



Town Board of Trustees

Minutes

Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 7:00 pm

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THANK YOU.**

1. Meeting Information

207 Muegge Way, Bennett, CO 80102

2. Call to Order

Whitney Oakley, Mayor

a. Roll Call

Minutes:

Present:

Whitney Oakley, Mayor
Kevin Barden, Mayor Pro Tem
Steve Dambroski, Trustee
Denice Smith, Trustee
Donna Sus, Trustee
Royce D. Pindell, Trustee
Larry Vittum, Trustee

Staff Present:

Trish Stiles, Town Manager
Rachel Summers, Deputy Town Manager
Taeler Houlberg, Administrative Services Director
Alison Belcher, Communications and IT Director
Adam Meis, IT and Communications Manager
Tiffany Chaput, Communications Coordinator
Greg Thompson, Community and Economic Development Director
Keith Buono, Lead Community Services Officer
Sonya Zimmerman, Community Services Officer
Scott Krob, Town Attorney
Christina Hart, Town Clerk

Public Present:

Kathy Smiley

Mark Belcher
Mason Oakley
Robert Osborn

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Whitney Oakley, Mayor

Minutes:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Whitney Oakley, Mayor.

4. Approval of Agenda

Whitney Oakley, Mayor

Minutes:

TRUSTEE VITTUM MOVED, TRUSTEE DAMBROSKI SECONDED to approve the agenda as presented The voting was as follows:

Ayes: Dambroski, Oakley, Pindell, Smith, Sus, Vittum, Barden

Nays: None

Whitney Oakley, Mayor, declared the motion carried by unanimous vote.

5. Consent Agenda

Whitney Oakley, Mayor

Minutes:

TRUSTEE PINDELL MOVED, TRUSTEE SMITH SECONDED to approve the consent agenda as presented. The voting was as follows:

Ayes: Oakley, Pindell, Smith, Sus, Vittum, Barden, Dambroski

Nays: None

Whitney Oakley, Mayor, declared the motion carried by unanimous vote. **1. Action:** Approval of April 23, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes **2. Action:** Building Safety Month Proclamation

PUBLIC COMMENTS NOT ON THE AGENDA

No public comments were made.

- a. April 23, 2024 - Regular Meeting Minutes
- b. Building Safety Month Proclamation

Public Comments on Items Not Scheduled for Public Hearing

The Board of Trustees welcomes you. Thank you for joining us for our Town of Bennett Board of Trustees Meeting. If you are not speaking, we ask that you please mute your microphone. For public comment please sign up on the provided sheet or in the chat box. If you are on the phone, once we get through the sign-up sheet and chat box we will call for any other comments for items not on the agenda.

Your comments will be limited to three (3) minutes. The Board may not respond to your comments this evening, rather they may take your comments and suggestions under advisement and provide direction to the appropriate member of Town staff for follow-up. Thank you.

Regular Business

6. Action/Discussion Items

a. CORE Electric Cooperative - Bennett Data Center Presentation

Minutes:

Robert J. Osborn, Esq., Director of Business Development, presented the opportunities and benefits of a CORE Electric Cooperative Data Center. The Data Centers provide high paying jobs.

No action was taken.

b. Mayor's Mention

Exemplary Work by Town Staff

Minutes:

Whitney Oakley, Mayor, honored Community Service Officers Keith Buono and Sonya Zimmerman, Communications Director Alison Belcher, Communications Coordinator Tiffany Chaput, Deputy Town Manager Rachel Summers and Town Manager Trish Stiles for their outstanding work. Each of them exceeded their designated duties throughout the transition period in order to guarantee that the community was well-informed and safe.

c. Mount View Cemetery Annexation

Ordinance No. 781-24 - An Ordinance Approving an Annexation Known as the Mount View Cemetery Annexation to the Town of Bennett, Colorado

Minutes:

Greg Thompson, Community Development Director, presented an ordinance recommending the annexation of Mount View Cemetery to the Board. The property is eligible for annexation and was zoned P-Public Zone District during a recent board meeting.

There was discussion amongst the board.

TRUSTEE PINDELL MOVED, TRUSTEE SUS SECONDED to approve Ordinance No.

781-24 - An ordinance approving an annexation known as the Mount View Cemetery Annexation to the Town of Bennett, Colorado. The voting was as follows:

Ayes: Pindell, Smith, Sus, Vittum, Barden, Dambroski, Oakley

Nays: None

Whitney Oakley, Mayor, declared the motion carried by unanimous vote.

