

I) CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

Mayor Owens called the meeting of July 23, 2024, to order at 7:00pm. The following members answered roll call: Steve Gerard, Marika Page, Jay Beckerman, Carol Saade, Todd Rankin, Carol Saade, Dick Carleton and Mayor Kelly Owens.

II) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES – July 9, 2024

With no changes or corrections to the meeting minutes of July 9, 2024, Mayor Owens declared they would stand approved as presented.

III) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Town Manager Haynes stated there were no changes to the agenda. The agenda was approved as presented.

IV) COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL

A) PUBLIC COMMENT (NON-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY; 3-MINUTE TIME LIMIT PLEASE)

Mayor Owens opened Public Comment.

Wayne Haley, a resident of Summit Cove, stated the County has a large aging population and the County's goal is to allow people to age in place. He stated he would like to continue to recreate here and he needs access to an e-mountain bike. He further stated he prefers to ride trails and not motorbike trails, which he considers a safety concern. He stated part of the solution is to allow e-mountain bike access on Town of Breckenridge trails. He further stated he met with County Open Space Department to bring the issue forward to OSAC, and we would like the Town to bring this issue forward to BOSAC as well.

Tom Liston, from Silverthorne, stated he is a mountain biker and he has aged out so he can no longer make it up the hills without an e-bike. He stated he has been working on trails for over 15 years as a volunteer, and he would like to be able to use them. He further stated the Town should be able to address concerns with mountain bikers and the USFS is considering it, and the primary resistance is OSAC and BOSAC. He stated he would like the opportunity to meet with both groups to address this.

Mindy Armstrong, a Breckenridge resident, stated the water restrictions are new to the Town, and she is a landscape contractor with properties around the County. She further stated there is nothing noted about flower gardens and baskets watering, which tend to dry out quickly. She stated she would like the policy to include the Town's flowers, including the baskets on Main Street. She also stated an officer visited her clients on Main Street last week and threatened to turn off their water if they didn't follow the new restrictions.

Dave Miller, Executive Director of Mountain Top Explorium, stated he is here to give updates on current programs. He reviewed the values of the Explorium, and stated they have been focused on childcare programs, including an expanded afterschool program. He also stated they are offering reduced-cost childcare programs, and the summer break program serves more than 100 local residents, which they hope to expand in the future. He also stated the museum is offering free access to different groups.

Carol Rockne, a Breckenridge resident, stated they had Norwegians visiting and they were impressed by Breckenridge but were shocked that Fluoride was included in the water, while it is outlawed in more than 98% of Europe. She stated she was concerned about fluoride in the water and would like Council to revisit the decision to add it.

With no additional comments Mayor Owens closed public comment. She stated the BOSAC meetings are open to the public. Mayor Owens stated hand-watering and drip systems are not part of the current restrictions for water use. She also thanked Miller for his work at the Explorium.

B) BRECKENRIDGE TOURISM OFFICE UPDATE

Lucy Kay, Director of the Breckenridge Tourism Office, stated lodging numbers are running down about 17% year-to-date, but Average Daily Rate is up. She stated most of

our competitive set is down similar to us, although travel is up overall. She stated the BTO is testing new creative, and changing media to more drive-market focus for now. Kay stated people seem mostly okay with the drop in overnight visitors, and the BTO will be discussing with the Board what the goal should be moving forward, and if this is enough. She also stated for 2025 the BTO will be changing its marketing strategy. Kay stated they will use the CAST survey and compare it to the BTO resident sentiment survey. She also stated the Oktoberfest volunteer site just opened for that event.

V) CONTINUED BUSINESS

A) SECOND READING OF COUNCIL BILLS, SERIES 2024

1) COUNCIL BILL NO. 19, SERIES 2024 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF BRECKENRIDGE SETTING FORTH THE ANNUAL SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024

Mayor Owens read the title into the minutes. Tracey Lambert, Senior Account, stated there were no changes to this ordinance from first reading.

