

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Warner called the August 26, 2008 Town Council Meeting to order at 7:37 p.m. The following members answered roll call: Mr. Bergeron, Mr. Joyce, Ms. McAtamney, Mr. Mamula, Mr. Millisor, Mr. Rossi, and Mayor Warner.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 12, 2008 Regular Meeting

Hearing no changes, Mayor Warner declared the minutes were approved.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Town Manager. Tim Gagen, had no changes. A revised form of the skateboard ordinance was handed out.

COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL

A. Citizens Comment - (Non-Agenda Items ONLY; 3 minute limit please)

- 1.) Mike Raitman- Owns Art on a Whim- Had a petition signed by many business owners in Town Square mall. He read the petition which related to the way events are run in Town. They feel their section of Main Street is left out and that port-a-potties will be horrible for their business.
- 2.) Sally Crocker- responded to Mike's comments with several reasons why expanding the event site has not been done but they are looking at other options and are always willing to keep an open mind and consider businesses needs and concerns.
- 3) Steve Lapinsohn- Owns Main Street Outlet and North Face- This is the first year their block will be included in Oktoberfest.

B. Ambulance Service- Gary Green- RWB Fire Chief- The Council did receive a letter previous to the meeting. RWB is hoping to sit down with several entities to address the ambulance service concerns and needs. His letter addresses the concerns and looks towards a fire-based EMS system and enhancement of the level of ambulance service. The letter is attached to the end of these minutes along with a "Frequently Asked Questions" sheet that was handed out.

C. Additional Citizens Comment -

- 1.) Ed Downs- Spoke about the Entrada property. Feels that less than 5% of the people in Town know what is going to happen to that property. He has suggested that Town should buy the property from the developers. It would eliminate a lot of issues, such as favoritism to business owners. He suggests that in order to push this forward the Town sit down with the developer and purchase the property.
 - 2.) Rob Neyland- Spoke in regard to a letter that was sent to Council. Mayor Warner commented that they will talk about it under Other Matters. The letter is attached at the end of these minutes.
- D. BRC Director's Report- John McMahon- Asked Council what would be helpful to them. Mayor Warner welcomed him to Breckenridge. Mr. Mamula questioned whether it was necessary for him to come to every meeting. John suggested having him attend one meeting a month.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

A. SECOND READING OF COUNCIL BILLS, SERIES 2008 – PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Council Bill No.34, Series 2008- AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE GRANTING OF AN EASEMENT TO ROBIN G. THEOBALD

Mr. Berry explained that, as part of the upcoming closing of the Snake River land exchange, the Town is required to replace certain easements previously granted by the Federal government. This ordinance proposes to replace the current federal easement, connecting the Theobald property and Airport Road, with a Town easement. There were no changes from first reading.

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

Mr. Mamula moved to approve Council Bill No. 34, Series 2008 on second reading. Mr. Rossi made the second. Motion passed 7-0.

2. Council Bill No.35, Series 2008- AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY TO ROBIN G. THEOBALD

Also part of Snake River land exchange, Mr. Berry explained that the Town agreed to convey two small parcels of land to Mr. Theobald. In return, Mr. Theobald will abandon all rights to two mining claims that affect the Claimjumper parcel. There were no comments and the public hearing was closed.

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

Mr. Bergeron moved to approve Council Bill No. 35, Series 2008 on second reading. Mr. Mamula made the second. Motion passed 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

A. FIRST READING OF COUNCIL BILLS, SERIES 2008

1. Council Bill No.36, Series 2008- AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MODEL TRAFFIC CODE FOR COLORADO, 2003 EDITION, CONCERNING THE OPERATION OF SKATEBOARDS WITHIN THE TOWN OF BRECKENRIDGE

Tim Berry commented that the ordinance would amend the Model Traffic Code to allow for the operation of skateboards on public roadways. There were changes to the ordinance from the work session of which Tim pointed out. All Council members did receive a copy of the revised ordinance.

Ms. McAtamney moved to approve Council Bill No. 36, Series 2008 on first reading. Mr. Joyce made the second. Motion passed 6-1 with Mayor Warner objecting.

