Official Minutes
Town Council Regular Meeting | 5:30 PM
Wednesday, September 17, 2025
Town Hall / Council Chambers - 302 Pine St Minturn, CO

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Public Comments: If you are unable to attend, public comments regarding any items on the agenda can be submitted to Jay Brunvand, Town Clerk, prior to the meeting and will be included as part of the record.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Earle Bidez called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

2. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

Council present: Mayor Earle Bidez, Mayor Pro Tem Eric Gotthelf, Town Council members Lynn Feiger, Gusty Kanakis, Brian Rodine, and Kate Schifani. Tom Priest was excused absent.

Staff present: Town Manager Rob Gutierrez, Town Clerk Jay Brunvand, Deputy Clerk Cindy Krieg (Zoom), Town Planner Madison Harris, Planning Director Scot Hunn (Zoom), Town Attorney Michael Sawyer (Zoom), and Code Compliance Specialist Kevin Rindy.

3. Approval of Consent Agenda
Consent agenda items are routine Town business, items that have received clear direction previously from the council, final land-use file documents after the public hearing has been closed, or which do not require council deliberation.

A. 09-03-2025 Minutes
B. Liquor License – Deutschman Family LLC, dba Kirby Cosmo's BBQ Bar – Annual Renewal of a Hotel / Restaurant Liquor License
C. Liquor License – El Fraile LLC, dba The Mexican Bar & Grill – Annual Renewal of a Hotel / Restaurant Liquor License
D. Festival Permit – Minturn Fall Festival

Motion by Eric G, second by Gusty K, to approve the Consent Agenda of 09/17/2025 as presented, motion passed 6-0. Tom Priest was excused absent.

4. Approval of Regular Agenda
Opportunity for amendment or deletions to the agenda.

Earle B. requested to move Item 12A (CORE Impact Accelerator Grant), which was a Discussion / Direction Item, to Special Presentations.

Motion by Gusty K, second by Lynn F, to approve the Agenda of 09/17/2025 as amended. motion passed 6-0. Tom Priest was excused absent.

5. Liquor Authority

A. Liquor License: Marcum Terry, DBA Shop N Hop #12 annual renewal of a Retail Liquor License, Terry Marcum Owner/Manager, 401 Main St

The Minturn Shop & Hop received two violations in the past year from undercover state liquor authority stings.
One of the violations occurred in March (beer), one occured in July (beer and cigarettes). Fines to the state were paid. Employees also get fined.
Town Staff is still recommending approval of the renewal, but wanted to give Council an opportunity to address this with the owner and manager, hence it was not under Consent Agenda.

Terry Marcum, owner, Shop N Hop, addressed the Council.
Mr. Marcum also owns a Shop N Hop in Gypsum and one in EagleVail. He has been in business locally for 41 years.
Both of these violations were by new employees who made mistakes. Terry has had very few violations through his duration (he can recall only one suspension), and he and manager Charlene place a heavy emphasis on proper training.
Mr. Marcum outlined the fines that he paid as well as the temporary beer suspension dates. For the first violation in a year, owners can opt to pay a fine vs. having a suspension on sales. For the second, it involves both. Since the beer violation was the second within a year, they will have beer sales suspended for 4 days in October (10th through the 13th), in addition to the fine(s) paid.

Mr. Marcum also emphasized that they are training employees to check everyone, regardless of how old they look, and to scan the ID barcode.

Lynn F. inquired about how often the state does compliance checks.

Mr. Marcum noted that the state does them a few times per year. Eagle County Sheriff's Office also does them occasionally.

Mr. Marcum also discussed some of their recent reinvestments into the store and the pumps, as well as the parking lot. He emphasized that he has invested a lot of money into the business and hopes to remain in business in Minturn for years to come.

Motion by Gusty K, second by Kate S, to approve the annual liquor license renewal for Marcum Terry, DBA Shop N Hop #12. Motion passed 6-0. Tom Priest was excused absent.

6. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

7. Public Comment

Citizens are invited to comment on any item on the Consent Agenda, or not on the regular Agenda subject to a public hearing. Please limit your comments to five minutes per person unless arrangements have been made for a presentation with the Town Clerk. Those who are speaking are requested to state their name and address for the record.

8. Council and Committee Reports

Gusty K – Attended the High Five Media Board Meeting on Monday, but that was mostly to plan the 40th anniversary party next month.

Earle B:

The USFS came back with findings of no significant impact, so the Holy Cross Transmission Line Alternative 4 has been approved. There will be upcoming presentations at future council meetings once a timeline has been determined. The approved alternative plan does involve most of the line being buried underground.

Brian R. also suggested that Holy Cross coordinate with Town staff, especially for the work around the bike park / Mini Mile, etc, so that there can be clear communication and ensure the work doesn't interfere with anything the Town is doing.

Earle B. also discussed the recent Shooting Range meeting, which included himself, Town Manager Rob Gutierrez, Jeff Schroll (Eagle County Manager), and the USFS. The goal of this meeting was to look at two alternatives for the shooting range.

One alternative was to close the shooting range. It was determined that closing is not really an option presently.

Another option to consider is that there is a path for the Town to take control of the land. There is a land patent option where the Town can essentially annex the land, and operate it. This would put an additional burden on the Town, but if the Town took control of the land then it could be worked out to have it enforced by the Eagle County Sheriff's Office. The Town could also set operating hours, and of course enforce closures during fire restrictions, etc.
This option would require public hearings / community input, but the Town is hoping to have a solution before next summer.

9. **Staff Reports**

   A. Manager's Report

Town Manager Rob Gutierrez announced that Michael Martinez has been promoted to Public Works Director. Mr. Martinez thanked the Town and the Council for the opportunity.

Top Updates

1. **Highlands Property –** Broker interviews scheduled; recommendation expected **Aug 20**.
2. **Municipal Advisor –** Town Council selected Troy Bernberg of Northland Securities.
3. **Water Treatment Plant -** 90% design nearing completion; updated cost estimates pending.
4. **Bellm Bridge -** CDOT RFQ posted. Town Council Selection October 1st.
5. **Taylor Street Repaving –** Public bid posting is pending for fall or spring 26' construction.

Active Initiatives

Highlands Property

- Council formed a committee (July 8) to engage brokers for valuation/marketability.
- **Next step:** Committee interviews and recommendations for **Aug 20 meeting**.

Minturn Forward

- Four modules total; current focus on Modules 1 & 2.
- **Module 1 (Completed – March 2025):**
    - Article 5: Land Use Application Requirements & Procedures
    - Article 8: Subdivision Application Requirements & Procedures
    - Articles 10 & 11: Annexation and Disconnection of Land
    - Article 12: Environmental/Development Impact Report
- **Module 2 (In-progress)**
    - Article 2: Zone Districts
    - Article 3: Use Regulations & Standards
    - Article 4: Dimensional Requirements
    - Article 9: Community Housing Standards & Guidelines
- **Next Steps**
    - Incorporate direction from the last two Planning Commission meetings and the upcoming Joint Work Session.
    - Aim to **wrap up Module 2 in September** and begin **Modules 3 & 4**.

Emerging Initiatives

Housing

- Staff are exploring **town-led strategies** to increase local housing supply and maintain/increase the share of full-time resident households.
- Avon-Eagle County led Multijurisdictional Housing Authority exploration project will begin this fall, expect a presentation and discussion with Town Council.
- Avon leading work to ensure the Regional Housing Needs Assessments is compliant with DOLA requirements.

Community Activation

- Held 1st Town Manager's Advisory Committee meeting on August 19th. Monthly meetings will continue every 3rd Tuesday at 4pm at Town Hall or other locations as notified.

Parks and Recreation

- Submitted a Letter of Interest for Colorado Parks & Wildlife's Non-Motorized Trail Planning Grant for Little Beach Park on August 28th.

