

**TOWN OF MORRISON BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MORRISON TOWN HALL, 110 STONE STREET  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
TRUSTEES TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2020  
6:00 P.M.**

**Call to Order.** Mayor Sean Forey called the regular Town Board Meeting to order at 6:02 P.M.

**Roll Call.** Mayor Sean Forey, Mayor Pro Tem Debora Jerome, Trustees Katie Gill, Matt Schweich, and Paul Sutton were present. Trustees Mike DeJonge and Jen Singer were absent. A quorum was established. It is to be noted this meeting was held electronically as permitted by CRS 24-6- 402(1)(b) and the public was able to participate by calling the provided phone number and access code found on the posted Agenda. Also, an audio recording of this meeting was made and is available at request.

**Staff Present.** Kara Winters (Town Manager), Gerald Dahl (Town Attorney), Jane Greenfield (Special Counsel), and Lyndsey Paavilainen (Town Clerk).

**Amendments to the Agenda.** Items, Mt. Falcon Feasibility Study and Municipal Center Locations were removed from the Executive Session.

**Public to Address the Board.**

**Dan Giles, 169 Canyon Vista Drive.** Giles stated he is concerned with the State and Jefferson County's actions in their attempt to exercise control over individuals in their response to COVID. Giles believes the Town of Morrison should not enforce their public health orders.

**Presentations and Hearings.**

**Xcel Energy Franchise Agreement Hearing.**

Mayor Forey called the Hearing to order at 6:09 P.M.

Winters first entered into the record, Ordinance 496 was posted in accordance to Charter section 3.9 A.2.

**Staff Report.** Greenfield reviewed major terms of the agreement which included the grant of non-exclusive rights to use Town streets, public utility easements and other Town property, payment of a 3% franchise fee, the 20-year term commencing July 22, 2020 , and Xcel's agreement to include RTD and UDFCD as available funding agencies for public projects, among other terms. Greenfield also took the opportunity to discuss and review the terms of Xcel's undergrounding conversion program.

**Applicant Response.** Preston Gibson (Xcel Area Manager, Community and Local Governmental Affairs) and Fran Folin (Xcel Principal Attorney) were in attendance by Zoom. Gibson stated Xcel and the Town of Morrison have come to resolution about the terms of the agreement. Gibson provided further detail about Xcel's undergrounding conversion program, including the current available balance in the Town's undergrounding account, and stated Xcel's commitment that the Town was able to use funds from any source to complete undergrounding projects if its available undergrounding account balance was insufficient to cover project costs.

**Public Comment.** None.

Mayor Forey closed the Hearing at 6:49 P.M.

**Ordinance 496- Granting Franchise to Public Service Company for the Right to Provide, Sell, and Deliver Gas and Electricity to the Town of Morrison.** Schweich made a motion to adopt ordinance 496- An Ordinance Granting A Franchise to Public Service Company of Colorado for the Non-Exclusive Right to Provide, Sell, And Deliver Gas and Electricity to the Town of Morrison, Its Residents and Occupants Through the Reasonable Use of Its Streets, Public Utility Easements, and Other Town Property, Pursuant to Article 11 of the Morrison Municipal Charter. Jerome seconded the motion. All present voted in favor of the motion.

**General Business.**

**2021 Budget Schedule.** No questions. No comments.

**Department Reports.**

**Court.** No questions. No comments.

**Accounting.** Due to Board questions, Winters explained while there is still a reporting issue regarding sales tax receipts, the majority of the receipts are meant for the Town of Morrison. Winters also explained the funds from the CARES Act will cover COVID related expenses and the Town will have the ability to apply for FEMA assistance if needed.

**Town Manager.** Winters relayed she will be on vacation from July 31<sup>st</sup> -August 6<sup>th</sup> but will attend the next regular Board Meeting if needed.

**Town Attorney.** No questions. No comments.

**Consent Agenda.** Jerome made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda for July 21, 2020. Sutton seconded the motion. All present voted in favor of the motion.

**Board Comments.** Mayor Forey stated a discussion regarding the distribution of CARES Act funds will be on the next Agenda.

Gill stated she has received complaints from residents that the new reservoir signage is too harsh.

**Hogback Article.** Board directed Staff to prepare a write up for the next Hogback Newsletter.

**Executive Session.** Jerome made a motion for a conference under Charter Section 3.4 and Section 24-6-402(4)(b) and (e), C.R.S. with the Town Attorney, Town Manager, and appropriate staff to receive legal advice and instruct negotiators concerning water treatment plant expansion. Jerome further motioned to adjourn the regular meeting at the conclusion of the executive session. Schweich seconded the motion. All present voted in favor of the motion.

**Adjournment.** The Executive Session and Regular meeting were adjourned at 8:14 P.M.

TOWN OF MORRISON

  
Sean Forey (Aug 17, 2020 09:05 MDT)

Sean Forey, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Lyndsey Paavilainen, Town Clerk

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