#  MINUTES

# JULY 20, 2017

A regular meeting of the Town Board was held on July 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, Winter and Mayor Ross. Attorney Rocklin also present.

**Item 2** – **Review of the Minutes of the June 15th meeting.** TrusteeMoos moved to approve the June 15th minutes as written, seconded by Trustee Isbell. Motion carried 6-0.

**Item 3 – Leffler 4th Annexation – Public Hearing**. Mayor Ross opened the public hearing for citizen input. No comments were forthcoming so the public hearing was closed. The proposed Leffler Fourth Annexation contains 60.69 acres on the southwest side of the current town boundaries. The preliminary plans show the property being developed with 19 lots for residential purposes on the area north of Benjamin Drive, while the south portion will continue to be used for agricultural purposes. The detention pond would be located on the east side of the annexed property on the north side of Benjamin Drive. The annexation includes all of the right-of-way for 440 feet of Weld County Road 35 that is necessary to annex to make appropriate upgrades for connecting Benjamin Drive. The developer will need to enter into an easement agreement with the Graham Seep and transfer this to the town as it flows under the proposed Benjamin Drive. The developer will also be required to extend Benjamin Drive from the west end of Aspen Meadows to Weld County Road 35. Russ Leffler, the developer, was available to respond to comments and questions. Gary reported the planning commission has reviewed the proposed annexation and recommends approval. Mike Ketterling, town engineer, was also available for comments and questions. Concluding discussion and questions, Trustee Moos moved to accept the proposed annexation contingent on the annexation agreement and deed of dedication right-of-way for approximately 440 feet of Weld County Road 35, seconded by Trustee Daniels. Motion carried 6-0. Attorney Rocklin and staff will prepare the documentation for approval at the August 17th meeting.

**Item 4 – Aspen Meadows Fourth Filing**. Gary stated this is the fourth and final filing of the Aspen Meadows PUD. Mike Ketterling reported this filing includes approximately 55 residential lots to finish out the southwest corner of Aspen Meadows. It follows the preliminary plat that was submitted originally. Gary reported the planning commission met last week and reviewed the proposed filing and are recommending approval. Trustee Moos moved to approve the request, seconded by Trustee Rohn. Motion carried 6-0.

**Item 5** – **Poulsen Storm Drainage.** Gary reported he and Mike Ketterling have been working with the Heppner’s on the drainage for the proposed new storage units as well as Poulsens. The Heppner’s are asking the town to pay for the 48” concrete storm drain going out of their detention and thru their old self storage site and then on to the east under the railroad tracks and also the storm tile west of the car wash. The normal procedure states the developer is responsible for meeting the drainage requirements. Gary stated since the project cost is approximately $1.5 million he was hoping to reach out to partner with Agfinity, CDOT and Poulsens Hardware to share in the cost. Jeff is working on applying for an Impact Grant to assist in the cost of the project. Part of the requirement for the grant is to have an updated drainage plan on file. Concluding a lengthy discussion, Trustee Moos moved to deny Heppner’s storm drainage finance request, seconded by Trustee Isbell. Motion carried 6-0. The board requested Mike Ketterling, town engineer, work on a cost estimate for the drainage plan and have Gary and Jeff reach out to Agfinity, CDOT and Poulsens to work toward a partnership on the project.

**Item 6 – Weld County Rd. 72 Closing Agreement.** Mayor Ross reported Jeff, Gary and himself had met with the Weld County Commissioners in June and found they are amenable to annexation of Weld County Road 72 by the town, however they are agreeing to close the intersection so you cannot cross the railroad tracks at Weld County Road 72. The Union Pacific Railroad will agree to do turn around and make those improvements. Weld County is willing to give CDOT funds to go after another grant to do repaving on Weld County Road 72 to Weld County Road 74. Concluding discussion, Trustee Winter moved to approve the intergovernmental agreement for closure of UPRR crossing on Weld County Road 72, east of U.S. Highway 85, including roadway improvements, seconded by Trustee Heid. Motion carried 6-0.

**Item 7 –** **Library Board Appointment – Brenda Carns, director.** Director Carns reported the library board interviewed four candidates to replace Jenean Huckaby who resigned last April. The library board recommends appointment of Maureen St. Peter, residing at 90 Juniper Avenue, to fill the vacancy, with her term expiring in April, 2018. Ms. St. Peter was introduced to the board for comments and questions. Concluding discussion, Trustee Daniels moved to approve the appointment, seconded by Trustee Winter. Motion carried 6-0.

**Item 8 - Citizen comments/questions.** Nina Lewis, president of the Eaton Area Parks and Recreation District board, appeared before the board to report that things are going well at the recreation district with a successful grand opening. Mrs. Lewis also expressed great appreciation for all the assistance from town staff and police department personnel.

Amanda Barnhart, residing at 421 Hickory Avenue and a small business owner, appeared before the board requesting help cleaning up the main part of the downtown business area to make it more attractive to consumers and promote the small businesses. Gary reported that there are plans to upgrade the town’s parking lot, but not until the Highway 85 project is completed. There are also some funds set aside to replace the sidewalks from Collins Street to Second Street on the west side.

**Item 9 – Reports.**

* Chief Mueller provided an update of activities in the police department.
* Jeff – provided research on bulk water charges in the surrounding area for the board’s review.
* Brenda Carns, library director, provided an update on the library district.
* Gary reminded the board of the joint work session/dinner meeting on water issues with Severance, Windsor and FCLWD boards scheduled for July 26th at 5:30 p.m. The work session will provide an update on NISP related topics including the storage facility, the feasibility of constructing a regional water treatment plant to treat NISP water and discuss costs/financing related to the primary NISP project.
* Trustee Heid provided an update on the Great Western Trail project.

* Mayor Ross provided updates on MPO, County Rd. 29 Coalition meeting and County Rd. 74 Coalition meeting.

**Item 10 – Adjourn.** As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. to a Comprehensive Plan work session on Sections 1 and 2.

 Erika C. Bagley, Town Clerk