Economic Development

- Staff are exploring potential town-led strategies to develop and grow small businesses.
- Examining regulatory reform of mobile business/mobile vendor regulations to allow increased flexibility for pop-up business.
- Working to identify barriers to entry for small businesses and how the town could facilitate increased commercial space for startup businesses.

Capital Projects

Minturn Water Treatment Plant
Status: 90% design nearing completion. Q&A with Town Council scheduled for September 3.
Cost Estimate: ~$11M at 60% design; updated estimate pending.
Next Steps: Discussion and financial modeling with Municipal Advisor.

Little Beach Park & Historic Meyer's Barn
Status: Access road and retaining wall out to public bid.
Next Steps: Council award and approval targeted for September 17.

US 24 Pedestrian Improvement
Status: Sidewalk extension project underway. Project slightly delayed due to an Xcel delay.
Next Steps: Construction.

North Main Street Pedestrian Improvement & Cemetery Road Crossing
Status: Asphalt removal and widening in progress near Minturn Townhomes.
Community Coordination: On-site meetings held in late August with the Town Engineer, Eagle River Inn, and Minturn Saloon.
Next Steps: Awaiting utility relocations from Xcel and Comcast.

Bellm Bridge Design RFQ
Status: RFQ posted; inquiries accepted until September 15.
Next Steps: Selection and initial review scheduled for October 1st.

Taylor Street Repaving
Status: Design complete. Public bid posting is pending.

Next Steps: Town Council bid approval and selection October meeting TBD.

Lower Norman Ave. Repaving
Status: Project delayed until 10/9 (tentative)

Brian R – Brian met with Town Manager Rob Gutierrez and Town Engineer Jeff Spanel after the last meeting regarding traffic calming, specifically the newly paved section right in front of Minturn North. Brian reached out to Crested Butte for input, and they wrote him back within a day with a lot of detail and offered to be of assistance. Brian wanted to thank Crested Butte for their willingness to help.

Town Engineer Jeff Spanel addressed crosswalk art.

Jeff S. did some recent review with CDOT and the FHA. They do not allow crosswalk art on state and federal highways. The only thing they recognize are the traditional crosswalks. There is some flexibility with patters, but the only colors that would be approved would be the standard white or neutral colors like brown brick. No bright colors.

Jeff did reference a Bloomberg study that showed effectiveness of the bright colors with regard to safety. Jeff stated that he'd be happy to send along the study and a letter, but is not expecting a positive response.

B. Budget Schedule

Jay B. briefly reviewed the upcoming budget schedule and public hearing process / timeline.

10. Special Presentations
Presentations are limited to 5 minutes. Invited presentations are limited to 10 minutes if prior arrangements are made with the Town Clerk.

A. Item 12A from the agenda (CORE Impact Accelerator Grant) was moved to special presentations.

Gina McCrackin with CORE (Colorado Office for Resource Efficiency) presented.
Background:

In 2022, the Climate Action Collaborative started the Code Cohort Process, that Minturn participated in, that assisted Minturn and other Eagle County communities to update energy codes to be more sustainable and lower energy bills for newly built construction. Following that, the CAC received more funding from the Colorado Energy Office to create the Regional Net Zero Roadmap. Minturn also participated in the Roadmap and was the first to adopt it locally.

This set out how the region would move from the current codes to a net zero energy codes by 2030. Following that, additional grant funding was sought to assist communities with implementation and enforcement, resources, etc.

This current Impact Accelerator program is a joint regional effort, using grant funds from the Colorado Energy Office with priority given to cohort applications. The way this application is being framed is that this program would be used to implement to adopt this new set of codes in our regional communities. The program is being led by CORE and the city of Aspen. All communities in Pitkin County are participating, and all communities in Eagle County are participating with the exception of Gypsum. This funding would give us about $200K for policy development and approximately $1.8 million for rebates and incentives. The letter of support is just to sign into applying for the grant.

Earle asked about timeline and how that $200K for policy development could be used. Would consultants be hired to help develop new codes?