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

Council Member Rankin moved to approve COUNCIL BILL NO. 19, SERIES 2024 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF BRECKENRIDGE SETTING FORTH THE ANNUAL SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024. Council Member Gerard seconded the motion.

The motion passed 7-0.

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VI) NEW BUSINESS

A) FIRST READING OF COUNCIL BILLS, SERIES 2024

B) RESOLUTIONS, SERIES 2024

C) OTHER

VII) PLANNING MATTERS

A) PLANNING COMMISSION DECISIONS

Mayor Owens declared the Planning Commission Decisions would stand approved as presented.

VIII) REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER AND STAFF

Town Manager Haynes stated the Town has been discussing with Xcel to put a Natural Gas Injection Site on the old DNR property, with an agreement for one year. She asked if Council was okay with that shorter agreement. Deputy Town Manager Scott Reid stated the Town has not revegetated that parcel yet. Council Member Page asked about reaching out to the neighbors of the site. Town Manager Haynes stated they still a long-term plan, and we are not sure what they would need from the Town in the future. Council agreed to a one-year agreement with Xcel for the purpose of a Natural Gas Injection Site.

IX) REPORT OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

A. CAST/MMC

Mayor Owens stated the Town is partnering with the County on a countywide hazard plan. She also stated there was a presentation from Treetop Child Advocacy Center, and it's important we continue to fund that center. Town Manager Haynes stated they were close to having to shut down, and with the help of Dave Byrd, Finance Director, they have turned it around.

B. BRECKENRIDGE OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMISSION

Council Member Beckerman stated the meeting on July 15th started with a site visit to Toad Alley and looked at the new trail alignment. He also stated they discussed passive water treatment at Wellington Oro Plant, and they talked about the upcoming signage plan. He also stated they had the opportunity to draw in ideal trail connections on a map and have a discussion around those.

C. BRECKENRIDGE TOURISM OFFICE

No update.

D. BRECKENRIDGE HISTORY

Council Member Rankin stated the meeting discussed updated capital plans, and they discussed reimagining the Welcome Center for future renovation, as well as prioritizing historic sites.

E. BRECKENRIDGE CREATIVE ARTS

Council Member Gerard emphasized that the July 4th crowds seemed to leave around 2pm. Mayor Owens stated she enjoyed the culinary fundraiser and it was a successful event.

F. CML ADVISORY BOARD UPDATE

No update.

G. SOCIAL EQUITY ADVISORY COMMISSION

Council Member Carleton stated the Commission worked on the Equity Lens, and they are planning to meet with the Mayor and host a bilingual hike with BCA. He also stated there was a report about the 10 Mile Pride event, which included significant media presence and a 5-year strategic plan. He also stated the Indigenous Land Acknowledgement is still being refined. Mayor Owens acknowledged the work of Flor Cruz, Bilingual Community Outreach and Engagement Liaison, in her role.

H. ARTS AND CULTURAL MASTER PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE

Council Member Beckerman thanked Julia Puester for facilitating meetings while on vacation and stated staff should be able to announce who the contract was awarded to shortly.

X) OTHER MATTERS

Council Member Rankin stated the School District has been working on a Tiny House and he would like to see if the Town could find some property to place tiny homes built by students.

Mayor Owens stated Aubrey Ciol, Grants Administrator, has gotten the Town \$3 million in grants recently, which is a huge success. Town Manager Haynes stated Ciol is doing a good job coordinating people in different divisions to get these grants.

Mayor Owens stated Council got an email about a disc golf course, and she wanted to know how people felt about it. Mayor Owens suggested they revisit this idea in the future.

XI) SCHEDULED MEETINGS

A) SCHEDULED MEETINGS FOR JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

XII) ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm. Submitted by Helen Cospolich, CMC, Town Clerk.

ATTEST:

Helen Cospolich, CMC, Town Clerk

Kelly Owens, Mayor