

**TOWN OF AULT, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF
AULT, COLORADO. MEETING HELD IN THE TOWN HALL IN SAID TOWN OF AULT ON
THE 14TH DAY OF AUGUST 2024 AT 7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT:

Mayor:	Gary D. White
Trustees:	Michael Biwer
	Martin Bassett
	Adam Ferrell
	Tyrell Anderson
	Judy Ruff

ABSENT:

Corry Cole

ALSO PRESENT:

Police Chief	Tom Nissen
Lieutenant	Dakota Germer
Town Attorney	Greg Bell
Police Chief	Tom Nissen

AUDIENCE: Merrie Durbano, Julie Lukela, Kenny (illegible), Nick Huehn

REGULAR MEETING 2024 -08 August 14, 2024

MEETING PROCEDURE: Comments from the Public are welcome at two separate times during the course of the meeting: 1) Comments on items not scheduled on the agenda will be heard under public comments. 2) Comments on all scheduled Agenda items will be heard immediately following the presentation by Staff or the Petitioner. Please wait until you are recognized by the mayor and keep comments as brief as possible. The Town Board of Trustees will act on an Agenda item after comments from the Staff and the Public has been heard.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gary D. White at 6:30 p.m.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. ROLL CALL: All members were present with the exception of Trustee Cole.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved as presented. **A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE ANDERSON** and seconded by Trustee Ferrell to approve the agenda for RM 2024-08 as written. **Motion passed with a unanimous vote.**

IV. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTE APPROVAL: Regular Meeting 2024-07 June 12, 2024: A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE BIWER and seconded by Trustee Bassett to approve the 2024-07 minutes as written. **Motion passed with a unanimous vote.**

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance- The finance report was presented at the Work Session.

Library- A new qualified director has been hired; things are moving in the right direction.

Parks and Cemetery- No report.

Water and Sewer- No report.

Streets- CDOT is working on creating a Project 85 to work on Hwy. 14 to the west edge of Town.

Police- A multi-state case is in progress involving 5 jurisdictions, including Ault. A media release was given, but as an active investigation no further information is available.

Beautification- Things are going well, a letter has been sent out to businesses regarding the park project.

Planning Commission- No report.

Staff Reports: The audit is still in process.

VI. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: July 10 to August 14, 2024, A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE ANDERSON and seconded by Trustee Ferrell to approve the accounts payable as presented. **Motion passed with a unanimous vote.**

VII. REFERRALS REQUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS

1). Property Insurance Renewal: After review, **A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE RUFF** and seconded by Trustee Bassett to renew the liability and Property Insurance with Glatfelter Public Entities for \$112,450 annually. **Motion passed with a unanimous vote.**

2) Consideration of Liquor License renewal for the Ugly Pony Saloon: After discussion, **A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE ANDERSON** and seconded by Trustee Ruff to extend one month with hearing in September, with a letter from the applicant of a corrective action plan. **Motion passed with a unanimous vote.**

3). Discussion of Hwy 14 well abandonment regarding PVC project: After review, **A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE BIWER** and seconded by Trustee Anderson to approve the request by Poudre Valley Coop (PVC) for abandonment of Hwy. 14 well, with PVC responsible for the proper abandonment procedure, paperwork for State requirements and costs, and as well cover \$13,000 of the cost to redrill the Cemetery well. **Motion passed with a unanimous vote.**

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS: The purpose of the Public Comments Section of the Agenda is for members of the public to speak to Town Council on any subject not scheduled on the Regular Agenda. In order to accomplish scheduled agenda items, comments should be limited to a five-minute time period. Town Council shall make no decision or action, except to schedule the matter for Council discussion at a later date. ***THOSE ADDRESSING COUNCIL ARE REQUESTED TO COME TO THE PODIUM AND TO STATE THEIR NAME TO THE BOARD***

Merrie Durbano, 115 A Street thanked the Town Board for their help with the Ault Fall Festival.

VII. OLD BUSINESS


VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- 1). **LP Propane LLC Fixed Price Propane Contract:** This contract will help secure a lower cost of propane for the winter. **A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE RUFF** and seconded by Trustee Bassett to approve the LP Propane contract. **Motion passed with a unanimous vote.**
- 2). **IGA with City of Thornton concerning purchase of portion of Thornton Farm 118-11:** Attorney Bell had concern on portions of the IGA so the item was tabled with further negotiations to take place through the attorneys.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:07p.m.



TOWN OF AULT


Gary D. White, Mayor

ORDINANCE # 548

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF AULT BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULATING
THE POSSESSION OF FIREARMS IN TOWN BUILDINGS
AND MEETING LOCATIONS

WHEREAS, the Colorado General Assembly, in its latest session, enacted Senate Bill 24-131 – which prohibits carrying firearms in “sensitive spaces” as recognized by the United States Supreme Court in the case of New York State Rifle and Pistol v. Brown, 597 U.S. 1 (2022); and

WHEREAS, the open and concealed carrying of a firearm in such spaces is prohibited, (which include certain state and local government buildings and property, buildings used for court proceedings, schools, licensed childcare centers, polling places, ballot drop boxes and other places where ballot counting, and related election activities are taking place); and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 24-131 includes an “opt-out” provision authorizing a local government to enact an ordinance regulation or other law that permits a person to carry a firearm at certain local government spaces specified in the bill; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ault Board of Trustees recognizes that the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution protects the right of persons to keep and bear arms; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ault Board of Trustees also finds that the “open carry” of firearms in City Hall has a distracting and intimidating effect upon city staff and City Council’s ability to govern at public meetings;

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Town Board of Trustees of the Town of Ault, Colorado that the following subsection is added to Section 9.32.070 of the Ault Municipal Code: Sec. 9.32.070. Concealed Weapons.

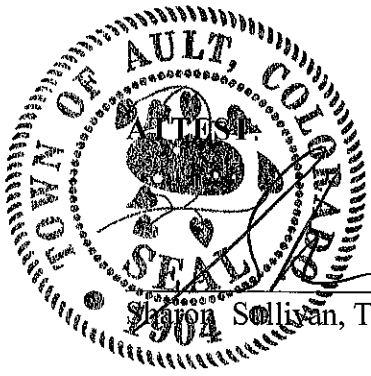
(e) Pursuant to the provisions of C.R.S. 18-12-105.3(4)(b), it shall not be a violation of C.R.S. 18-12-105.3(3) for any person to carry concealed a firearm in any municipal building or municipal parking lot adjacent to City buildings as long as such persons have complied with the provisions of C.R.S. 18-12-201, et Seq., regarding permits to carry concealed weapons; provided further nothing in this subsection is intended to allow firearms in those places specified in C.R.S. 18-12-105.3(1)(c) (firearms in judicial buildings or portions of City Hall devoted to judicial proceedings). “Open carry” of firearms in all public buildings is prohibited, (except for law enforcement officers).

(f) Any persons who desire to avail themselves of “concealed carry” provisions of this subsection shall obtain a concealed carry permit as authorized by the provisions of C.R.S. 18-12-201, et Seq., and shall have such permit current and with them at all times while exercising their rights on city property pursuant to the above subsections (e).

DONE and SIGNED this 11th day of September, 2024.



Gary D. White, Mayor



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Sullivan", is written over a horizontal line.

Sullivan, Town Administrator/Interim Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Jed Scott, Bell, Gould, Linder and Scott