



MINUTES

Timnath Town Council Meeting

6:00 PM - Tuesday, August 27, 2019
4750 Signal Tree Drive, Timnath,
Colorado

- PRESENT:** Mayor Jill Grossman-Belisle, Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Pearson, and Councilmember William Neal
- ABSENT:** Councilmember Lisa Laake and Councilmember Rick Collins
- STAFF:** Contracted Town Attorney Robert Rogers, Town Manager April Getchius, Town Clerk Milissa Peters-Garcia, Deputy Clerk Tiffany Akers, Contracted Town Engineer Don Taranto, Contracted Town Planner Kevin Koelbel, and Ashley Lauwereins
- PUBLIC THAT SIGNED IN:** Timnath Residents Phil Goldstein, Eric Westlind, Kathy Neal, Susan Bieber, Brett Hansen, Tony and Michelle Leberger, William Jenkins and John Barkley

1 CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL 6:02 P.M.

2 AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA
NONE

3 PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Grossman-Belisle explained the public comment process and read her posting regarding the police department below:

I would like to address some rumors and misinformation that is out there and set the record straight. This council is today and has always been very supportive of our police department and proud of our officers and will continue to move as quickly as possible to 24/7 coverage with a fully staffed Timnath police force. You will see in our budget this year dedicated dollars for additional officers, and next year for more officers and a new police station. Additionally, in future budgets the adding of police officers until we have 24/7 coverage. We will continue to move forward to building the best police department in Northern Colorado. The Mayor also noted that the Town has two officers in the academy preparing them to join the Timnath police force.

We do have a very good relationship and a contract and have had for many years, with Larimer County Sheriff Office to support us for example, until we have 24/7 coverage, provide dispatch services, and other mutual aid when there is an emergency or additional officers are needed. We will most likely always have a mutual aid agreement with them. As a responsible council should, we will continue to do our due diligence to make sure we are providing the best in class benefit for our residents for the best value.

Our resident survey did support public safety as a top priority, and council heard that and is very committed to that as well, and as a result, budgeted more dollars to get too 24/7 more quickly. The reason the Town Center was built first, is simply because of immediate space demands for administration, and it takes time to properly build a police force and bring in more officers, so construction in 2020 -2021 is just the right timing for the police station need. The police force is currently working in the 4800 Goodman administration building while the new one is being designed and built right next to the Poudre Fire Authority station.

Our current police chief, Sherri Wagner, will retire in January of 2020, after graciously serving Timnath for almost 12 years. We, the council, are very grateful for her dedication and service and we will miss her. We will be initiating a nationwide search for her replacement shortly and will be seeking another strong leader that also believes in community policing and fostering a growing community that continues to feel safe.

Many communities our size is not able to afford their own police staff and as a result they contract the services, this does have a financial benefit, but may not provide the community feel that residents desire. We are fortunate that we do have the revenue resources to provide this critically important service within Timnath, and although not fully 24/7 yet, certainly working to that end as quickly as possible.

Mayor Grossman-Belisle added that the Council had a conversation with Larimer County Sheriff regarding possible services that the Larimer County could provide, for example, an evidence room for the Town to use. The meeting was to explore a potential "hybrid" model of service in partnership with the Sheriff's office. She noted that it was clear that it was not feasible for the sheriff's office to provide these services. She also noted that the Sheriff does contract all services with Wellington and Berthoud but that the Timnath Town Council is not interested in that service model.

Mayor Grossman- Belisle stated that the police chief, Sherri Wagner would be retiring at the beginning of the year and thanked her for her service. She also spoke about a resident asking about promoting up and within and Mayor Grossman-Belisle stated that the Town supports promotions from within, but it is prudent to conduct a nationwide search for such a key position.

She encouraged the residents to talk to Council after the meeting or on the open forum on the website by emailing the Councilmembers.

She thanked the Police Department as a whole and expressed her appreciation for their service.

Mayor Grossman-Belisle then asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Council and no one responded.

4 CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the August 13, 2019, Town Council Meeting Minutes
- b) August 27, 2019 Check Register

Councilmember William Neal made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Pearson seconded the motion. CARRIED unanimously.

5 REPORTS

a) Mayor and Council Reports

- Mayor Grossman-Belisle stated that the September 24th meeting would be canceled due to lack of quorum.
- Mayor Grossman-Belisle encouraged everyone to come out for the 4th Annual Taste in Timnath on September 28th.
- Mayor Pro Tem Pearson asked about the attendance of the last Concert in the Park and Ms. Getchius stated that although she did not attend, she was informed that approximately 300 people were in attendance.
- Councilmember Neal expressed his support for the police department and its growth to 24/7 coverage.

b) Finance Update Report Included in the packet.

c) Engineering Report Included in the packet.

d) Community Development Report Included in the packet.

e) Police Staff Report Included in the packet.

f) Town Manager Report Included in the packet.