Ms. McCrackin noted that it would be used to hire consultants, code experts, and engineers to help us develop the next suite of codes, answer community questions, make sure that what comes out of this are custom code packages designed for each community to meet their unique circumstances. While we want to strive for consistency across the region, we know that that's a huge benefit. We also recognize communities have their own code needs, so the short answer is yes, we would definitely be hiring consultants to help develop the policies that would be presented for this Town Council to adopt.

Ms. McCrackin also noted that this program does allow for up to 3 years of work under one grant, to support code adoptions in the 2027 – 2028 timeframe.

Brian R. asked where the Colorado Energy Office funding comes from.
Ms. McCrackin noted that it does come from the federal government, and acknowledged concerns. She did note that at the state level there is not concern at this time about any potential threats of funding being pulled for this program. The state attorney general has been very active in ensuring availability of funding that's already been contracted.

Kevin Rindy spoke briefly about next steps. Following submission of the support letter, staff will need to discuss potential project / priorities, including some possible energy retrofits for some of our older facilities / properties.

11. Business Items

Items and/or Public Hearings listed under Business Items may be old or new and may require review or action by the Council.

A. Ordinance 09 - Series 2025 (Second Reading), An Ordinance amending Chapter 7, Article 8 regarding air quality (Section 7-8-30 Solid Fuel Burning Devices) to allow for EPA rated wood burning devices in new construction

This ordinance is being presented to the Town Council as a minor amendment to the Town's air quality regulations to allow for new technology, Phase III rated solid fuel-burning devices in new construction and in renovations/remodels as an alternative heat source.

Staff presented Ordinance No. 9 on first reading at the September 3, 2025 regular meeting of the Town Council. The only recommendation from Council was to allow staff to make the following change to the Town's current definition of "Solid fuel-burning device" – removing the word "coal" to the list of potential fuel sources - prior to second reading:
"Solid fuel-burning device means any fireplace, stove, firebox or device intended and/or used for the purpose of burning wood, coal, pulp, paper or other nonliquid or nongaseous fuel. This definition specifically excludes non-commercial barbecue devices used to cook food outdoors."

Earle – is this for new construction only?
Scot – New construction and to replace non-EPA rated older wood burning

Lynn – what about for a remodel where there was no previous fireplace?
Scot – Yes, as long as it's properly rated by the State. (check transcript)

Public Comment Opened.
No Public Comment.
Public Comment Closed.

Motion by Gusty K, second by Lynn F, to approve Ordinance 09 – Series 2025, as presented. Motion passed 6-0. Tom Priest was excused absent.

B. Ordinance 10 - Series 2025 (Second Reading) An Ordinance Amending Chapter 19, Article 5 to Add the Secretary of Interior's Design Guidelines as a Review Standard

Council is asked to approve Ordinance 10 - Series 2025 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 19 - Historic Preservation of the MMC to Add the Secretary of Interior's Guidelines as a Review Standard.
At the September 3, 2025 meeting a question was raised by a member of the public asking if the Town were to lose its Certified Local Government status, can individual property owners apply for tax credits and/or grants for the current historically designated properties. Staff reached out to Dr. Lindsey Flewelling at History Colorado to get an answer to this and below is her response:
"Tax credits are only available to locally designated properties in CLGs, and properties on the State or National Registers, so would not be available if Minturn were no longer a CLG. For the State Historical Fund [funding for grants], designated properties in any local government that has a program for landmarking are eligible."
Last year there were amendments to Chapter 19 that staff has since discovered have some unintended consequences, so this ordinance is being presented in efforts to correct the oversight.

