



TOWN OF ERIE

645 Holbrook Street
Erie, CO 80516

Meeting Minutes

Town Council

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

Special Meeting

Link to Watch or Comment Virtually: www.erieco.gov/CouncilMeeting

I. Call Meeting to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Moore called the meeting to order at 6:00 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

Mayor Pro Tem Bell made a motion to approve the Agenda. Council Member Mortellaro seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following vote at 6:01 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. General Business

[2026-291](#) Informational Meeting - Potential Sale of Town's Mineral Rights

Attachments: [April 21 Presentation](#)

David Frank, Director of Environmental Services, presented the item at 6:03 p.m.

Breena Meng, Town Attorney, gave information as to where negotiations currently stand. Noting no agreement has been reached at this time at 6:13 p.m.

Council Members then asked questions of both Director Frank and Attorney Meng.

V. Public Comment

Mayor Moore read the Public Comments rules and opened Public Comment at 6:54 p.m.

The following spoke:

1. Jennifer Ott spoke in favor of the sale.
2. Elisabeth Fisher spoke in opposition of the sale.
3. Alyssa McLean signed up to speak but declined to speak on line.
4. Tim Larsen signed up to speak but did not show.
5. Kole Kelley spoke in favor of the sale.
6. Bill Jones spoke in favor of the sale.
7. Carol Campbell spoke oppositiion of the sale.
8. Julie Friday spoke in favor of the sale.
9. Dan Raessler spoke in opposition of the sale.
10. James Floyd spoke in favor of the sale.
11. Emily Brecht spoke in opposition of the sale.
12. Steve Hochgesang spoke in opposition of the sale.
13. Lorrie McAllister spoke in opposition of the sale.
14. Ben Hemphill spoke in opposition of the sale.
15. Mike Foote spoke about various laws passed regarding this issue and recommended the Town does not sell.
16. Shavonne Blades spoke in opposition of the sale; she also provided Council with many questions for which she would like answers.
17. Kaycee Headrick spoke about how difficult this discussion is with no feedback provided by Council. She also spoke in opposition of the sale.
18. Emily Ralph spoke in opposition of the sale.
19. Amy Becker spoke in opposition of the sale.
20. James Salvaggio signed up to speak but did not show.
21. Steven Gaines spoke in opposition of the sale.
22. Elliott Russell spoke in opposition of the sale.
23. Tonia Sharp spoke in opposition of the sale.
24. Janet Miller spoke in opposition of the sale.
25. Charles Duscha spoke in opposition of the sale.
26. Jana Jacobs spoke in opposition of the sale.
27. Josephine Stare spoke in opposition of the sale.
28. Bill Hughes spoke in opposition of the sale.
29. Laura Brecht spoke in opposition of the sale.

With no additional speakers in person or online virtually, Mayor Moore closed Public Comment at 7:52 p.m.

VI. Adjournment

Council Members each gave closing thoughts on the possible deal.

Mayor Moore adjourned the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

Approved _____
Mayor

Attest _____
Town Clerk