

**ITEM 1 Call to Order: at 6:00 pm**

**ITEM 2 Roll Call: Mayor Gibson, Trustee Billings, Trustee Brady, Trustee Cooper, Trustee McVey, Trustee West, Trustee Wittler.**

**Present: Mayor Gibson, Trustee Billings, Trustee Brady, Trustee Cooper, Trustee McVey, Trustee West, Trustee Wittler.**

**Phone/Computer:**

**Absent: None**

**Guest Present: Colin Brooks, Mr. Ellsworth Espeseth Sheriff Aaron Shiplett, Undersheriff Chris Griffin at (6:42 pm).**

**Staff Present: Merna McGinnis, Town Manager  
Tammy Newman, Town Clerk  
Joan Day, Police Administration Assistant  
Don Steerman, Town Attorney**

**ITEM 3 Pledge of Allegiance, led by Mayor Gibson**

**ITEM 4 Prayer, led by Trustee West**

**Mayor Gibson amended the agenda to add under General: F. Resolution 2022-12  
A Resolution Adopting a Policy Regarding Criminal History Record Information for  
Noncriminal Justice Purposes Related to Liquor Licensing**

**ITEM 5 Approve Minutes of the July 14, Board of Trustee's Regular Meeting.  
Approve Minutes of the July 28, Board of Trustee's Special Meeting.**  
Trustee McVey made motion to approve July 14, 2022 regular meeting minutes and the July 28, 2022 special meeting minutes. Seconded by Trustee Wittler.  
Motion Carried.

**ITEM 6 Approve Bills**  
Trustee Cooper made motion to approve bills as presented. Second by Trustee Billings. Motion Carried.

**ITEM 7 Public Comment for Non-Agenda Items**  
*Anyone who would like to address the Board of Trustees on any matter other than an agenda item will be given an opportunity, 3-minute time limit each person after signing the roster.*  
Mr. Espeseth addressed the council about the traffic that speeds through town. Only time before a child or an elderly citizen is killed. Asked why is it the town has trouble with getting a stop light and Lamar, La Junta can have them. CDOT is the one whom allows traffic lights and caution lights, not the Town. CDOT has to have lots of data showing the need for traffic or caution lights. Sheriff Shiplett sent Ms. McGinnis an email about dangerous intersections to look over.

**ITEM 8 Re-Visit Agreement with Baca County Sheriff's Office**  
Sheriff Shiplett reported they are holding their own at this time. Trustee Cooper thanked the sheriff's office for all they have been doing for the town.

Trustee Billings made motion to continue agreement and change date to August on the agreement.  
Second by Trustee Wittler.

Yes: Trustee Billings, Brady, Cooper, McVey, West, Wittler, Mayor Gibson

No: None

Motion Passed.

Trustee McVey made motion to pay \$13,000.00 to the County per the agreement. Second by Trustee West.

Yes: Trustee Billings, Brady, Cooper, McVey, West, Wittler, Mayor Gibson

No: None

Motion Passed.

**ITEM 9 Colorado Liquor Retail License-Renewal**

Fermented off Premise License (City); Love's Travel Stops & Country Stores, Inc., dba Loves Country Store No. 37, 1100 Main Street, Manager Amber Montgomery.

Town Clerk Newman reported all fees have been paid and all paperwork has been completed. Sheriff Shiplett reported no problems or issues with this business.

Trustee Brady made motion to approve Love's Travel Stops & Country Stores, Inc. renewal liquor license. Second by Trustee Cooper.

Yes: Trustee Billings, Brady, Cooper, McVey, West, Wittler, Mayor Gibson

No: None

Motion Passed.

**ITEM 10 Colorado Liquor Retail License-Renewal-1 change from Chief Martin to Sheriff Shiplett**

Fermented off Premise License (City); Springfield Truckstop, LLC, dba Valero, 27080 US Highway 287, Manager Ranjit Johal.

Town Clerk Newman reported all fees have been paid and all paperwork has been completed. Sheriff Shiplett reported no problems or issues with this business.

Trustee West made motion to approve Springfield Truckstop, LLC, dba Valero renewal liquor license. Second by Trustee Brady.

Yes: Trustee Billings, Brady, Cooper, McVey, West, Wittler, Mayor Gibson

No: None

Motion Passed.

**ITEM 11 Police Department Short Hand Bonus Administrative Assistant**

Joan Day has been doing inventory of everything in the Police Department and working with Sheriff's Department to get them files on active cases. State has the Police Department down for 17 radios, and there is a few missing so going through serial numbers at this time.

Trustee McVey made motion to give Joan Day a short hand bonus of \$2,000.00. Second by Trustee Billings.

Yes: Trustee Billings, Brady, Cooper, McVey, West, Wittler, Mayor Gibson

No: None

Motion Passed.

**ITEM 12 General Business**

**A. Resignation letter Chambrey Stewart-Fireman Pension Board.**

Trustee Cooper made motion to accept Chambrey Stewart's resignation from the Fireman Pension Board. Second by Trustee West.

Yes: Trustee Billings, Brady, Cooper, McVey, West, Wittler, Mayor Gibson

No: None

Motion Passed.

**B. Landfill**

Ms. McGinnis talked to Genes at Scott City. They do not lease to own. SSI scales working on a quote. Fairbanks Scales \$4800.00 a month and \$600.00 for cleaning once returned and is working on a quote. Ms. McGinnis will send out quotes once they have been received.

**C. Ayres Main Street Project Update**

Main street grant is completed, final payment has not yet been received.

Mayor Gibson wanted to thank the street crew for getting benches and trash cans in before fair.

**D. Cobblestone Hotel Update & Trevor Way/Frontage Road Discussion**

Investors of Cobblestone received a quote for Frontage Way to second driveway on Trevor Way. The incentive agreement between Cobblestone and Town is Frontage Road and all of Trevor Way.

There is a phone conference on Tuesday (8.16.2022) with SECPA to discuss the territory buy out for the Cobblestone electric service. SECPA does not think the Town can provide service the hotel, that the town is not ready.

**E. Kestrel Housing Project**

Stephanie Gonzales has been notified about the weeds on the property, and has numbers to ones whom do mowing around town and will get it taken care of.

Michael Yerman is starting his own business, his last day with SECDD will be August 31, 2022.

**F. Resolution 2022-12**

**A Resolution Adopting a Policy Regarding Criminal History Record Information for Noncriminal Justice Purposes Related to Liquor Licensing**

Mayor Gibson read resolution

Trustee Brady made motion to adopt Resolution 2022-12. Second by Trustee West.

Yes: Trustee Billings, Brady, Cooper, McVey, West, Wittler, Mayor Gibson

No: None

Motion Passed.

**ITEM 13 Administrative Reports**

**Merna McGinnis: Town Manager/ Treasurer**

That time of year will be starting budget next couple weeks.

Talked with Vernon Brandt, he may be interested in being town's building inspector.

**Tammy Newman: Town Clerk**

Still waiting on LWCF on the grant to help pay for half of the pool liner and bathhouse.

Have had several calls wanting to know if the town would be willing to put people through police academy. Trustees agree that will be up to Police Chief once one is hired.

Fire Department volunteer wanted to know if it would be possible to use radios from police department. Trustees wanted to know why Fire Department doesn't have radios for all their volunteers? The Police department only have a few of the newer radios that they use.

Could it be possible to have an ordinance on people living in homes with no utilities. Also, an ordinance on living in tents in town limits. Trustees suggested to reach out to Donna Dawson Town Clerk Walsh on the ordinance for people living in homes with no utilities.

**Don Steerman: Town Attorney**

Letter has been sent out to Jonah West for repayment to the Town, should hear something by the August 15, 2022.

Working on the signage for deterrence for the pool so management can screen individuals more efficiently.

**Aaron Shiplett/Chris Griffin: Police/Sheriff Department**

Trustee's thanked Sheriff Shiplett and his officers for all their help in the town.

**ITEM 14 Mayor and Trustee Reports**

Trustee McVey reported Jim Civis with Civis Auctions reached out to see if town had anything to put into auction around September or early October. They have online auctions every Wednesday, if anyone wanted to check it out.

Mr. Cooper with ATMOS reported that ATMOS will put the gas line in the front of the houses and duplexes as the Kestral Subdivision Plat did not have an alley plated to be able to put gas to the back of the properties.

Trustee Brady reported that the recreation district is looking for property again to build a recreation center on.

Mayor Gibson reported he was going to an Economic Development meeting next week on a Brownfield grant to help with removing asbestos from properties, called Brownfield.

Special meeting set for August 16, 2022 at 5:00 pm to discuss Police Chief applications and interviews for August 23, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

**ITEM 15 Adjournment**

Trustee Cooper made motion to adjourn at 7:34 pm. Second by Trustee Brady.

**Next Regular BOT Meeting September 8, 2022, 6:00 PM**