At the June 5, 2024 meeting Council discussed balancing historic preservation, economic feasibility, and the utilization of property, particularly in the Town's

downtown, commercial generating area. In response to this a work session was scheduled at the July 17, 2024 meeting.
During the work session staff brought forth nine different ideas for Council to discuss and give direction on. Staff was directed to bring back an ordinance addressing Options 1-7:

1. Option 1: Eliminate the requirement for two sets of design review guidelines
2. Option 2: Eliminating potentially redundant approval requirements
3. Option 3: Allow for historically designated structures in the downtown corridor to have the immediate ability to functions as short term rentals on all floors
4. Option 4: Encourage historic preservation reinvestment as part of the Downtown Development Authority Operations Plan
5. Option 5: Require a minimum of two nominators for a structure to be nominated for historic designation
6. Option 6: Create a process whereby property owners can determine if their structure would be historically designated without necessarily "supporting" such a designation
7. Option 7: Allow residential in the Downtown Character Area on the back 50% ground floor of historically designated commercial buildings to create live/work opportunities

All of this ended up being addressed in Ordinance 20 - Series 2024 which was passed September 2024. Unfortunately, since then staff has discovered that as a Certified Local Government the Town is required to have "Standards, criteria, and procedures for review of alterations, demolitions, or new construction. They must be consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Archaeology and Historic Preservation." - Colorado CLG Handbook pg. 4.
As such, staff is presenting an ordinance for review to add back in the Secretary of Interior's Standards and Guidelines in Article 5 where it was previously located.
Staff presented this ordinance to the HPC to receive feedback and received a recommendation of approval at their August 19, 2025 meeting.

Madison H. clarified (since there were resident questions at first reading), that historically designated properties would not be eligible for tax credits but could be eligible for grant funding.

Motion by Lynn F, second by Kate S, to approve Ordinance 10 – Series 2025, as presented. Motion passed 6-0. Tom Priest was excused absent.

C. Resolution 38 - Series 2025, A Resolution Supporting Eagle River Water & Sanitation District Ballot Measure on General Obligation Bond for Regional Wastewater Facility Upgrades

The proposed resolution expresses support for the Eagle River Water & Sanitation District's forthcoming ballot measure seeking authorization of a general obligation (GO) bond to finance required upgrades at the Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility in Edwards.

The Edwards facility is the sole treatment site for wastewater solids generated across the District's service area, including Minturn. State regulations require the District to complete $93 million in upgrades by 2029 to maintain compliance, protect the Eagle River, and ensure reliable service for our community.

The District has determined that pursuing a GO bond, subject to voter approval in the November 4, 2025 coordinated election, would provide a more affordable financing option for most customers compared to a revenue bond. For example, the estimated property tax impact for a $1 million home would be approximately $112 annually, compared with an estimated $268 annual increase in utility rates if the project were financed through a revenue bond.

The attached resolution provides the Town an opportunity to formally acknowledge the importance of this project and encourage our community to carefully consider the ballot measure. Adoption of this resolution would not advocate for a particular voting outcome but would demonstrate the Town's recognition of the project's necessity and regional significance.

Rob G. outlined the financial implications / increases to individual property owners that would take place if the measure does not pass.

Lynn F. expressed some concern over business and commercial properties being asked to share such a large percentage of the cost.

Gusty K mentioned vacant land savings.

Brian R reiterated that it's based on property value so the more expensive homes will be paying a higher amount.

Public Comment:

Lynn Teach, 253 Pine St.

Lynn asked Rob G. to clarify the amounts based on value. Rob G. noted that he can't speak to exact costs, but confirmed that it if it doesn't bond then it will go to a rate structure, and everyone would pay a higher rate (same rates).

Motion by Eric G, second by Lynn F, to approve Resolution 38 – Series 2025, as presented. Motion passed 6-0. Tom Priest was excused absent.

D. Resolution 39 - Series 2025, A Resolution Approving an IGA with the Town of Red Cliff for a Temporary Employee Share

Staff are requesting Council approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Town of Red Cliff that would allow Minturn to share one of Red Cliff's public works employees on an as-needed, as-available basis through the remainder of 2025.

This temporary staffing support will provide Minturn with critical assistance while our staff continues the process of recruiting and hiring several new public works employees. The agreement will enable Minturn to maintain essential services such as street

maintenance, snow removal, and utility support during this transitional period.
We believe this arrangement is **mutually beneficial for both Minturn and Red Cliff**. It promotes efficiency, reduces costs, and strengthens cooperation between our neighboring communities while ensuring continuity of core municipal services.

