

1 **New Castle Town Council Regular Meeting**  
2 **Tuesday, September 16, 2025, 7:00 PM**  
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4 **Call to Order**

5 Mayor Art Riddile called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

6 **Pledge of Allegiance**

7 **Roll Call**

8 Councilor Carey  
9 Councilor Hazelton  
10 Mayor A. Riddile  
11 Councilor Copeland  
12 Councilor Leland  
13 Councilor G Riddile

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15 Absent Councilor Mariscal  
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18 Also present at the meeting were Town Clerk Mindy Andis, Administrator Dave Reynolds,  
19 and members of the public.  
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21 **MOTION: Mayor A. Riddile made a motion to excuse Councilor Mariscal's**  
22 **absence. Councilor Hazelton seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**  
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24 **Meeting Notice**

25 Clerk Andis verified that her office gave notice of the meeting in accordance with  
26 Resolution TC 2025-1.

27 **Conflicts of Interest**

28 There were no citizen comments  
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30 **Agenda Changes**

31 There were no agenda changes

32 **Citizen Comments on Items not on the Agenda**

33 New Castle resident Greg Russi said he would be teaching a class at Colorado Mountain  
34 Collage (CMC) called "We the People" An Owner's Manual to the US Constitution. The class  
35 is every Thursday for 6 weeks at the Glenwood Center 1402 Blake Avenue Glenwood  
36 Springs. The class starts on September 25, 2025 – October 30, 2025, 6:00pm-8:00pm  
37 and fee is \$79.00. Mr. Russi invited the council and staff to attend the class.

38 **Consultant Reports**

39 Consultant Attorney – not present  
40 Consultant Engineer – not present

41 **Items for Consideration**

42 **Presentation – Riverside Middle School Support Project**

43 Administrator Dave Reynolds said New Castle Riverside Middle School Assistant  
44 Principal/Athletic Director Trent Bakich and Principal Karen Satter would like to introduce a

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1 new multi-use playground project to be built on school property. The project is designed  
2 to include multiple pieces of play equipment, a ball court, shade structure, and a small  
3 amphitheater with targeted use by students and the wider community. With the projects  
4 planning stage well under way, the various elements of this project including architect,  
5 civil engineering, excavation, equipment purchase, surfacing work, etc., are all being  
6 finalized so that once final financing is secured the project will be ready to go. To date the  
7 school has done a great job of managing internal fundraising and private donations and is  
8 now reaching out to explore community partnerships that may help to get this project  
9 over the finish line. Ms. Satter said they have been working on the project heavily for the  
10 past two years. They have had several fundraisers where all the money raised has gone  
11 into the funding of the project. Ms. Satter said the field would be used by the town and  
12 the community. Mr. Bakich reviewed the presentation with the council (**Exhibit A**). Mr.  
13 Bakich said when they were thinking about the project, they had the community in mind  
14 and in the early stages of the planning for the project they wanted to incorporate more  
15 exercise type equipment to help tie into VIX trail. Mr. Bakich said there would be an  
16 amphitheater structure with a statue which leads to the football field. Mr. Bakich reviewed  
17 the timeline with the council. He said the early stages is already underway, including 26  
18 trees have been planted with 7 more to come. He said Phase 1: by spring of 2026 all pre-  
19 planning, state approvals and vendors in place, excavation and funding secured for  
20 planned improvements. He said Phase 2: by fall of 2026 Volleyball court and shade  
21 structure in place and available for use by Riverside students and community members.  
22 He said Phase 3: by fall of 2027 all playground equipment, walkways and landscaping  
23 complete. Statue and terraced seating planning and scheduling complete. Mr. Bakich said  
24 the current fundraising is Mad Math-a-Thon, Riverside Family Night, The Riverside Yard  
25 Sale, Business Sponsors (signs in the gym and outside of Riverside, Athletic Contributions,  
26 Community and Family Donations and Grants. Mr. Bakich reviewed the breakdown of the  
27 cost for the just as follows:

