# MINUTES

# June 16, 2016

A regular meeting of the Town Board was held on June 16, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium.

**Item 1 – Roll call**. Those present and answering roll call: Trustees; Daniels, Isbell, Moos, Rohn, Winter and Mayor Ross. Attorney Rocklin was also present. Elizabeth Heid was in attendance. Jane Winter stood in for Town Clerk Bagley’s absence. Mayor Ross announced amendments to the agenda: adding Sertoma Special Events Permit as Item 6 and Cobblestone Inn & Suites – Modification of premise as Item 7. Trustee Rohn moved to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Trustee Moos. Motion carried 5-0.

**Item 2** - **Review of the Minutes of the May 19th meeting.** TrusteeIsbell moved to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Trustee Daniels. Motion carried 5-0.

**Item 3 – Swearing in of new board member Elizabeth Heid.**  Attorney Rocklin swore in Liz Heid as a new board member replacing the vacancy left by Brian Behrens. Mrs. Heid’s term will expire in April 2018.

**Item 4 – Storm drainage on Cheyenne Avenue.** Garyexplained the areabeing discussed is at the corner of Fifth Street and Cheyenne Avenue. The existing system, installed in 1963, has two inlets on Cheyenne Avenue, two on Maple Avenue and inlets on Highway 85. The system was designed to drain the Arrowhead Subdivision but not the Haythorn Farm. All the farms drain into the Eaton Draw, which starts north of Eaton near the south edge of Ault. The easiest option would be to purchase about ½ acre of the Haythorn Farm to install a “waiting area – detention pond” until the pipe can take the water further. The Town’s engineer needs to research the feasibility of such a project. Mayor Ross has spoken with Dan Haythorn about the possibility of purchasing the land and he said he would consider it. They will continue meeting and discussing the situation. Mayor Ross opened the floor for public comment. Cheryl Mawson of 515 Cheyenne Avenue expressed her concerns with the flooding during heavy/normal rains and feels the town needs to take responsibility and address the issue. Kari Baughman of 530 Cheyenne Avenue also expressed concerns regarding the flooding issues. Sherri Harvey of 519 Cheyenne Avenue expressed concerns regarding the flooding of her yard and garden area. Mayor Ross questioned Mrs. Mawson regarding where the water enters her home. Mrs. Mawson has done some mitigating processes to try and keep the water out of their home. Mrs. Mawson suggested the storm drains be cleaned of the dirt from the farm. Gary said the town will look into having a company camera the storm drains.

Gary also reviewed the drainage issue at Poulson’s Hardware, Collins Street and Highway 85, and explained what Mike Ketterling, town engineer is designing. That particular project is going to cost approximately $1 million dollars to complete. Gary has been communicating with Agfinity, Harsh and Poulson’s Hardware to see if they could share the cost of this project. Gary talked to CDOT and they have said they don’t have enough money to assist in the project. The town will also be pursuing a grant to help pay for this.

**Item 5 – Update on stoplight at 10th Street and Highway 85.** Mayor Ross reported that yesterday he, Jeff and Gary met with CDOT regarding the signal at 10th Street and Highway 85. We are #6 in Region 4 for CDOT for a signal and #20 in Northern Colorado for need for an intersection improvement. We met the needs for a second warrant due to traffic at the intersection. CDOT’s future plan is to reroute Weld County Road 37 to 10th Street (Weld County Road 76) which will increase traffic even more. The cost will be approximately $700,000 to $750,000 for the stop light. We did get a commitment from CDOT for $100,000 towards the cost of the stop light engineering. We will be working on grants to help in the process. The best case scenario is completion in about sixteen months. Mayor Ross will be talking to the MPO to see if we can receive any funds from them. Chrissy Krause of 261 Platte Court, appeared before the board to express her appreciation for the town’s efforts toward the stop light as her son was recently killed at this particular intersection.

**Item 6 –** **Sertoma Special Events Permit**. The board received an application for a special events permit from Sertoma to serve liquor at the Eaton Days Street Dance. Chief Mueller has no objections and all paper work appears to be in order. Concluding discussion and review Trustee Isbell moved to grant the request, seconded by Trustee Heid. Motion carried 4 - 0 with Trustees Moos and Rohn abstaining due to conflict of interest.

**Item 7** – **Cobblestone Inn & Suites – modification of premise**. The board received a request from Cobblestone Inn & Suites to modify the premise by adding a patio area 12’ by 24’ on the West side of the hotel to serve liquor, which is enclosed with fencing. Chief Mueller reported he had no issues with alcohol problems and the paper work is in order. Concluding review Trustee Moos moved to approve the request, seconded by Trustee Winter. Motion carried 6 - 0.

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**Item 8** – **Citizen comments/questions.** Trish Fisher, residing at 1210 Fourth Street, appeared before the board with concerns about traffic speed on Cedar Avenue. They have a lot of smaller children in the area and fear for their safety. Mrs. Fisher would like to see a speed limit sign posted to slow traffic. Chief Mueller told Mrs. Fisher to call the police department and they will handle it. Cheryl Mawson said there is also a speeding problem on North Cheyenne and would like to see traffic slowed down there.

**Item 9 – Reports.**

* Chief Mueller provided an update of activities in the police department.
* Attorney Rocklin provided an update on Library litigation. The trial has been set for the first week of October and is a five day trial. Weld County has filed seven counter claims against the High Plains Library District. Attorney Rocklin will keep everyone posted on any changes as time goes by.
* Gary reported that the debt on the Sewer Plant has been refinanced at a much lower interest rate in May, which from now until the end of the loan (2027) we will be saving around $331,000. The dump truck (40 years old) that has been used at the sewer plant broke down and can’t be fixed so will take the 1997 truck that has been used for the sander/snowplow to replace it and purchase a used 2015 truck for about $80,000.

The Town Square Arbor project will be completed by the end of June or July 1st.

* Mayor Ross provided an update of activities in the NFRMPO. Mayor Ross also reported on the tour of the Recreation Center.

**Item 10 - Adjourn.** As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned to a work session on public official liability training at 8:25 p.m.

 Erika C. Bagley, Town Clerk