

**Town of Norwood Board of Trustees
Regular Session 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, July 10, 2019
Norwood Community Center**

Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the Town of Norwood Board of Trustees, San Miguel County, and State of Colorado was called to order by Mayor Kieffer Parrino at 7:00 p.m. and those being present were as follows:

Present: Kieffer Parrino, Candy Meehan, Kerry Welch, Shawn Fallon, and Jaime Schultz.

Absent:

Others: Patti Grafmyer, Town Administrator, Gretchen Wells, Town Clerk, Tim Lippert, Public Works Director, Oliver Schultz, Leila Seraphin, Kristen Parrino, Jenny Russell, Clay Wadman, Kelvin Verity, Marilyn Allen, Catherine Peterson, Mike Grafmyer, April Montgomery, Nancy Heim, Terri Lamers, Christopher Hazen, Joann Mueller

Mayor Parrino opened the meeting asking the public to be respectful of board time and to try not to be repetitive. Parrino said town officials had already met with Vaquero Ventures, the company looking at potentially opening the Dollar General on a Main Street commercial property. At this time there is no sale or project.

Public Comment: Jenny Russell gave trustees informational packets with studies that show Dollar General stores drive out existing businesses. She asked the board to work with the P&Z to revise regulations in order to control future development. She asked the board to place a moratorium on all development until the regulations have been upgraded. April Montgomery brought articles that showed Dollar General is targeting small rural towns, and in the past has contributed to the closing of small town grocery stores. Mike Grafmyer said he disagrees with comments opposed to Dollar General and would like help in paying for the library, school taxes. Kristen Parrino stated her family can barely afford groceries at Clark's Market in Norwood. She would like the board to think of families who don't have much money. Marilyn Allen said we went through this discussion ten years ago. We don't want a dollar store in Norwood. Leila Seraphin said she's worried the Dollar General would harm Ace Hardware. John Herndon said he is opposed to the store, but wants to make sure if it's going to happen our building codes could help with the aesthetics in trying to retain small town charm. Trustee Meehan said she'd like staff to ask Ridgway and Naturita how the dollar store affected them. Trustee Jaime Schultz wants to survey small business owners in Norwood. Mayor Parrino said the town will let the public know when the property sells.

Approval/Review of Consent Agenda: Candy Meehan made a **motion** to approve the consent agenda and Shawn Fallon seconded. ***Motion passed unanimously.***

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Consideration of Special Event Permit for the Lone Cone Republican Women: Town Clerk Gretchen Wells submitted a memo saying the application was good and solid. Terri Lamers stated LCRW were having their Lincoln Day Dinner in August because they wanted to have it at the new library. It is on August 10th at the Lone Cone Library. A **motion** was made by Kerry Welch and Candy Meehan seconded. ***Motion passed unanimously.***

Consideration of Special Event Permit for the Norwood Park and Rec District: Town Clerk Wells submitted a memo saying the application was good. Olivia Haggard said the NPRD would like to have an after rodeo dance. Marshal Mike Wilkerson said it was not a good idea. The marshal's department does not have the manpower to do it. And, since the Livery was next to the Fire Department, he felt parking would be a huge problem. Candy Meehan made a **motion** to approve the special event permit for NPRD. Shawn Fallon seconded and ***motion passed unanimously.*** The board directed Marshal Mike to meet with the NPRD next week to discuss the dance.

San Miguel Watershed Coalition Report: Christopher Hazens submitted a report and it is attached.

Approval of Renewal of Lease between the Town of Norwood and the Norwood Community Garden: Marilyn Allen reported the Community Garden was thriving. She asked the board for help with a portable toilet to be placed at the site. Candy Meehan made a **motion** to split the cost of the portable toilet with the Community Garden and pay \$108 to them. Kerry Welch seconded and ***motion passed unanimously.*** Shawn Fallon made a **motion** to approve the renewal of the lease between the Town of Norwood and the Norwood Community Garden, with the lease expiring in June of 2024. Jaime Schultz seconded and ***motion passed unanimously.***

Administrator's Report:

Administrator Grafmyer informed the board:

- Vyanet Security installed cameras at the park.
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Public Works Report – PW Director Tim Lippert:

Public Works Director Tim Lippert informed the board the town experienced flooding recently. He said an engineering study on drainage was done recently, the town needs to look at way to complete a drainage plan to prevent flooding in the future. The town's loader has a failing transmission. His friend looked and said it would cost \$20,000 to fix it and it might be cheaper to get a used loader. Trustee Meehan said she would help look into a loader for the town. Mike Grafmyer asked Lippert to get another opinion

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and Lippert agreed. Lippert also reported that free flow water for the Town of Norwood stopped on July 9th. The town will start using stored water.

Marshal's Report – Marshal Mike Wilkerson:

Marshal Wilkerson presented a report and it is attached.

Special Committee Reports/Announcement:

Trustee Fallon reported that the disc golf project is on hold for a year or longer. He needs to get the 19.25 acres so it drains and do other work.

Adjourn: Kerry Welch made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Shawn Fallon seconded and ***motion passed unanimously.***

APPROVED:



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DATE:

8-14-19

Gretchen R Wells