28 **Architect-\$1,920**  
29 **Civil engineer-\$9,500**  
30 **Excavation-\$20,000**  
31 **Retaining wall-\$10,000**  
32 **Playground (equipment, freight, installation)-\$175,050**  
33 **Rubberized surfaces-\$15,000**  
34 **Curbing-\$5,000**  
35 **Statue-\$30,000**  
36 **Concrete terracing-\$10,000**  
37 **Landscaping-\$7,000**  
38 **Total-\$276,477**

39 **Proposed total budget: \$350,000 (due to inflation and other considerations)**

40 Mr. Bakich said they would like to partner with the Town of New Castle for a joint grant  
41 through FMLD.

42 Mayor A. Riddle asked if they had any funds available for the project. Mr. Bakich said yes,  
43 they do roughly \$12,000. He said they are just starting the fundraising for this year.

44 Councilor Hazelton asked if the exaction of \$20,000 a donation. Mr. Bakich said yes,  
45 Redneck Excavating had donated 100 percent of the excavation.

1 Councilor Carey said another idea for funding raising could be to sell bricks or pavers with  
2 the donor's name on them for the amphitheater.

3 Councilor G. Riddile said he is in favor of a joint grant application and support with some  
4 town funding.

5 Mayor A. Riddile asked if the grant would be spring FMLD grant. Administrator Reynolds  
6 said yes if the timing works.

7 The council was in support of the opportunity of a joint grant from the FLMD.  
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9 **Presentation – Colorado River Valley Economic Development Partnership**  
10 **(CRVEDP) – Alicia Gresley**

11 Administrator Reynolds said Director Alicia Gresley would be giving an update from the  
12 Colorado River Valley Economic Development Partnership (CREVDP). Ms. Gresley reviewed  
13 her presentation with the council (**Exhibit B**). Ms. Gresley said they were awarded a grant  
14 focusing on lowering greenhouse gases and emissions and focusing on alternative energy.  
15 She said CRVEDP is focusing on how to get people to live, work and play within their  
16 communities. CRVEDP used the grant money in Phase 1 was to hire consultants to collect  
17 all the data. Phase 2 was the business and community surveys which are complete. The  
18 data that was collected from the surveys are being used and analyzed to move into Phase  
19 3. Phase 3 is the Economic Development Strategy Planning. Ms. Gresley said they were  
20 also awarded a Market Study Grant. The grant would be for asset inventory. Ms. Gresley  
21 reviewed some of the projects they have completed or working on for 2025.

22 Councilor Leland asked if Ms. Gresley spoken with CLEER in Carbondale. Ms. Gresley said  
23 yes, they are one of CRVEDP partners.  
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25 **Consider Resolutions TC2025-19 – A Resolution of the New Castle Town Council**  
26 **Supporting the Ballot Measure of the Confluence Early Childhood Education**  
27 **Coalition to be Decided by Voters at the November 4, 2025, Election**

28 Administrator Reynolds said during the regular council meeting on August 5, 2025 CECE  
29 Coalition director Maggie Tolan Tiscornia presented the work that CECE was doing to  
30 develop a funding mechanism for Early Childhood Development Services in the area from  
31 Parachute to Aspen. During the meeting held on August 19, 2025, the council directed  
32 staff to provide a resolution for the council to consider supporting CECE's efforts. With  
33 CECE's November 4, 2025, ballot language now finalized, staff presents Resolution TC  
34 2025-19 for the council's review and consideration. He said there would be a board to  
35 determine where the money could go such childcare, child programs or other child related  
36 efforts.