Lynn F. asked if we will lose this help when the agreement expires.

Rob G. noted we do have the position(s) posted and we are prioritizing this. We could certainly talk to Red Cliff about more help with snow removal as needed, and we could also reach out to Avon or other municipalities as needed. Rob stated he will proactively reach out to Avon and Eagle County, and will also discuss with Red Cliff the possibility of supplemental help with snow removal if needed.

Mike S. noted that there were some minor edits to the original agreement, which he is OK with.

Motion by Gusty K, second by Kate S, to approve Resolution 39 – Series 2025, as presented. Motion passed 6-0. Tom Priest was excused absent.

E. Resolution 37 - Series 2025, A Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with a Municipal Advisor

Council is asked to approve Resolution 37 – Series 2025, authorizing an agreement with Troy Bernberg of Northland Securities, to serve as the Town's Municipal Advisor. The Town Council recently authorized the formation of a committee consisting of Council Member Gusty Kanakis, Mayor Earle Bidez, and Town Manager Rob Gutierrez to interview prospective firms to serve as the Town's Municipal Advisor. The purpose of this engagement was to assist the Town in exploring potential bond financing strategies for the construction of Minturn's new water treatment plant.
The committee conducted interviews with four qualified candidates.

Following the interviews and evaluation of each candidate's qualifications, experience, and approach, the committee and Town Manager are unanimously recommending that the Town Council select Mr. Troy Bernberg of Northland Securities to serve as the Town's Municipal Advisor for this project.

Mike S. addressed the Council. He reiterated some of the primary points from the discussion that took place at the last meeting.
The Town had made some redline changes to the agreement, and Mike wanted to include more comprehensive compensation information.

There were some edits by Northland, and there was some confusion about Northland feeling the Town was asking for arbitrage services, which we are not. This can be handled in-house or through contracted CPA services.

Mike S. also noted that he did some due diligence regarding the competitiveness of the rates, and they are confirmed to be competitive. He reviewed the 2 different types of compensation options.

There are 2 compensation scenarios, which Mike S. reviewed and explained.

- Public offering (nothing changed from the original proposal)
- Private placement (this option was added to the original proposal), with a cap

Mike S. noted that the clean version of the proposal in the meeting packet is acceptable to him.

Brian R. inquired about the alternative to using a municipal advisor. Earle B. and Mike S. explained that if the Town were to work directly with a bank / bond financing organization, they will only offer you products that their organization offers. Mike S. compared this to using a direct insurance company vs. an insurance broker who essentially shops options for you. An independent broker is a free agent, and is responsible for finding the best financing options for the Town.

Motion by Gusty K, second by Eric G, to approve Resolution 37 – Series 2025, as presented. Motion passed 6-0. Tom Priest was excused absent.

F. Resolution 41 - Series 2025, A Resolution Approving a Contract for Little Beach Park Improvements

Council is asked to approve Resolution 41 – Series 2025, Accepting the bid from 360 Civil, for Little Beach Park Improvements Phase 1 (Retaining Wall and Access Road). The Town put out an IFB on August 25th and received one bid. If the work is not done at this time, it would need to be re-bid in the spring and costs will likely continue to go up. While this bid is higher than original estimates, costs have increased since the original estimates and the scope of the project did change somewhat. Additionally, this project does not have a specific budget amount since the funding is coming from the Battle Mountain LBP funding. Lastly, Inter-Mountain Engineering will work with the contractor to value-engineer where possible to save costs and get the total cost down as much as possible.

Brian R. suggested a fence or a railing for safety at the top of the retaining wall (something that kids can't climb over).

Jeff S. noted that he would look into options for this, but it would likely be done later (not as part of this project scope).
Brian R. also recommended some additional public outreach and signage explaining the project and what's happening.

