

REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF TRUSTEES

July 9, 2020

Present: Trustee McVey, Maltbie, Brady, Cooper, Howard, Locke, Mayor Gibson

Absent:

Staff Present: Tammy Newman, Town Clerk
Merna McGinnis, Town Manager/Treasurer
Lyn Margolis, Administrative Assistant
Katrina Martin, Police Chief
Riley Cooper, Police Officer
Joan Day, Administrative Assistant PD
Don Steerman, Town Attorney

Guests: Keith Davidson

Phone Callers: Holli Locke, Kent Brooks, Marla Humphrey, Mitzi Jett

ITEM 1 Mayor Gibson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

ITEM 2 Roll Call

Trustee Brady, Cooper, Howard, Locke, Maltbie, McVey, Mayor Gibson

Absent:

ITEM 3 Pledge of Allegiance

ITEM 4 Prayer - Howard

ITEM 5 Approve Minutes of the June 11, 2020 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting and July 8, 2020 BOT Special Meeting

Trustee Cooper made a motion and seconded by Trustee Locke to approve the minutes of June 11 and July 8, 2020.

Roll Call Yes: Trustee Cooper, Locke, Brady, McVey, Howard, Maltbie, Mayor Gibson

No:

Motion carried.

ITEM 6 Approve Bills

Ms. McGinnis, Treasurer, asked to include bills Steerman Law Office for \$3213.75 and Baca County Sheriff Dispatch Fees of \$15,852.00.

Trustee Maltbie made a motion and seconded by Trustee Cooper to approve the bills as listed and include the two bills Ms. McGinnis, Treasurer presented.

Roll Call Yes: Trustee McVey, Cooper, Maltbie, Howard, Locke, Brady, Mayor Gibson

No:

Motion carried.

ITEM 7 Vicki Hall, Springfield West Housing Authority

Ms. Vicki Hall had a request to reappoint Rick Deen, to the Springfield West Housing Board. He moved out of town limits, but has expressed a willingness to continue to serve on the board. Ms. Hall said most financing is through grants. Ms. McGinnis, Town Manager, said the only thing the town does is appoint the board. Mayor Gibson said to advertise the position for 2 weeks to see who applies for this volunteer position. If there is no interest, we can reappoint Rick Deen at that time. We need to appoint the person by end of the month.

ITEM 8 Liquor License – Retail Liquor or Fermented Malt Beverage License Renewal Application Springfield Truckstop LLC, 27070 US Highway 287, Springfield, Co 81073

Ms. Martin, Police Chief has had no issues.

Ms. Newman, Town Clerk said all paperwork is in order and fees are paid.

Trustee Cooper made a motion and seconded by Trustee Brady to approve the liquor license for Springfield Truckstop.

Roll Call Yes: Trustee Maltbie, Locke, Cooper, McVey, Brady, Mayor Gibson

No: Trustee Howard
Motion Carried.

ITEM 9 MOU Between Town of Springfield and Baca County Commissioners Distribution of CARES Act Funds

DOLA Cares Act funding distribution must be COVID19 related. Springfield will receive \$107,829 and funds to Baca County are \$307,204. We can ask for the town funds, or combine with the county and let the Baca County Commissioners be the governing entity to appropriate the entire funding balance. The money must be allocated by December 31,2020.

Mr. Steerman, Town Attorney, offered clarification on how to list the items for DOLA to decide to appropriate the funds. The total County funds of \$307,204 will be distributed by population to all entities: Vilas, Pritchett, Walsh, Springfield, Campo, Two Buttes. You must document that you were affected by the pandemic and DOLA will make the final determination. Examples: masks, gloves, hand sanitizer, cleaning products, overtime leave, penalties waived due to COVID19, utilities- lack of payment, phone bills, swimming pools opening costs and capacity restrictions, election costs: extra judges, additional expenses for August election, or computers so employees can work from home. There will be less administrative costs if processed through the county. We will revisit this subject next September 2021.

Trustee Brady made a motion and seconded by Trustee McVey to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) For the Cares Act Fund distribution between Springfield and the Baca County Commissioners.

Roll Call Yes: Trustee Locke, McVey, Maltbie, Cooper, Howard, Brady, Mayor Gibson

No: none

Motion carried.

ITEM 10 Ordinance No. 347 – MUNICODE- First Reading

Mayor Gibson read to (16) Sec. 7-137 (in full). Amend (23) Sec. 13-27 line 4 “him” to “said person”

Trustee Cooper made a motion and seconded by Trustee Locke to amend “him” to “said person” in (23) Sec.13-27
Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Brady continues with the first reading from (16) Sec. 7-137

Amend (33) Sec. 18-112 line 5, amend “he” to “that person”.

Trustee Cooper made a motion and seconded by Trustee Brady to change wording from “he” to “that person”.
Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Cooper made a motion and seconded by Trustee Locke to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 347 MUNICODE with the corrections, to be published according to statute.

Roll Call Yes: Trustee Brady, Cooper, Howard, Locke, Maltbie, McVey, Mayor Gibson

No:

Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 11 Ordinance No. 348 – ATV/UTV/Golf Cart-First Reading

Trustee McVey read this ordinance 348 in its entirety.

