

SPECIAL MEETING BOARD OF TRUSTEES

5:30 PM Zoom Meeting

May 28, 2020

Present: Trustee Ervin Maltbie, Trustee Christy Brady, Trustee Mike Cooper, Trustee Ted Locke, Trustee Dan McVey, Mayor Tyler Gibson, Trustee Jim Howard arrived at 5:44pm

Absent:

Staff Present: Tammy Newman, Town Clerk
Merna McGinnis, Town Manager/Treasurer
Lyn Margolis, Administrative Assistant
Todd Messenger, Town Attorney

ITEM 1 Call to Order

Mayor Gibson called the meeting to order at 5:32pm
Recorder for the meeting was turned on at 5:40pm

ITEM 2 Pledge of Allegiance

ITEM 3 Roll Call

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

ITEM 4 Approve Resolution No. 20-11 A Resolution of the Town of Springfield Colorado Approving Policy Regarding the Processing and Fulfillment of Colorado Open Records Act Requests and Adopting a Fee Schedule for Same

Trustee Brady made a motion and was seconded by Trustee Locke to approve Resolution 20-11 Colorado Open Records Act Requests and Fee Schedule.

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

No: none

Motion carried.

ITEM 5 Public Comment for Non-Agenda Items None

ITEM 6 Attorney Don Steerman, Steerman Law Offices, 200 W Elm St, Lamar CO provided additional response regarding his Request for Proposal to represent Springfield as the Town Attorney.

The Town of Springfield would be my client. I have one associate in Lamar office, Lance Clark, attorney in his second year of practice, Sarah is office receptionist and Associate Hannah Borchard, attorney who works in my office in Meeker, CO. My philosophy in representing Boards is to not interject my personal opinion into the board decisions. I try to tell you if it is legal, and I try to prevent you doing something that could potentially bring liability to the town without first weighing the risk. The elected board makes the decision. He is willing to work with outside counsel when necessary.

I do represent Baca County, if there is a conflict between Baca County and The Town of Springfield, I would encourage you to come to a decision or resolution without counsel, or to seek special counsel.

The recorder for the meeting was turned on at 5:40pm

Trustee Howard arrived at 5:44 pm.

ITEM 7 Appoint Town Attorney

To get the consensus of board on preference for town attorney, Trustee Cooper moved to take a roll call vote by voice to appoint a town attorney and was seconded by Trustee Maltbie.

Roll Call to voice/cast vote: Steerman: Cooper, McVey, Locke, Howard
Fairfield and Woods: Brady, Maltbie, Mayor Gibson
Fairfield and Woods, PC will be retained as special counsel.

Majority vote for Steerman. Trustee Locke made a motion and was seconded by Trustee Cooper to appoint Don Steerman, Steerman Law Offices as the Town Attorney.

Roll Call Yes: Brady, Locke, Maltbie, McVey, Howard, Cooper

No: Mayor Gibson

Motion Carried.

Item 7.5 Special Topics:

Trustee McVey asked for special recognition for Kathy Self, Tree City USA, for working very hard for town beautification.

Memorial Park Pond Issue – Diane Visage knows ponds. With encouragement and help getting it running, perhaps she could take over the maintenance of the pond. This would give a break to our city employees and anything that is needed can be purchased from her store, thereby supporting a local business. This will be brought to the Streets Department attention and relieve them of their responsibility. Trustee McVey will speak with Ms. Visage. Ms. McGinnis, Town Manager will have her sign a liability waiver and it will be volunteer community involvement project. Full consensus of the Board is given.

We will keep track of hours to pay CIRSA insurance.

Mayor Gibson met with DOLA and Cheryl Sanchez, Economic Development about DOLA's Main Street Project. DOLA is eager to work with Springfield if that is what the town would like to do. Step 1: Pledge to become an affiliate, and Step 2 Build a strategic plan.

ITEM 8 Trustee Cooper made a motion and was seconded by Trustee Brady to adjourn at 6:52pm.
Motion Carried.