that there were no charges to the town for the Traveler because New Castle was a member of RFTA.

MOTION: Councilor G Riddile made a motion to approve Resolution Tc 2023-3, a Resolution of the New Castle Town Council Approving a Memorandum of Understanding with Garfield County Senior Programs. Councilor Mariscal seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda.

November 1, 2022 minutes

November 15, 2022 minutes

December Bills of \$680,444.54

MOTION: Mayor A Riddile made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilor Hazelton seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Staff Reports

Town Administrator – Administrator Reynolds told the council that the ice rink was open, but it was difficult to maintain. Administrator Reynolds said that snow plowing was going okay, but there were a number of PW employees that were out sick and that made plowing difficult. Administrator Reynolds told the council that the police department had applied for the Small Rural and Tribal Council grant asking for \$24k for body cameras. Administrator Reynolds said that the Capital Committee would be meeting in January. Administrator Reynolds said that the broadband project where there was grant money available from DOLA that will build carrier-neutral locations, which were basically sheds. In New Castle, he said that will be located next to Shibui. He said that will take place in summer 2023 and that he will be attending a workshop for potential providers for that carrier-neutral location. Administrator Reynolds said that the snowman contest was up and running. Administrator Reynolds said that he had gotten another report of rocks that had fallen off Mt. Medaris, but there had been no property damage. He said that staff will go take a look at it. Administrator Reynolds said that the Middle Colorado Watershed Director, Paula Stepp, was working with all the towns on a fire mitigation grant the council was pursuing. Administrator Reynolds said that he would be out on Thursday and Friday but will be in town if anyone needed to get hold of him. Administrator Reynolds said there

were thank you notes from recipients of outgoing grants. Administrator Reynolds said that staff had gotten good feedback about the messages on the message board on Castle Valley Boulevard.

Town Clerk – Clerk Harrison told the council that her first meeting with the liquor enforcement committee was scheduled will be on January 11, 2023. Clerk Harrison said that there were some new liquor laws that had been approved by the voters, the primary one being that all off-premises fermented malt beverage licenses will be updated to include wine, so places such as City Market can begin selling wine beginning March 1, 2023. Clerk Harrison said that there was another meeting she or her office will attend regarding the new state law that approved the use of psilocybin or 'magic mushrooms'. Clerk Harrison told the council that her office was busy closing out 2022 for utility billing, and that her first training on doing utility billing would be in March. Clerk Harrison said that County Clerk Jean Alberico was retiring after forty years and that her office will attend the retirement party to honor Jean because she has been a great mentor and help to the municipal clerks.

Town Treasurer – Treasurer Burk said that finance was busy with year-end as well as opening 2023. Treasurer Burk said that Assistant Treasurer Viktoriya Ehlers was working on W-2s and I-9s and will begin more involvement with treasurer training.

Town Planner – not present.

Public Works Director – not present.

Commission Reports

Planning & Zoning Commission – nothing to report.

Historic Preservation Commission – nothing to report.

Climate and Environment Commission -nothing to report.

Senior Program – nothing to report.

RFTA – nothing to report.

AGNC – nothing to report.

GCE – nothing to report.

EAB – nothing to report.

Council Comments

Councilor Leland said that New Castle Liquors had placed a donation jar on their counter and collected \$120.00 for the dog park.

Councilor Leland said that Channel 9 had done a story about wildfire, and he told the council that he felt it might be a good idea to consider a year-round fire ban because winter wildfires could happen.

Councilor Mariscal said that she would not be at the next meeting.

Councilor Carey had spoken to CPW manager Kirk Oldham regarding bears and hopefully he can get some education and information out before the bears come out of hibernation.

Councilor Carey said that she had been speaking with Councilor Leland about fire mitigation and she asked about the status of the town evacuation plan. Administrator Reynolds said that staff's next meeting with the fire department the following week.

Councilor Carey said that the next part of the fire issues is updating fire mitigation for homes and new builds.


Councilor Hazelton complimented Councilor Carey regarding her bear meeting.

Councilor G Riddile said that public works staff was doing great on snow plowing. Mayor A Riddile said that Coal Ridge CoEd Cheer had won the state championship for the fifth time and he asked about a proclamation. Administrator Reynolds said that staff was working on getting them to a council meeting. Mayor A Riddile reminded the council that they will have their joint meeting with the Board of County Commissioners on February 7 and the council should be thinking about topics for that agenda.

MOTION: Mayor A Riddile made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Carey seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mayor A Riddile



Town Clerk Melody Harrison, CMC

