



TOWN OF DINOSAUR

Dinosaur Town Council Minutes Dinosaur Council Chambers August 25, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Darcie Rocque called the regular meeting of the Dinosaur Town Council to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led and recited by Darcie Rocque.

Council members present were Jeff Harrington, Marshelle Gray, Devonna Wilczek, Leroy Trujillo, Mike Snyder, and Mayor Darcie Rocque. A quorum was established. Staff in attendance: Larry Elarton, Melody Villard Public in attendance: Mike Taylor, Paul Jachim, Lawrence Burger, James Jenson, Chara Garcia, Lando Blakely, James Isrealson (Sunrise Engineering) Robert Dick Via Zoom: Meagan Meagher, Ella, Ginger, Michael Miller, User 676967264215798532

Council reviewed the minutes from August 11, 2026.

Motion was made by Marshelle Gray to approve the Minutes for August 11, 2026.

Second: Mike Snyder

Council was polled and motion carried unanimously.

Meagan Meagher was in attendance on behalf of Rocky Mountain Cannabis Inc. Staff reported there were no police department issues and recommended the approval of the license.

Motion was made by Marshelle Gray to approve the renewal of the Marijuana License for Dino Dispensary LLC.

Second: Jeff Harrington

Council was polled and the motion was unanimously passed.

Mayor's Report

A reminder was given that Letters of Intent for the open council seat will be accepted through August 31st. Council will hear from applicants and vote by secret ballot for the appointment at the September 8th meeting.

Discussion also addressed the Town Clerk recruitment. Staff indicated the hiring process is being paced deliberately while outstanding Caselle, utility billing, and related administrative issues are

corrected so a new clerk can be trained on a stable process.

Staff reported that more than 20 percent of utility bills had contained errors over approximately the prior six months. An audit is underway to establish correct balances and accurate meter usage before the next billing cycle.

No late fees or additional charges will be assessed while the billing corrections are being completed. Staff is working with Neptune to resolve meter-reading and billing integration issues and expects future errors to be addressed as they occur rather than carried forward into billing.

Town Manager Report

Staff reported that Rangely is in Stage 3 water restrictions and issued a reminder that the State of Colorado owns the municipal water supply and could make a decision to use Dinosaur water as a backup for Rangely in severe cases.

Staff reported that the asbestos cleanup area was fully contained and that soil removal appeared to be underway. The project scope had recently been expanded, with total work discussed at approximately \$107,000.

The Board discussed the need to select an engineering firm to move forward with water and sewer planning, grant development, system evaluation, design, and future construction phases. Sunrise Engineering was discussed favorably based on its repeated attendance, proximity, experience with municipal water and sewer projects, staffing capacity, and willingness to assist with grant development.

The Antrodemus sewer area was identified as a priority concern. Staff noted that construction is unlikely to begin immediately because engineering evaluation, design, estimates, funding, and procurement must occur first.

Motion was made by Marshelle Gray to select Sunrise Engineering for the Town's water and sewer system engineering work.

Second: Jeff Harrington

Council was polled and the motion was unanimously passed.

Motion was made by Marshelle Gray to reserve \$25,000 in the budget as the Town's matching share for a DOLA engineering grant.

Second: Jeff Harrington

Council was polled and the motion was unanimously passed.

Staff and Sunrise Engineering will proceed with the agreement and grant-related coordination. An agreement was anticipated for consideration at the September 8, 2026 meeting.

Staff reported that a DOLA representative had offered to facilitate a five-year planning workshop for the Town at no cost if scheduled before his retirement.

The workshop would help the Board identify priorities, sequence major projects, and develop a practical five-year plan. Water and sewer, parks and recreation, planning and zoning, stormwater, and other infrastructure needs were identified as possible topics.

Staff will coordinate possible dates after the new trustee is appointed. A weekday workshop of approximately two to three hours was discussed, potentially before a regular Board meeting. Staff also reviewed the Town's Rural Technical Assistance Program application focused on outdoor recreation and tourism development, including trails, the community center, welcome center management, signage, and local marketing opportunities.

Regional partners are planning additional trail connectivity through Dinosaur and are expected to conduct a trail ride on or about August 29. The OHV-related event and associated community activities are scheduled for September 11-12, 2026. Partner organizations will assist with staffing and event management.

The Board discussed the need to begin budget work in September so the preliminary budget can be completed before the October 15 state deadline referenced during the meeting. A budget workshop was scheduled for Tuesday, September 15, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 22, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. was tentatively held as an additional budget workshop if needed. Trustees were encouraged to provide desired projects or budget items to staff in advance so they can be incorporated into the first working draft.

Public Comment

A request was made for approximately \$500 to purchase meat for the community food bank, noting that dry goods were being donated but meat supplies remained limited. Because the item was not separately listed for formal action on the agenda, no formal motion was taken. The Board expressed consensus for the Town Manager to use existing spending authority and an appropriate budget line, if available, to provide the requested support.

Additional public discussion included questions regarding water conditions, community needs, and Town infrastructure. No further formal action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Leroy Trujillo moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 pm.
Second: Marshelle Gray

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Darcie Rocque, Mayor

ATTEST:



Melody Villard, Clerk/Treasurer Pro Tem