**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**TOWN OF WESTCLIFFE**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025**

**REGULAR MEETING**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Wenke called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

**ROLL CALL**

**The following members were present:** Mr. Dembosky, Mr. Jagow, Mr. Fulton, Mr. Nordyke, and Mr. Wilhelm.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Wenke led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Neal Marrs, Inge Mundon, Pam Ouzts, Bianca Trenker, Shaun Austin, Jerry Peters, Mike Whetstine, John Van Doren, Erin Christie, Elliot Jackson (Zoom), & Attorney Clay Buchner (Zoom).

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

**REVENUE RECEIVED BALANCE OF ACCOUNTS**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **General Fund Checking:** | $ | 82,766.93 |  | $ | 209,427.83 |
| CSafe-GF Core 11: | $ | 2,112.98 |  | $ | 581,163.96 |
| CSafe-3% Tabor Reserve 13: | $ | 261.50 |  | $ | 71,297.74 |
| CSafe-General Fund Reserve-14 | $ | 1,689.48 |  | $ |  439,256.88 |
| CSafe-Tennis Ct.-Core-16 | $ | 83.56 |  | $ |  21,396.70  |
| **Tennis Court Checking:** | $ | 0.00 |  | $ |  5,219.32  |
| **Municipal Court Checking:** | $ | 0.00 |  | $ | 3,607.70 |
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| **Conservation Trust Fund Checking:** | $ |  0.58 |  | $ |  14,292.98 |
| CSafe-CF Core 15 | $ | 175.34 |  | $ | 44,929.90 |
| **Capital Fund Checking:** | $ | 42.75 |  | $ | 612,619.43 |
| CSafe-CF Core 12: | $ | 2,993.18 |  | $ | 767,834.34 |

**EXPENDITURES**

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| **GENERAL FUND:** | **$** | **108,054.29** |
| **MUNICIPAL COURT:** | **$** | **0.00** |
| **TENNIS COURT:** | **$** | **0.00** |
| **CONSERVATION TRUST FUND:** | **$** | **0.00** |
| **CAPITAL FUND:** | **$** | **19,409.24** |

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of minutes
2. Treasurer’s Report
3. Approval of Bills

**ACTION: Mr. Wilhelm** moved, and **Mr. Jagow** seconded to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

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**OLD BUSINESS**

 **a. Consideration of a request to approve Ordinance NO. 2-2025 adding Chapter 9, Firearms in Public Buildings, of Title 5 of the Westcliffe Municipal Code.**

Attorney Buchner reported that this updated ordinance reflects the opt-out provision for HB 24-131 while still protecting the municipal court prohibition. Town Hall turns into a municipal court when there is a court case so no firearms are allowed. Otherwise, concealed carry is allowed in Town Hall but open carry is prohibited. Mr. Nordyke suggested having the Sheriff come to the next meeting to give his input since he will be the person enforcing the ordinance, and the other Trustees agreed.

**ACTION: Mayor Wenke** moved, and **Mr. Nordyke** seconded to table this to March’s meeting. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

 **a. Presentation by Wet Mountain Fire Protection District.**

 Mr. Coleman could not attend the meeting so this will be on March’s agenda.

**b.**  **Consideration of appointing Christy Patterson to fill the vacant Trustee seat.**

 Ms. Patterson submitted the only letter of interest that the Town received.

 **ACTION: Mr. Nordyke** moved, and **Mr. Jagow** seconded to appoint Christy Patterson to fill the vacant Trustee seat. Motion carried.

 Mayor Wenke swore Ms. Patterson in as the new Trustee.

 **c. Consideration of a request to approve Town Attorney Buchner’s employment contract.**

Mr. Buchner reported that he has been appointed as a deputy district attorney so he cannot practice private law as a contractor, but he can be employed by local government entities. So, he is requesting that he be a part-time employee for the Town with a salary. He will be waiving all benefits but will be subject to regular payroll taxes. He requests that the negotiations for the employment be done in an executive session next month.

**ACTION: Mr. Fulton** moved, and **Jagow** seconded to table this for a workshop and then discuss in an executive session in the March meeting. Motion carried.

**d. Consideration of a request to re-activate the Westcliffe Parks Advisory Committee.**

Mr. Dembosky reported that the Parks Committee was created in 2023 as an advisory committee to assist in the design of the Jess Price Park upgrade and to submit a report on Memorial and Hermit Parks. The Farmer’s Market wants to use Jess Price Park so the Parks Committee should assist with this to inform the Board before they make a decision. In addition, he requested that Neal Marrs be appointed to the Parks Committee

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# ACTION: Mr. Wilhelm moved, and Mr. Dembosky seconded to appoint Neal Marrs to the Westcliffe Parks Advisory Committee. Motion carried.

# ACTION: Mayor Wenke moved, and Mr. Jagow seconded to reactivate the Westcliffe Parks Advisory Committee. Motion carried.

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**e. Consideration of a request to adopt the Resolution and Agreement by UMB Bank (Card Services) to add the Town Clerk as a signatory to the Town credit card company.**

Ms. Christie reported that the bank signature cards should be updated to add her as a signatory on the Town’s credit card in case she needs to call customer service.

# ACTION: Mr. Jagow moved, and Mr. Fulton seconded to adopt the Resolution and Agreement by UMB Bank to add the Town Clerk as a signatory to the Town credit card company. Motion carried.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Mr. Wilhelm reported that there is a vacancy on the Façade Grant application committee since Mr. Mowry resigned so someone needs to fill it. Both Mr. Fulton and Mr. Jagow offered to do it.

**STAFF & COMMITTEE REPORTS**

 **a. Report from Mayor**

Mayor Wenke reported that he, along with Mr. Fulton and Melane Rella, will be going to Eaton, CO, to give the Housing Needs Assessment presentation to DOLA in March.

**b. Report from Town Clerk**

Ms. Christie reported that the Board should set a workshop date to prioritize what grant(s) the Town should apply for in 2025.

 **c. Report from Trustee Christy Patterson**

 Ms. Patterson updated the Board on the Housing Needs Assessment kick-off meeting. The company that is doing the assessment is looking at ways to hear from the community about problems they have had with getting housing in Town. Mr. Fulton was also in attendance, along with Pam Ouzts from the Custer County Workforce Housing Committee.

**d. Report from Neal Marrs**

 Mr. Marrs reported that the bids are in for the paving project. The streets that will be paved are Adams Street from the Bowling Alley to Jerry Drive, 3rd Street from Main to Rosita, 2nd Street from Main to Northern Ave, and 10th Street from the school to the parking lot on the West side of the gym.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

A citizen asked if the Board of Trustees or Planning Commission seats could be reduced or increased. Attorney Buchner said the Board could be reduced to five from seven seats but was unsure if it could be increased. Since Christy Patterson is now a Trustee there will be an open seat on the Planning Commission.

A citizen commented on the paving project on Adams Street – it has been used as a spillway over the years so he suggested raising the low point of the street to ensure it is still part of the flood control design.

A citizen commented on the Master Plan, specifically, the Town trails and landscaping of the strips in our road right of ways, and the Parks Committee should be involved.

**Mr. Wilhelm** moved, and **Mr. Fulton** seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

**ADJOURN**

Recorded by:

Erin Christie

Town Clerk