7. Town Manager Report

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- Ms. Stiles gave a huge shout out to Greg Thompson and Scott Krob for piecing together the Mount View Cemetery Annexation.
- The Colorado Ballet performed at the Bennett Recreation District. The Arts Council looks forward to more of these events.
- Bennett Business Appreciation Awards 2024 - Blue Sky Party Rental and O'Reilly's Auto Parts.
- The Arapahoe County Sheriff's open house was well attended. Ms. Stiles thanked the community, Sheriff Brown and his amazing staff for showing up and coming out.

- The Denver Museum of Nature and Science recently visited Bennett. They are expanding their community outreach and will be attending one of Bennett's summer events with their Curiosity Cruiser.
- Attended the DRCOG quarterly managers forum.
- Met with the Arapahoe County Open Space Director.
- Attended the Adams County City Manager lunch at Broomfield.
- The City of Arvada is hosting the ADCOG dinner.
- May 17th - Arapahoe County Manager and Mayors breakfast.
- May 17th - Fishing Day at the BRPOS Pond, starting at 8:00 a.m.
- May 20th - May 23rd - Ms. Stiles and Ms. Summers will be attending the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC). Working on economic development prospects.
- May 23rd - Simon Open House at 11:00 a.m.
- June 6th at 8:00 a.m. - Arapahoe County State of the County. The Town is sponsoring two tables.
- June 8th - Town Clean Up Day

8. Trustee Comments and Committee Reports

Mayor and Trustees

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Denice Smith, Trustee, reported on the following:

- Has received some feedback that the community is noticing the visibility of the Arapahoe County Sheriff's deputies.

Larry Vittum, Trustee, reported on the following:

- The law enforcement transition has gone smoothly. The community is talking about it.

Royce D. Pindell, Trustee, reported on the following:

- The SRO (Student Resource Officer) is no longer at the Bennett School despite the agreement between the Bennett School and Adams County Sheriff's Office. He encourages the Adams County residents who have children in the district and pay taxes to the county to speak with their commissioners and sheriff about that decision to remove the SRO.

Whitney Oakley, Mayor, reported on the following:

- Enjoyed meeting with everyone during the Business Appreciation and Adams County Open House events.
- Has requested the Ms. Stiles and the Town Attorney to research a possible policy regarding proclamation requests.

Whitney Oakley, Mayor called for a recess at 8:06 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 8:16 p.m.

9. Executive Session

- a. Pursuant to Sections 24-6-402(4)(b), C.R.S., to confer with the Town attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions related to the law

enforcement services provided to the Town by the Adams County Sheriff's Office; and also pursuant to Section 24-6-402(4)(e), C.R.S. to determine the Town's position and instruct negotiators in connection with such matters.

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MAYOR PRO TEM BARDEN MOVED, TRUSTEE SMITH SECONDED to go into executive session Pursuant to Sections 24-6-402(4)(b), C.R.S., to confer with the Town attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions related to the law enforcement services provided to the Town by the Adams County Sheriff's Office; and also pursuant to Section 24-6-402(4)(e), C.R.S. to determine the Town's position and instruct negotiators in connection with such matters. Voting was as follows:

Ayes: Smith, Sus, Vittum, Barden, Dambroski, Oakley, Pindell,

Nays: None

Whitney Oakley, Mayor, declared the motion carried by unanimous vote.

The Board went into executive session at 8:18p.m.

b. Return to Open Meeting

Minutes:

The Board came out of the executive session at 8:55 p.m.

Royce D. Pindell, Mayor, announced that the Board has been in executive session and the following persons participated: Steve Dambroski, Denice Smith, Royce Pindell, Christina Hart, Rachel Summers, Trish Stiles, Scott Krob, Larry Vittum, Donna Sus, Kevin Barden and Whitney Oakley. Whitney Oakley, Mayor, asked if there were any matters not included in the motion for an executive session or violations of the Open Meetings Law, and if so, that these concerns be stated for the record.

There were no concerns presented.

c. Report from Executive Session

Minutes:

The executive session was within the scope of the statute. Town Attorney Scott Krob was present throughout the executive session, which is protected by the attorney/client privilege.

10. Adjournment

Minutes:

TRUSTEE DAMBROSKI MOVED, TRUSTEE SMITH SECONDED to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m. Voting was as follows:

Ayes: Sus, Vittum, Barden, Dambroski, Oakley, Pindell, Smith

Nays: None

Whitney Oakley, Mayor, declared the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Minutes Approved:

Whitney Oakley
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Whitney Oakley, Mayor

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Christina Hart
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Christina Hart, CMC / Town Clerk

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