# TOWN OF DILLON TOWN COUNCIL

#### SPECIAL MEETING

VIRTUAL MEETING via MICROSOFT TEAMS Tuesday, December 8, 2020 4:30 p.m.

## **CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

A special meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Dillon, Colorado, was held on Tuesday, December 8, 2020, via teleconferencing. Mayor Skowyra called the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m. and the following Council Members answered roll call: Karen Kaminski, Kyle Hendricks, Steve Milroy Hendricks. Mayor Pro Tem Brad Bailey, Council Member Jen Barchers and Council Member Renee Imamura were absent. Staff members present were: Town Manager, Nathan Johnson; Finance Director, Carri McDonnell and Town Clerk, Adrienne Stuckey

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There being no changes to the agenda, it will stand as presented.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Janet Pasterkamp e-mailed a letter to Council and suggested that the Dillon Restaurant Business Grant Program should include other Dillon businesses listed in Senate Bill 20B-001, such as movie theaters and recreation centers. Attached is the letter.

Judy and John Jordan, owners of Pug Ryan's Brewing Company, e-mailed a letter to Council and asked Council to consider a few ideas regarding the Dillon Restaurant Grant Program. Attached is the letter.

### RESOLUTION NO. 59-20, SERIES OF 2020

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AND FUNDING THE TOWN OF DILLON RESTAURANT BUSINESS GRANT PROGRAM AND APPROVING A FORM GRANT AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

Council Member Imamura and Mayor Pro Tem Brad Bailey joined the meeting at 5:03 p.m.

Nathan Johnson, Town Manager, explained Council approved \$250,000 in small business loans in April 2020 to assist with the impacts of COVID-19. Twenty-one loans were disbursed to the business community for a total of \$210,000. The Town was able to obtain \$103,686 in grants from the State of Colorado so essentially it only spent \$107,000 out of the approved \$250,000. Staff recommends using the remaining \$143,000 to assist the restaurants.

Carri McDonnell, Finance Director, stated on November 22, 2020, restaurants in Colorado were required to close to indoor dining under the State and County's public health order. Restaurants are able to continue to provide take-out or delivery. During April and May when restaurants were shutdown to indoor dining, they lost on average 62% in April and 52% in May. The

upcoming four-month season (December to March) is typically some of their strongest revenues with 38% of their total annual revenues. Restaurants are already down on average 26% for March to September 2020 as compared to the same time frame in 2019. Restaurants represent approximately 14% of the Town's sales tax revenues.

Council Member Jen Barchers joined the meeting at 5:07 p.m.

Ms. McDonnell added the Town has twenty-one restaurants in town and the grant program would provide up to \$10,000 per restaurant to reimburse for their rent or mortgage. The restaurant must be in Dillon, be current on their taxes and fees, be closed to indoor dining due to public health order and be down 10% in revenues from March to September 2020 compared to 2019. The restaurant must provide proof of their rent or mortgage payment.

Manager Johnson stated the Colorado Senate approved a Senate Bill 20B-001 in a special session to aid restaurants but the funds won't be distributed until February 12, 2021 and some restaurants may not be in business in February 2021.

Council Member Bailey moved to approve Resolution No. 59-20, Series of 2020. Council Member Hendricks seconded the motion which passed unanimously upon roll call vote.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**:

Council moved to authorize the spending of the Restaurant Grant Funding Program to not exceed \$210,000.

Council Member Hendricks moved to authorize the spending of the Restaurant Grant Funding Program to not exceed \$210,000. Council Member Milroy seconded the motion which passed unanimously upon roll call vote.

Council Member Kaminski asked if Staff could research what else the Town could do to assist businesses.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

Adrienne Stuckey, Town Clerk

There being no further business, Mayor Skowyra declared the meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m
Respectfully submitted by: