# MINUTES

# APRIL 20, 2017

A regular meeting of the Town Board was held on April 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium.

**Item** **1** – Roll call and Pledge of Allegiance. Those present and answering roll call: Trustees; Heid, Daniels, Isbell, Moos, Rohn and Winter and Mayor Ross. Attorney Rocklin also present.

**Item 2** – **Review of the Minutes of the March 16th meeting.** TrusteeIsbell moved to approve the March 16th minutes as written, seconded by Trustee Heid. Motion carried 6-0.

**Item 3 – Resolution 2017-03: Ratifying HPLD trustee nominees**. Attorney Rocklin provided an update on issues relating to the resolution and answered any questions. Due to the resignation of Jenean Huckaby, Trustee Isbell volunteered to take her place as the representative to sit on the selection committee. Trustee Isbell provided a synopsis of the two day nominating process and what she had learned. Mayor Ross and other trustees of the board extended their appreciation for her representation on behalf of our town. Brenda Carns, library director also expressed her appreciation for Trustee Isbell’s service. Following are the appointments:

* That the appointment of John Damsma to serve as Region 1 trustee on the High Plains

Library District Board of Trustees for a 4-year term is hereby ratified;

* That the appointment of Rosalie Martinez to serve as Region 2 trustee on the High Plains

Library District Board of Trustees for a 2-year term is hereby ratified;

* That the appointment of Kenneth Poncelow to serve as Region 3 trustee on the High

Plains Library District Board of Trustees for a 3-year term is hereby ratified;

* That the appointment of George Conger to serve as Region 4 trustee on the High Plains

Library District Board of Trustees for a 2-year term is hereby ratified;

* That the appointment of Mary Heberlee to serve as Region 5 trustee on the High Plains

Library District Board of Trustees for a 4-year term is hereby ratified;

* That the appointment of Bob Grand to serve as At-Large trustee on the High Plains

Library District Board of Trustees for a 3-year term is hereby ratified;

 Concluding discussion Trustee Isbell moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Trustee Daniels. Motion carried 6-0.

**Item 4 – Proposed Town Square rules and regulations.**  Jeff provided background information regarding the proposed rules and regulation. Concluding review and discussion Trustee Winter moved to approve the rules and regulations as amended, seconded by Trustee Rohn. Motion carried 6-0.

**Item 5** – **Discussion on annexation of Weld County Rd. 72 from Highway 85 to Weld County Rd. 39: Lance Kippen – Union Pacific Railroad.** Gary reported he attended a meeting held by Omaha Track and Union Pacific regarding the addition of some more track down to Weld County Rd. 71 and they have come up with a proposed plan. Mr. Kippen, engineering representative of Union Pacific Railroad, appeared before the board to provide explanations. Omaha Track is proposing to add three sets of lines on the east side of the main line of Union Pacific. Due to the rail traffic it will be imperative to gain control of Weld County Rd. 72 in order to close it. Union Pacific has contacted Weld County to request the closure of Weld County Rd. 72 and they appear to be receptive. The tracks cannot be built until the road is closed. Current recommendation is for the Town to formerly approach the Weld County Commissioners with a petition for annexation of Weld County Rd. 72 Attorney Rocklin has been in communication with the County Commissioners attorney attempting to find the best way to resolve the issue. Concluding questions and discussion, Trustee Moos moved to approve the drafting of the annexation petition by Attorney Rocklin, seconded by Trustee Heid. Motion carried 6-0.

**Item 6 – Citizen comments/questions.** Amanda Barnhart, residing at 421 Hickory Avenue, approached the board to express some concerns as a small business owner, about the 30 minute parking restriction signs located on Highway 85 that she feels detours prospective customers from coming to their business and would like to see them removed. Ms. Barnhart suggested a sign be posted announcing public parking available behind the businesses. Ms. Barnhart also would like to see more enforcement of the speedon Highway85becauseshe feels that the trucks are going much faster than the allowed speed limit. Janet Conrad, who owns the business of Alley Arts and Craft at 122 Oak Avenue, also spoke of the

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excessive speed and parking. Chief Mueller requested the parties call the police department when they have concerns regarding the speeding issue. Concluding discussion Trustee Moos moved to approve removal of the 30 minute parking restriction signs on Highway 85, seconded by Trustee Isbell. Motion carried 6-0. Gary will have staff install a public parking sign.

**Item 7 –** **Reports.**

* Chief Mueller provided an update of activities in the police department.
* Attorney Rocklin reported she has been doing research and made contacts with Union Pacific Railroad regarding the speed of trains going thru town and it appears there is nothing the town can do as far as restricting the speed limit as they go thru town. The speeds are federally regulated.
* Brenda Carns, library director provided updates on library activities. Jenean Huckaby has resigned from the Library Board and they have advertised the opening. Dave Sloan is now acting president of the board.
* Gary announced he will schedule a work session for water sometime in July of this year.

* Mayor Ross reported he had received a request for a flashing stop sign at Fifth Street and Highway 85 because of the railroad tracks. There is a local church in town willing to donate money towards the purchase of the sign. Jeff will do some research regarding this issue. Mr. Kippen stated that any change in an intersection by the railroad tracks must be approved by Union Pacific Railroad. Mayor Ross also provided a status update on the new Area Recreation Center, who is scheduled to receive their certificate of occupancy by June 5th.

**Item 8 – Adjourn.** As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

 Erika C. Bagley, Town Clerk