Trustee Maltbie made a motion and seconded by Trustee Howard to approve the first reading for the ATV/UTV/Golf Card ordinance and to publish according to statute.

Roll Call Yes: Trustee Cooper, Maltbie, McVey, Locke, Howard, Brady, Mayor Gibson

No:

Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 12 Ordinance No. 349-Recreational Vehicle-First Reading

Trustee McVey read in its entirety.

Trustee McVey made a motion and seconded by Trustee Cooper to approve the first reading of Ordinance 349 Recreational Vehicles and published pursuant to statute.

Roll Call Yes: Trustee Maltbie, Brady, McVey, Howard, Cooper, Mayor Gibson

No: Locke

Motion carried.

ITEM 13 Appointment-Board of Adjustment, Jerrod Summers, 3-year term, expiring July 31, 2023
Trustee Cooper made a motion and seconded by Trustee Brady to appoint Jerrod Summers to the Board of Adjustment for a 3-year term.

All in Favor: Trustees Brady, Locke, McVey, Howard, Cooper, Maltbie, Mayor Gibson
No: none
Motion carried.

ITEM 14 Appointment-Fireman Pension, Chris Westphal, 3-year term, expiring July 31, 2023
Trustee Cooper made a motion and seconded by Trustee Locke to appoint Chris Westphal to Fireman Pension board for a 3-year term.

All in Favor: Trustees McVey, Howard, Cooper, Locke, Maltbie, Brady, Mayor Gibson
No: none
Motion carried.

ITEM 15 Appointment-Springfield Housing Authority, 5-year term, expiring July 31, 2025
This item was tabled for the evening as we wait for the advertisement to fill the position as discussed with Vicki Hall.

ITEM 16 Public Comment for Non-Agenda Items

Mr. Davidson is having difficulty hearing our sound system. Mr. Davidson received a statement of account from Town of Springfield, certified, issued by Ms. McGinnis today 7/9/20 but it has no account number on it, and he has nothing that would generate an account with the town. The town owns property by fire station, in town limits, that has not been mowed. He would like the town to mow their own property if they request those in town to mow. The Town purchased a house for taxes that has never been torn down. The town needs to take care of their property. He went to the dump, but was not allowed to unload. The landfill should keep a record of people dumping and track it with a receipt with a heading of the Town of Springfield. He then verified the reading this evening was an ordinance, not the new code book.
Time limited. Thank you for coming.

ITEM 17 General Business Discussion on Officers Protection Plan-Axon Body Cameras and Taser's
Chief Martin gave a presentation and a slide show promoting the body cameras and the need for the safety of the Police officers.

The entire package is \$51,102. The first year is expensive at \$15,870 with payments for 4 years of \$8,808 that will cover 4 body cameras plus 1 extra/free body camera to be kept in the Police Department, and 4 tasers including docking stations. Axon Star covers 8 thresholds and is a box installed in the vehicle that controls turning on the body camera. Redaction equipment also ordered! The first 11 pages are video, camera, and redactions required by the new Senate Bill 217. We have the ability for real time streaming of incidents till back-up can arrive.

Trustee Brady made a motion and seconded by Trustee Howard to approve the purchase of the Axon body camera system.
Roll Call Yes: Trustee Howard, Cooper, Maltbie, Brady, McVey, Locke, Mayor Gibson

No: none

Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 18 Administrative Reports

Town Manager/Treasurer - Ms. McGinnis

Steve Bush passed the Class D and small systems water/wastewater certification.

We begin working on the Budget in August.

The landfill is having a problem. We need dirt. We may stake out the pit placement and start excavation. Chenoweth Construction is also looking for dirt. Tarps are over \$6000; they are heavy and susceptible to tearing up in the wind. Shingles can be used as cover.

We started the utility disconnects.

We gathered \$45,305 on Sales Tax this month.

Ms. McGinnis asked permission to transfer General Fund \$200,000, Electric Fund 100,000 and Water Fund \$50,000 to Colo Trust to get more interest.

Unanimously approved.

We collected \$22,000 for the hail damage last year. The work and improvements have begun.

Town Clerk - Ms. Newman

We have a Special Election on August 4, 2020 – the UOCAVA's ballots were mailed out. The rest will be mailed Monday, July 13, 2020. We have 927 active voters. The legal notice was sent to the paper.

Town Attorney - Mr. Steerman

The transition to becoming the Town Attorney has gone well so far. Resolutions and CCORA requests have been completed.

Police Department - Ms. Martin, Police Chief

Call for service has increased. We took 219 calls for service, that is an increase from 117 last month.

ITEM 19 Mayor and Trustee Reports

Mayor Gibson has seen a lot of interest in the Main Street project as posted on Facebook.

Trustee Mike Cooper and Michelle Cooper, Kevin and Jodi Stolebarger, and Cecil and Glenice Wade donated an outdoor stereo system to the Town of Springfield Swimming Pool.

ITEM 20 Adjournment

Trustee Maltbie made a motion and seconded by Trustee Cooper to adjourn at 8:50 pm.
Motion carried unanimously.