

MINUTES

DOLORS COLORADO

TOWN BOARD OF TRUSTEES

OCTOBER 26TH, 2020 6:30 P.M.

DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, THE MEETING WAS HELD VIRTUALLY AND RECORDED.

1. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Wheelus called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL: Board Members present; Mayor Chad Wheelus, Trustees Melisa Watters, Sheila Wheeler, Andy Lewis, Jennifer Stark, Duvall “Val” Truelsen, and Tracy Murphy.

3.1 Staff Present: Manager Interim Ken Charles, Clerk Ann Swope, Treasurer Tricia Gibson, and Public Works Director Randy McGuire. Town Clerk Tammy Neely and Building Official David Douady were absent.

4. IDENTIFICATION OF ACTUAL OR PERCEIVED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: None stated or given

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: *Trustee Murphy motioned to approve the Agenda for October 26th , 2020, seconded by Trustee Truelsen. Motion carried unanimously.*

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (5 minutes only): Citizens may comment at this time or during a Public Hearing ONLY.

7. STAFF/PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

7.1 Presentation: Treasurer Gibson introduced Monique DiGorgio Executive Director for Local First Foundation. Which is an advocate for health insurance on a local level. She explained that the program known as the Southwest Health Alliance is similar to Colorado’s Peak Program. Four Counties would be onboard, Laplata, San Juan, Dolores, and Montezuma. Based on the 2020 Census, all four counties could benefit from the program. .So anybody living in the four counties any business or individual can take part in this low cost program. The goal for the program would be to get as many health care

practitioners on board. She went on to say that there are volunteers waiting to discuss the program in full.

7.2 Manager Ken Charles informed the Board that there was one employee that tested positive for the Corona Virus. Safety procedures will be implemented. Manager Charles stated per the County Health Dept. "At this point, we're being advised not to take any tests until a little bit later in the week, because it takes a sort of time to front load". The KaBoom Project for the toddler playground was delayed one day. Kaboom will start this week; there will be no assistance in the build from the Town per their request. Manager Charles presented Action Item 7.2 for discussion and possible approval. This Action is concerning awarding the Bid for the Town of Dolores Solar Project. Two bids were submitted: Shaw Solar with \$392,806 and Safe Solar Power with \$360,063. Shaw Solar was a higher bid but, Shaw meets the 75 miles radius, and Safe Solar did not. Also Shaw solar has a good working relationship with Empire Electric. The bid also included a charging station for Electric Powered Vehicles. Shaw has a warranty of 5 years on the entire system. If the Shaw bid is accepted the Town agrees to a contract for \$392,806. The Town has received a DOLA grant for \$294,604 and is responsible for the remaining \$98,292. An estimated \$20,502 will be the first year savings. *Trustee Truelsen moved to approve, accept, and sign the contract, with Manager Charles signing it, seconded by Trustee Murphy. Motion carried unanimously. A Notice of Award was approved and signed.* Manager Charles discussed the current water project; the highway crossings are complete and will be ready for testing. This will cause some water interruptions for approximately 3 to 4 hours. The home owners and businesses will be informed 48 hours before shut off.

7.3 Attorney Jon Kelly discussed the Harris property boundary line to the North in particular. Attorney Kelly discussed some of the layout of the land and boundaries. Attorney Kelly stated that they were very close to closing and wanted to inform the Board of any possible problems. The land was surveyed. It was agreed to proceed with closing.

7.4 Discussion and possible decision on 2021 Budget Proposal: Treasurer Tricia Gibson presented probable items to be discussed by the Board, 2021 Capital Improvements Budget, the Sales tax Revenue Report, and amending the Budget per statutory budget changes (CRS 29-1-109).. She also discussed the possibility of cost of living raises (COLA) for Town employees. COLA will be a 4% increase, to bring most of the employees up to the basic rate statewide. The majority of the Board was for the COLA of 4%. The support for the Dolores Chamber of Commerce was discussed. Monies in the amount of \$5200 would be appropriated for the Chamber and Southwest Health Alliance. There was some discussion about the

amount of distribution and how, from the Board. It should not be the concern of the Board on how the Chamber uses the funds, Mayor Wheelus stated. There will be more discussion on the distribution amount of funds for the Chamber and Southwest Health Alliance in future meetings. The Treasurer also discussed the possibility of a Resolution to Supplement Budget and Appropriating Additional Sums of Money to Defray Expenses in Excess of Amounts Budgeted (Pursuant to Section 29-1-109 CRS). Manager Charles covered the proposed chip and seal project for the streets. Manager estimated from approximately \$100,000 to chip and seal. He also brought up possibly using mag-Chloride to bring the dust problem down. It would be much cheaper as the cost \$3000 to \$4000. This will be left f in as a budget line item. Trustee Murphy inquired about additional Bear proof trash containers. For Riverside Park and River Trail. Some monetary matters were mentioned for the Parks Committee. The Master Plan for Parks was brought up. The Mayor was for it and requested to have an Ordinance or Resolution in place. Trustee Watters mentioned the weed problems. She envisioned that the Master Plan as well as Parks could play a part in both.

7.5 Discussion and Possible Action: Concerning adding set asides of Marijuana derived tax revenue for specific purposes. With the Town in the development stage of adopting a licensing Ordinance for Marijuana businesses beginning 2021. The funds accrued from revenue and several resources 3.5% Town Sales tax, 5% collected by the State of Colorado, and a \$3.00 Transaction Fee. Trustees were asked to complete a short survey to determine the level of interest in set asides. Six Trustees responded giving it a 3-3 split between wanting set asides added to the ordinance and those wanting to wait a year earmarking the funds in the normal budgeting process. Trustee Watters commented that there should be more time to think about it, Trustee Murphy agreed as well. Some Trustees were not fond of the idea. After much discussion the Board agreed to the set aside proposal for 2021.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS; none were scheduled

9. INTRODUCTIONS OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

9.1 Ordinance #546 Series 2020: An Ordinance amending Chapter 5.16 of the Dolores Municipal Code concerning the licensing of Medical Marijuana Centers and Emergency Ordinance #540 Series-2019 Prohibiting Marijuana Business and enacting a comprehensive ordinance for the regulation and taxation of all medical and recreational marijuana establishments in the Town of Dolores including sales, cultivation, manufacturing, and testing businesses. Attorney Kelly reviewed with the Board the changes made to the Ordinance, and asked the Board to do the same. There were no requests by the Board to

change. The Mayor gave Attorney Kelly permission to proceed. *Trustee Truelsen moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance #546 Series 2020, seconded by Trustee Murphy. Motion carried unanimously.*

10. ADMINISTRATIVE:

11. COUNCIL REPORTS/ACTIONS: Each Trustee is provided an opportunity to report meetings recently attended and to discuss topics not otherwise appearing on the Agenda.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Val Truelsen

Town Clerk Tammy Neely