Timeline was discussed. The hope is for this project to be completed yet this year. If we run into weather issues or the asphalt plants start to close, we could still do the work on the wall but save the paving until spring. Jeff S. confirmed that due to CDOT projects, the asphalt plants are planning to be open until at least mid-October.

Rob G. also discussed the grant options for the additional phases of the Little Beach Park Improvements Plan.

Earle B. asked about the removal of the vault bathroom and how we would handle bathrooms going forward.

Cindy K. explained that the vault bathroom has been a problem for quite a long time. It's very difficult and costly to maintain and is only a single bathroom as well. So we have always (for years anyway) supplemented with portable bathrooms that live at LBP for the summer season. The plan going forward would be to provide more upscale portable bathrooms (perhaps trailer style) or to build some type of wall or enclosure to make it less of an eyesore.

Cindy K. also explained the overall target timeline for Little Beach Park Improvements, breaking out the tentative plans for phase 1 and 2, and a possible phase 3.

Motion by Gusty K, second by Lynn F, to approve Resolution 41 – Series 2025, as presented. Motion passed 6-0. Tom Priest was excused absent.

G. Resolution 40-Series 2025, A Resolution for Little Beach Park CPW Trail Grant

Staff are requesting Council support to apply for a Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) Non-Motorized State Trails Planning Grant in the amount of $45,000, with a local match of $44,940, to support the Minturn Trails Planning (MTP) Project.
This grant opportunity directly supports the Town's ongoing efforts to expand and improve Little Beach Park. With CPW's partnership, Minturn can take the next step toward designing a soft-surface trail system that:

- Connects Downtown, Little Beach Park, the Eagle River, the Amphitheater, and the Minturn Bike Park.
- Improves safe access to the Eagle River at one of the community's few approved entry points.
- Addresses the long-standing ADA access issues at the Amphitheater, ensuring more equitable use of the Town's signature event space.
- Provides a safe, non-vehicular route for residents and visitors to reach recreation amenities.

Staff believes this project strongly aligns with Council's priorities for parks, recreation, and community access. It also advances regional goals to connect people with nature while enhancing Minturn's unique cultural and recreational assets.

This grant could help the town with planning and engineering work for both an enhanced trail system to better connect the bridge to Little Beach Park and Little Beach Park to the Minturn Bike Park. Additionally, the hope is that this grant could assist with engineering proper ADA access on the south side of the amphitheater where the parking is located. The steep grade of that area was discussed.

The river setback challenges were also discussed.

Motion by Gusty K., second by Lynn F., to approve Resolution 40 - Series 2025 as presented. Motion passed 6-0. Tom Priest was excused absent.

12. Discussion / Direction Items

A. CORE Impact Accelerator Grant – This item was moved to special presentations (10A).

13. Future Agenda Items

A. Future Meeting Topics

Earle asked to have Little Beach Park Improvements updates every couple of months, to discuss the progress of phase 1 and the planning of phase 2.

10/15 – Consultant to talk about the regional housing authority next steps.

A Housing Action Plan is required by state law for each jurisdiction. The plan has to be concrete / specific and accepted by DOLA. Avon is leading this and is pushing for a regional plan so we can get an exemption.

Gusty K. also brought up the water moratorium and how that might affect the housing plan.

Lynn F – Recommended a possible executive session on 10/1 regarding the Highlands Parcels. Possibly after the regular meeting if we can keep the regular agenda light. Rob G. will update council on the 10/1 agenda to try to accommodate this.

14. Adjourn

Motion by Kate S, second by Brian R, to adjourn at 7:21pm. Motion passed 6-0. Tom Priest was excused absent.

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Earle Bidez, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jay Brunvand, Town Clerk

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Information Only Items
Upcoming Council Meetings: 10/1, 10/15, 11/5

DDA Plan of Development Workshop with Ayres Associates: 10/20 - 10/22 (Details to Follow)

Upcoming Social Events:

- Minturn SeptemberFest Saturday 9/27 (in conjunction with the VRD Cougar Ridge Classic).
- October First Friday at Kirby Cosmo's (10/3).