37 Councilor Hazelton asked how the board was made up. Councilor G. Riddile said there are  
38 five seats and it's based on population.  
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40 **MOTION: Councilor G. Riddile made a motion to approve Resolutions**  
41 **TC2025-19 – A Resolution of the New Castle Town Council Supporting the Ballot**  
42 **Measure of the Confluence Early Childhood Education Coalition to be Decided by**  
43 **Voters at the November 4, 2025, Election. Councilor Carey seconded the motion,**  
44 **and it passed unanimously.**

1 **Consent Agenda**

2 Items on the consent agenda are routine and non-controversial and will be approved by  
3 one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a council member  
4 or citizen requests it, in which case the item will be removed from the consent agenda.  
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6 September 2, 2025, minutes

7 CRS Frens, LLC dba: New Castle Liquors Liquor License Renewal

8 CRS Frens, LLC dba: New Castle Liquors Tasting License Application

9 Dillon Companies LLC dba: City Market #41 Liquor License Renewal

10 Kum & Go LC dba: Maverik 5050 Liquor License Renewal  
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12 **MOTION: Mayor A. Riddile made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.**  
13 **Councilor Hazelton seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**  
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15 **Staff Reports**

16 **Town Administrator** –Administrator Reynolds said he has assigned Lt. Stu Curry as the  
17 Interim Police Chief. Administrator Reynolds said he is currently working with different  
18 organizations on recruiting a Police Chief. Administrator Reynolds said he had received a  
19 phone call from the owner of the parking lot the town leases from. They are looking at  
20 selling the parking lot property. Administrator Reynolds said Becky Rippy likes the idea of  
21 naming the park across the street after Steve Rippy. Administrator Reynolds thanked  
22 everyone who volunteered for Burning Mountain Festival. He said the parade was great on  
23 Saturday, there were 46 floats in the parade. The worship service on Sunday had great  
24 attendance. The park was packed with people. Staff has been reaching out to Bob  
25 Gordons family. The town has a plaque that has been placed on a bench as well as  
26 proclamation to be presented to the family. Staff has not received any kind of response  
27 back from the family. Administrator Reynolds said staff has finished an amendment to the  
28 Lakota Ranch Trails Agreement. The amended agreement allows RFMBA to build a new  
29 short trail segment this fall. Administrator Reynolds thanked everybody for their support  
30 while he was out. He will be leaving again on Thursday, September 18, 2025, and will  
31 return Saturday, September 20, 2025.

32 **Town Clerk** – Clerk Andis said she is busy cross training Assistant Michelle Huster on  
33 clerk duties.

34 **Town Treasurer** – not present

35 **Town Planner** – not present

36 **Public Works Director** – not present  
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38 **Commission Reports**

39 **Planning & Zoning Commission** – have not met

40 **Historic Preservation Commission** – Councilor Copeland said they did meet but she  
41 was not able to attend the meeting

42 **Climate and Environment Commission** – Councilor Leland said they were Volunteer  
43 Organization of Year.

44 **Senior Program** – have not met

- 1 **RFTA** – Mayor A. Riddile said they did meet but he was not able to attend the meeting.
- 2 **AGNC** – have not met
- 3 **GCE** – have not met
- 4 **EAB** – have not met
- 5 **POSTR** – have not met

6 **Council Comments**

7 Councilor G. Riddile thanked staff for all of the sidewalk repairs.  
8 Councilor Leland suggested as a fund raiser for the museum to have a photoshoot with  
9 residences in front of the Green Bridge since the bridge won't be there for much longer.  
10 Councilor Copeland said she had attended the CML meeting in Silt and spoke with a  
11 representative about possible tax reimbursement for recycling.  
12 Councilor Hazelton said he has sold some of the Sandborn maps as a fund raiser for the  
13 museum. He said he has gotten the approval from the museum to have a display at Alpine  
14 Bank with the maps. Administrator Reynolds said the town has received the proofs for the  
15 signs for the museum. The signs were paid in part by an AGNC grant the town had  
16 received.  
17 Mayor A. Riddile said he attended the Police Department staff meeting and the moral of  
18 the staff is amazing in a good way. Staff is really tight and working great together and  
19 doing a great job. Administrator Reynolds said they just hired a new police clerk, and she  
20 will be starting in a couple of weeks.

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22 **Items for Future Council Agenda**

23 There were none

24 **Adjourn**

25 **MOTION: Mayor A. Riddile made a motion to adjourn.**

26 The meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

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28 Respectfully submitted,

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33 Mayor Art Riddile

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35 Town Clerk Mindy Andis, CMC