B. RESOLUTIONS, SERIES 2008

1. A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE SUMMIT COUNTY CITIZEN TEXT MESSAGING SHARED SYSTEM

Chief Holman commented that the resolution would allow the Town Manager to enter into an IGA with the other Towns, the County, the Fire Departments, and the School District for the purpose of contracting for and paying the costs for a Citizen Text Message Warning System (CTMWS) in Summit County.

Mr. Mamula moved to approve the Resolution, Series 2008. Ms. McAtamney made the second. Motion passed 7-0.

PLANNING MATTERS

• **Planning Commission Decisions of August 19, 2008**

With no requests for call up, Mayor Warner stated the Planning Commission decisions of the August 19, 2008 meeting would stand as presented.

• **Report of Planning Commission Liaison**

Eric Mamula commented that he didn't comment much on the 112 N. Main development. He felt the Commission did a great job. He commented that staff had him bring up the "Home Sizes policy". Builders in audience were not supportive. The Commission was.

REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER AND STAFF

Town Manager, Tim Gagen, commented that he did send an update on the Nordic Center lease to Council that they should get via email.

REPORT OF MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS

A. Report of Mayor (CAST/MMC)

Mayor Warner commented that they have a CAST meeting later this week. Mayor Warner asked if there were any topics they wanted him to bring up. Tim Gagen commented that they will probably talk about the economy. Mr. Millisor suggested possibly talking about the labor issue.

B. Open Space Advisory Commission (Mr. Rossi)

Mr. Rossi commented that most of the meeting details were covered in the Joint Meeting.

C. BRC (Mr. Bergeron)

Mr. Bergeron had nothing to report.

D. Summit Combined Housing Authority (Ms. McAtamney)

Ms. McAtamney commented that she has a meeting tomorrow and she will talk to Jenifer about our Annexation Policies.

E. Breckenridge Heritage Alliance (Mr. Joyce)

Mr. Joyce commented that they spent a good portion of the meeting talking about Engine #9.

F. Peak 6 Task Force (Mr. Rossi)

Mr. Rossi had nothing to report.

OTHER MATTERS

Mr. Bergeron commented that he got an email about the pocket park behind the Bunchman building and possibly naming it "Sons of Norway." All Council agreed it was a good idea.

Mr. Rossi commented that he wanted Council to know that Ed Downs, who commented on the Entrada property earlier, owns a storage unit as well so he has a vested financial interest. Mayor Warner commented that Kurt called him and they are supposed to talk tomorrow morning. Mr. Mamula commented that his frustration came when they did not get back with the Council and then he came in to the restaurant and he said they couldn't make it pencil.

Mayor Warner commented on Rob Neyland's idea to have snow sculptures throughout town on sidewalks. Breckenridge Associates will give the money for prizes, etc. They just want permission from the Town to do this on public property. This was done pretty frequently in the 80's. They would like to do it after the Tree Lighting and before the ISSC. The Council was in support of this.

Mayor commented on the Graffiti and Stickers around Town. Chief Holman commented that painting over it sends the message that it is not ok. Letting it go causes them to think they can keep doing it. There is a cost associated with having to paint everything. We need to get the businesses and the community involved. The Council agreed that something needs to be done and that educating the businesses was important. The hope is to get the community to step up and help us tackle this issue.

Mayor Warner asked Council if they were willing to head in the direction of prohibiting single use bags in Breckenridge.

Mayor Warner questioned what Council thought about giving the Planning Commission members a raise. The Council agreed that it was a good idea.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss the regular meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.
Submitted by Alison Kellermann, Administrative Services Manager.

ATTEST:

Mary Jean Loufek, CMC, Town Clerk

John Warner, Mayor

August 22, 2008

Mayor John Warner & Council
Town of Breckenridge
P.O. Box 168
Breckenridge, CO 80424

Dear Mayor Warner,

As you are aware, the Red, White and Blue Fire District (District) has sought to improve the level of emergency medical services for Breckenridge and the surrounding area for quite some time. Incidents involving sick and injured citizens and guests of our community represent well over 50% of the District's emergency responses. In November of 2007, the District applied to Summit County government (County) for an ambulance license to provide timely and comprehensive emergency medical services to the Upper Blue Valley. Former Mayor Blake and the Council, yourself included, expressed "...strong support..." for our ambulance license application in a letter drafted by Breckenridge Town Manager Tim Gagen. We are very grateful for your continued support along with that of others including the Town of Blue River, Emergency Physician Dr. Peter Vellman, St. Anthony's Flight for Life, and the Summit County Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board. The County currently licenses and manages the only ambulance service provider in the county.

