

TOWN OF ERIE

645 Holbrook Street Erie, CO 80516

Meeting Minutes

Town Council

Tuesday, August 19, 2025 6:00 PM Council Chambers

Special Meeting

Link to Watch or Comment Virtually: https://bit.ly/TC-Special-3rdTuesday

I. Call Meeting to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Moore opened the meeting at 6:01 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Present: 7 - Mayor Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Bell, Council Member Pesaramelli, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Baer, Council Member Mortellaro, and Council Member Hoback

III. Approval of the Agenda

Council Member Hoback made a motion to approve the agenda. Council Member Mortellaro seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following vote at 6:03 p.m.

Ayes 7 - Mayor Moore

Mayor Pro Tem Bell

Council Member Pesaramelli Council Member O'Connor Council Member Baer Council Member Mortellaro Council Member Hoback

IV. Public Comment On Non-Agenda and Consent Items only.

Mayor Moore opened Public Comment at 6:03 p.m.

Sam Fogleman spoke in person about flock cameras. With no other speakers, in person or online virtually, Mayor Moore closed Public Comment at 6:06 p.m.

V. General Business

Grants to Communities - Updated Application and Review Criteria

Attachments: Draft of 2026 Grant Application

2025 Grant Application Example

8-19 Council Presentation - Grants to Communities

Meredyth Muth, Director of Administrative Services and Operations, presented the item at 6:06 p.m.

Mayor Moore opened the item for discussion. Council discussed the draft application and agreed applicants should report their grant expenditures within 60 days after their events are completed. Council Member Baer stated she was concerned that the funding limits Council agreed to at the last meeting would decrease what some applicants received.

Mayor Moore made a motion to accept the application changes as proopsed, with one additional change, that reporting be due 60 days after the conclusion of the event(s) for which the money is being granted.

Council Member Baer asked if the event grant amount could also be changed back to \$7,500.00 or \$10,000.00 so that the Town can ensure cultural events are fully funded. Mayor Moore asked for a second on his motion before further discussing the amount change. Mayor Pro Tem Bell seconded the motion.

Mayor Moore opened the discussion regarding event grant amounts. The discussion continued among Council. Mayor Moore said he was open to reviewing the process again after the next cycle. Council can ask then determine if the limits were appropriate, whether the money went to the intended groups, and whether money was left on the table. Mayor Moore asked for a roll call vote.

Mayor Moore asked that Council Member O'Connor not be called on first, as Mayor Moore felt the last roll call votes began with Council Member O'Connor.

Mayor Moore made a motion to accept the changes made to the Grants to Communities application with a new reporting requirement by all applicants to be completed within 60 days of their events. Mayor Pro Tem Bell seconded the Motion. The motion passed by the following vote at 6:25 p.m.

Ayes 4 - Mayor Moore

Mayor Pro Tem Bell Council Member O'Connor

Council Member Mortellaro

Nayes 3 - Council Member Pesaramelli

Council Member Baer Council Member Hoback

Presentation of Results from Comprehensive Survey

Attachments: Presentation

Topline Results

Verbatim Responses - T3 Issues

Verbatim Responses - T5 Right Direction

Verbatim Responses - T6 Wrong Track

Verbatim Responses - T12 Small Town Define

Verbatim Responses - T23 Traffic

<u>Verbatim Responses - T25 Other Roads Comments</u>

Weighted Crosstabs

Ballot Item Steps and Timeline

Gabi Rae, Director of Communications & Community Engagement and Courtney Sievers, Director of Survey Research for Magellan Strategies, presented the findings of the Comprehensive Survey at 6:26 p.m.

Mayor Moore opened discussion of the results at 7:07 p.m.

Malcolm Fleming, Town Manager, Patrick Hammer, Deputy Town Manager, Luke Bolinger, Director of Parks and Recreation and Chief Lee Mathis answered questions from Town Council.

Council thanked staff and Magellan Strategies for all the work that went into preparing and processing the survey results. Mayor Moore recognized that Council is prioritizing items and issues for 2026, and will give staff direction when those decisions are made by a majority. The consensus from Council was to continue discussing the results of the survey and their priorities at the upcoming Council Retreat, scheduled for September 6, 2025.

VI. Adjournment

Mayor Moore adjourned the meeting at 9:48 p.m.