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TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

450 S. Parish, Johnstown, CO
Monday, November 18, 2024 @ 7:00 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:00 Mayor Duncan called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Duncan invited attendees to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Councilmember Molinar
Councilmember Menzies
Councilmember Morris
Councilmember Paranto
Councilmember Young
Mayor Duncan

Absent:

Councilmember Berg

AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Councilmember Molinar and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Young to approve the agenda as presented.

Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

The Community that Cares

Mayor Duncan read a proclamation recognizing Small Business Saturday. Members of the Johnstown Downtown Development Association were present to accept the proclamation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tyson Hull, 30 Gateway Drive, spoke on behalf of Red Barn Liquor in opposition to the Woods Supermarket liquor license application.

Jim Hatfield, 345 Hickory Lane, spoke regarding the firearms ordinance and the budget public hearing and indicated he would address Council during those items.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Young indicated he was recusing himself from this item.

Motion by Councilmember Paranto and seconded by Councilmember Morris to approve the consent agenda which contained the following items:

- Resolution No. 2024-50: A Resolution Certifying the Various Liens to the Larimer and Weld County Treasurer's Office for Inclusion in the Appropriate Tax Bill
- November 4, 2024 Town Council Meeting Minutes
- October 2024 Financial Statements
- Memorandum of Understanding – Johnstown Historical Society

Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Town Manager Matt LeCerf provided a report.

TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT

Town Attorney Avi Rocklin did not have a report but was available to answer any questions from Council.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2024-49: Target Retail Activation Policy & Program:

Economic Development Manager Sarah Crosthwaite presented the proposed policy and program.

Motion by Councilmember Morris and seconded by Councilmember Molinar to approve Resolution 2024-49.

Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

New Retail Liquor Store (city) for Woods Supermarket, Inc.

At 7:23 p.m. Mayor Duncan opened the public hearing.

Town Clerk Meghan Martinez presented the application.

The applicant was present and addressed Council.

Mayor Duncan opened the public comment portion of the hearing, and the following individuals addressed the application:

- Tyson Hull, 30 Gateway Drive, spoke in opposition to the application.
- Andrea Montano, 2471 Siskin Way, spoke in opposition to the application.
- Jim Hatfield, 345 Hickory Lane, asked processing questions for the license.

Mayor Duncan closed the public comment portion of the hearing.

At: 8:08 Mayor Duncan closed the public hearing.

Mayor Duncan indicated he would be recusing himself from the vote.

Motion by Councilmember Morris and seconded by Councilmember Molinar to approve the Retail Liquor Store License to Wood Supermarket Inc. dba Woods Supermarket.

Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

First Reading Ordinance 2024-264: An Ordinance Amending Section 10-191 and Section 10-196 of the Johnstown Municipal Code Concerning Carrying Firearms in Public Spaces:

At 8:11 Mayor Duncan opened the public hearing.

Town Attorney Avi Rocklin presented the proposed ordinance.

Mayor Duncan opened the public comment portion of the hearing, and the following individual addressed the ordinance:

- Jim Hatfield, 345 Hickory Lane, asked for clarification on Section 10.1.196 paragraphs A, B, C, and D.

Mayor Duncan closed the public comment portion of the hearing.

At 8:19 Mayor Duncan closed the public hearing.

Mayor Duncan requested the Town Clerk to read the ordinance title on the record.

Motion by Councilmember Molinar and seconded by Councilmember Morris to approve Ordinance 2024-264, an Ordinance Amending Section 10-191 and Section 10-196 of the Johnstown Municipal Code Concerning Carrying Firearms in Public Spaces on first reading.

Upon vote, the motion passed 6-1 with Councilmember Menzies voting no.

2025 Proposed Budget:

At 8:20 Mayor Duncan opened the public hearing

Deputy Town Manager Mitzi McCoy presented the proposed budget.

Mayor Duncan opened the public comment portion of the hearing, and the following individual addressed the proposed budget:

- Jim Hatfield, 345 Hickory Lane, asked multiple questions about the 2025 budget.

At 8:28 Mayor Duncan closed the public hearing.

COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Councilmember Paranto: Nothing at this time.

Councilmember Morris: She mentioned theft at retail stores and asked if PD has an additional presence after dark. She also mentioned that she would not be present at the December 2nd meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Young: Good Holiday to Everyone.

Councilmember Menzies: Nothing at this time.

Councilmember Molinar: He mentioned bonuses and the holiday closure on 12/23.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Duncan indicated he would be absent from the December 2nd meeting. He encouraged everyone to be safe and take time off to recoup and refresh as we approach the holidays. He thanked the businesses for being part of our community and he thanked Mr. Hatfield for his questions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Councilmember Paranto and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Young to go into executive session to discuss the purchase of real property pursuant to C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(a).

Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

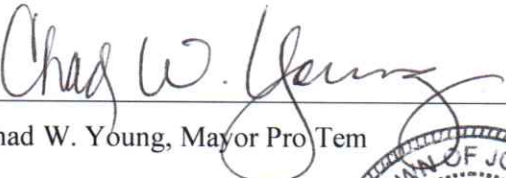
At 8:38 Mayor Duncan recessed the meeting to go into executive session

At 9:00 Mayor Duncan reconvened the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for the Town Council, Mayor Duncan adjourned the meeting at 9:01 pm.

Approved by Town Council:


Chad W. Young, Mayor Pro Tem



Attest:


Meghan C. Martinez, MMC, Town Clerk