The purpose of this correspondence is to advise you that the subject application remains in a pending status at this time. We have been advised by County staff that their evaluation of the potential impact of another licensed ambulance provider would likely exacerbate the current financially-troubled Summit County Ambulance Service and its ability to serve other parts of the county. The District clearly acknowledges that our enhancement of emergency medical services in the Upper Blue Valley will require service-delivery model modifications by the Summit County Ambulance Service. Given this fact, the District has agreed to keep our ambulance license application in a pending status to allow for discussion and possible collaboration in addressing the modifications previously noted. Such collaboration could possibly improve emergency medical services throughout the county. We intend to encourage a swift, sure and financially viable long-term solution to the growing emergency medical services needs of our community.

Again, we appreciate your continued support and will keep you apprised of further developments in this effort.

Respectfully ,

Gary L. Green
Fire Chief
RED, WHITE AND BLUE FIRE DISTRICT

Proposed Ambulance Services

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Historical Perspective

Since 1976, the Fire District has responded to all medical emergencies in the Breckenridge and Blue River area providing initial comfort and care to sick and injured patients. These citizens and guests then await transport to a clinic or hospital by Summit County Ambulance Service (SCAS). Limited ambulance resources and an increasing service demand countywide has resulted in unacceptable delays in patient transport.

Why is the Red, White & Blue Fire District requesting an ambulance service license?

The Fire District has submitted an application for ambulance services licensing to better utilize available Fire District emergency medical service (EMS) resources from three strategically located fire stations. This will result in a safer, more efficient and effective response of ambulances within the evolving countywide EMS system.

Why is it so important for the Fire District to operate its own ambulance service?

With the increasingly busy EMS system in Summit County and growing traffic congestion issues along Highway 9, having ambulances dedicated to the Breckenridge area would provide a more timely and consistent service, significantly increasing the safety and well-being of residents and guests in the Upper Blue Valley. Traumatic and medical emergencies represent the most frequent demand for services countywide.

Is the Fire District prepared to operate an ambulance service?

YES. The District already has two ambulances certified by the State of Colorado, as well as the necessary equipment and paramedics.

How will an ambulance license affect the care our patients receive?

A single agency or Fire District response will improve the medical care patients receive by providing a continuity of care. Currently, when firefighter/paramedics arrive on scene, they provide care to the patient until Summit County Ambulance Service arrives. The patient is then passed on and under the care of another paramedic during transport, and then transferred once again to clinic or hospital staff.

Research shows the greatest chance for errors in patient care exist during and after the transferring of patients. Remaining under the care of a dedicated firefighter/paramedic from the first call for help until arrival at the hospital ensures consistent, professional care. In addition, the Fire District receives training, oversight and medical direction from affiliates of St. Anthony Summit Medical Center and Centura Health, further enhancing the continuity of care.

Won't operating an ambulance service potentially keep firefighters from fighting fires?

NO. In fact, EMS calls now constitute over half of the Fire District's emergency responses and that number continues to increase each year. The Fire District adequately staffs to respond to a variety of other incidents as well, including fires, vehicle accidents and hazardous materials emergencies. The Fire District has been responding to medical emergencies for over 30 years.

How will this service be coordinated with the existing ambulance service?

The District plans to coordinate services primarily within the District boundaries while also supporting local and regional ambulance service needs as necessary and available. By adding additional ambulances to the system, resources will be more readily available throughout Summit County.

LETTER FROM ROB NEYLAND

Dear Jeffrey, and John, Jennifer, Rob, Dave, Peter, Eric, et al,

Almost 25 years ago I had a conversation on the street corner in front of Kingdom Photo with the town dentist (who later went on in his illustrious career to become Mayor of Breckenridge). Talking about the state of, and the future of our little town, he remarked to me something to the effect that we all have to carry part of the freight in putting Breckenridge on the map, each in our own way. That conversation had a profound and lasting effect on me because it was then I realized that snow sculpture was going to be my piece of the puzzle in making that happen.

