

Board Minutes

Monday, August 12, 2024

The regular July meeting of the Town Board convened in the Peetz Town Hall at 6:31 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Traci Davenport, Clerk Evelyn Gardiner, Trustees Jared Burns, Paul Mansfield, Dani Rennewanz, Brenda Segelke, Ashley Toft, and Maintenance Manager Ron Gentry were present. Trustee Zach Wood was absent.

Consent Agenda: **Dani Rennewanz moved and Ashley Toft seconded a motion to add Resolution #2024-4 to Old Business. Burns-aye, Davenport-aye, Mansfield-aye, Rennewanz-aye, Segelke-aye, Toft-aye. Motion carried.**

Minutes of the regular June 2024 meeting were reviewed. Dani Rennewanz moved and Jared Burns seconded a motion to approve the Minutes with a minor correction. **Burns-aye, Davenport-aye, Mansfield-aye, Rennewanz-aye, Segelke-aye, Toft-aye. Motion carried.**

Evelyn presented the Treasurer's Report. Paul Mansfield moved and Brenda Segelke seconded a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. **Burns-aye, Davenport-aye, Mansfield-aye, Rennewanz-aye, Segelke-aye, Toft-aye. Motion carried.**

Evelyn presented the Claims Report. Paul Mansfield moved and Dani Rennewanz seconded a motion to approve the Claims Report. **Burns-aye, Davenport-aye, Mansfield-aye, Rennewanz-aye, Segelke-aye, Toft-aye. Motion carried.**

MAINTENANCE REPORT: Ron Gentry

- With summer water usage, bleach usage is high.
- The Railroad Well experienced a high nitrate reading upon the last test. The vessels will be flushed, and a second reading taken. The initial test will be labeled as operator error.
- Ron reported that the new valve at Louisa and Shaw is not working properly. More testing will be done.
- Ron changed a solenoid on the Park water system and purchased extra solenoids for future repairs.
- Peetz Telephone will need to install an internet connection at the old Town Shop to facilitate the use of surveillance cameras. Ron has not had time this month to initiate the installation of internet or purchase cameras. No Trespassing signs are in place at the millings pile.
- Ron installed a new timer on the Peetz Sign on Highway 113. He suggested replacing the lights with LED's from Home Depot for \$87 each. The Board approved.
- Ron is building a store of extra supplies to eliminate going to Sidney/Sterling every time he needs parts.
- Ron is spraying alleys, town properties, and the WWTF for weeds.
- Ron advised the Board that he will do his daily checks during Fair Week July 27-August 3, but he will not be in Town full time during that week.
- An emergency water shut-off/turn-on over the July 4th weekend prompted a discussion for the need of a fee-schedule amendment for water turn-offs/turn-ons. The Board agreed to increase the scheduled disconnect rate from \$10 to \$50. The \$50 re-connect rate for scheduled maintenance will remain the same. For emergency service during weekends, nights, and holidays on the resident's side of the valve, the rate will increase to \$200-disconnect/\$200-reconnect. The Board will present Resolution #2024-5: A Resolution to Amend the Fee Schedule, for these proposed rates at the August meeting.
- The Board reviewed a sample ordinance for imposing a base rate for requests for disconnection of water /sewer utilities on a short-term/long-term basis. Because disconnections place a substantial financial burden on the Town when these services are discontinued, the Town is forced to increase rates for everyone. These fees will aid in the provision of water service and sewer service by the Town. Maintenance will assess the number of curb stops for abandoned and discontinued residences in Town. Research shows that several municipalities in NE Colorado have base rate ordinances in place.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) **LEAD & COPPER ASSESSMENT:** All collected surveys have been ordered by Street. Approximately 40 residents will be contacted who did not return a survey of their incoming water service line.
- 2) **RESOLUTION #2024-4: FEE SCHEDULE AMENDMENT RESOLUTION:** Mayor Traci Davenport read the Resolution. The Resolution will increase the cremation burial fee from \$200 to \$350. **Dani Rennewanz moved and Brenda Segelke seconded a motion to adopt Resolution #2024-4. Burns-aye, Davenport-aye, Mansfield-aye, Rennewanz-aye, Segelke-aye, Toft-aye. Motion carried.**