6 BUSINESS

a) ORDINANCE NO. 9, SERIES 2019, An Ordinance Establishing the Town of Timnath - Timnath Landing General Improvement District

- Mr. Rogers spoke to Council about the proposed ordinance. He further explained the details of General Improvement District "District" petition and the improvements it would include.
- Mayor Grossman-Belisle explained that only one voter would be eligible to vote in the TABOR election regarding the District in November. She further spoke about the District providing a standard for future developments to have the same opportunities to recoup infrastructure

costs.

Mayor Grossman-Belisle opened the public hearing at 6:20 p.m.

- Timnath Resident William Jenkins asked why a general improvement district was being used instead of a metropolitan district.
- John Barkley asked if a failure in development or the economy would affect the Town and if the Town had any responsibility to the District. Mr. Rogers stated that the bond holders and developers are the ones who take the risk, like a metro district. He also explained that the Town was not included in the risk of the development nor is it a guarantor or surety on the debt service.
- Mayor Grossman-Belisle explained that the improvements would not happen without the District.
- Mr. Rogers further explained that the District put the risk on the developer and not on the Town.

Mayor Grossman-Belisle closed the public hearing at 6:28 p.m.

Councilmember William Neal made a motion to approve ORDINANCE NO. 9, SERIES 2019, An Ordinance Establishing the Town of Timnath - Timnath Landing General Improvement District. Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Pearson seconded the motion. CARRIED unanimously.

- b) ORDINANCE NO. 10, SERIES 2019, An Ordinance Approving the Repealing and Re-enacting of Chapter 11, Article II, Section 11-2-200, Joint Trenching, of the Town's Municipal Code.

- Mr. Taranto spoke to Council about the proposed ordinance.

Mayor Grossman-Belisle opened the public hearing at 6:28 p.m.

No public comments.

Mayor Grossman-Belisle closed the public hearing at 6:28 p.m.

Councilmember William Neal made a motion to approve ORDINANCE NO. 10, SERIES 2019, An Ordinance Approving the Repealing and Re-enacting of Chapter 11, Article II, Section 11-2-200, Joint Trenching, of the Town's Municipal Code. Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Pearson seconded the motion. CARRIED unanimously.

- c) RESOLUTION NO. 47, SERIES 2019, A Resolution Approving an Amendment to the Town Manager Employment Agreement (the "Resolution")

- Mr. Rogers spoke to Council about the proposed resolution.

Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Pearson made a motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 47, SERIES 2019, A Resolution Approving an Amendment to the Town

Manager Employment Agreement. Councilmember William Neal seconded the motion. CARRIED unanimously.

d) RESOLUTION NO. 48, SERIES 2019, A Resolution Approving the Wildwing Subdivision 4th Filing Final Plat

- Mr. Koelbel spoke to Council about the proposed resolution.
- Mr. McMeekin spoke to Council regarding the consistency of the plan as presented in the past.

Councilmember William Neal made a motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 48, SERIES 2019, A Resolution Approving the Wildwing Subdivision 4th Filing Final Plat. Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Pearson seconded the motion. CARRIED unanimously.

e) RESOLUTION NO. 49, SERIES 2019, A Resolution Approving the Appointment of the Timnath Foundation Board of Directors

- Ms. Getchius spoke to Council about the proposed resolution.
- Mayor Grossman-Belisle spoke about the opportunity to finding donors for legacy projects and the foundation being a conduit for such contributions. She spoke about generating revenue for the foundation and setting up a meeting of the board soon.

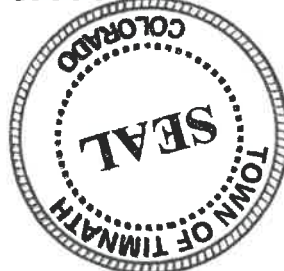
Councilmember William Neal made a motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 49, SERIES 2019, A Resolution Approving the Appointment of the Timnath Foundation Board of Directors. Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Pearson seconded the motion. CARRIED unanimously.

f) PRESENTATION: Communications Plan Presented by Slate Communications

- Kim Newcomer and Ashley Lauwereins presented the Communications Plan of the Town of Timnath.
- Mayor Grossman-Belisle thanked Slate Communications for all their efforts.
- Mayor Pro Tem Pearson thanked Ms. Lauwereins for the presence at council meeting and other events to help provide information to the residents.
- Councilmember Neal also thanked Slate Communications for their hard work.

7 ADJOURNMENT

6:44 P.M





Mayor

Melissa Peter-Garcia
Town Clerk