One fateful January day in 1986 while we were working on our Ullr Fest “ice sculpture” in front of what is now Café Alpine, a man came up and said, “You guys are pretty good. Have you ever thought about going to the Nationals?” There’s Nationals?, we gasped. “Yes, and Internationals, with big competitions all over the world.” Our minds were blown. We never even guessed that there was a whole global culture of snow artists out there. We knew right then and there that we had to land that for Breckenridge.

Thus began a long journey for Carvin’ Marvin and the Snowflakes that took us to Milwaukee, to Quebec, to Sapporo Japan, to Helsinki Finland, and to Gorky Park in Moscow to establish the credibility of Breckenridge as a worthy snow art venue and gather a list of snow artists and sculptors. We pitched anybody and every organization that would sit still for it, including the Governor’s office. The rest is history. Almost 20 years later, ISSC is one of the signature events on Colorado’s winter calendar, and snowsculpture is indelibly associated with Breckenridge.

But along the way, something precious was lost. Ramping up meant a paradigm shift. Massive, standardized snow blocks. Ski area snow, Public works machinery. Cranes. Forms, Tremendous infrastructure. Lodging, meals, transportation...and a transition to the much more complex subtractive sculptural process by the artists. It immediately outgrew Main Street and became a Big Deal. Joe Blow couldn’t just sign up and do it without a resume.

The zany, and whimsical street art had brought legions of young locals together to try their hand at snow art, many for the first time, in an exuberant celebration of winter and conferring a magical quality to the streets of Breckenridge. Many were humble, some inspired, but it didn’t matter—they were there, lining Main Street to the enduring delight of visitors and townspeople alike. This spontaneous, grass roots community experience was eclipsed by the formal elegance and grandeur of professional teams that converged on Breckenridge from around the world.

On the way to becoming the capitol of Snow Art, we lost touch with being the home of snow art in Colorado.

Breckenridge Associates Real Estate proposes to return that grass roots artform to the streets of Breckenridge. It is our intent to organize, conduct, and underwrite with substantial cash prizes for a locals snow art competition to be held in early December (well separated from ISSC in late January). As a company we have committed \$5,000 for prize money and putting the contest on. The benefits to the community are manifold:

- A) Driving a high exposure event to the low shoulder season between Lighting of Breck and the advent of holiday season.
- B) Provide a real pre-holiday story about Breckenridge for the pre-Xmas/Dew Tour timeframe.
- C) Generate a meaningful venue for civic involvement by the next generations of locals.
- D) Have an incredible display up for the Christmas visitors, most whom have never seen it in person.
- E) Provide an outstanding platform for possible kick-off of the Breck 150 celebration—event could be themed as it was in the “old days”.
- F) Give legs to grass roots events that don’t rely on a handout from the Town.

G) AND return the magic of snow art to the streets of Breckenridge (in time for the holidays!)

Here's the deal:

- 1) We provide the prize money and organize it. Substantial cash prizes will turn out the local talent. No limit on team number or makeup.
- 2) Sculptures can only be placed in designated sites which are all worked out before-hand (I am working with Jennifer Cram on this to determine safe and appropriate sites that do not present traffic or pedestrian conflicts)
- 3) No snow blocks—participants get and pile up their own snow, just like we used to have to. (We did many a trip up onto Boreas Pass with a pickup to do this)
- 4) Sculptures don't occupy parking or sidewalks so they can stay up.
- 5) Structures, props, lights OK...hats and carrots for noses OK!
- 6) Minimal entry fee, maybe \$25 or \$50 to make sure they show up and do it.
- 7) Targeting Friday December 12 as judging deadline so they are up for the week of media run-up to Dew Tour.
- 8) Team Breckenridge of course is not in this contest...our goal is to foster and mentor teams and artists.

We are not asking Council and the Town for money or material to make this happen, just your blessing. We propose to return the torch to the local artistic community that has grown over the years as Breckenridge has grown. There is a great story here, and an opportunity to found yet another great tradition in Breckenridge's shoulder season calendar. It's going to be brilliant—you'll see!

Thanks for your time and consideration,

Rob Neyland aka Carvin' Marvin

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