

The October 2023 meeting of the Board of Trustees was held in regular session on Monday, October 9, 2023. Members present when this meeting was called to order by Mayor Hoschouer at 7:00 p.m. included Trustees Law, Campbell, Fraker, Sherman, Wilson and Mast as well as Clerk Hartwell, Manager Nein and Attorney Wells. A quorum was present, and the meeting could proceed after the Pledge of Allegiance. Guests included Rhonda Graham, Keith and Mary Ward, Sandy Fryar, Todd Barowsky, Dennis Hill, Tasha Harris and News Correspondent Vickie Sandlin.

The **Agenda** for this meeting was reviewed. Clerk Hartwell requested Pool Capital Improvement claims be added, Rhonda Graham, Todd Barowsky and Dennis Hill be added as Guests, and Chamber Bucks be added under New Business. Trustee Law made a motion and seconded by Trustee Campbell to approve the agenda additions as requested. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Trustee Sherman and seconded by Trustee Wilson approving the **Minutes** for the Sept. 5, 2023 meeting as presented. Vote was unanimous.

Clerk Hartwell presented the September 2023 **Claims** for review and payment consideration. Trustee Sherman made a motion and Trustee Mast seconded to approve the claims as presented. Vote was unanimous. Two claims were presented as Capital Improvement claims for \$ 10,741.00. Trustee Campbell made a motion and seconded by Trustee Mast to approve the claims as presented. A unanimous vote was recorded. Two claims were presented as Pool Capital Improvement claims for \$ 296,919.91. Trustee Campbell made a motion and seconded by Trustee Wilson to approve the claims as presented. A unanimous vote was recorded.

	ELECT	WATER	SEWER	SANIT	GENERAL	TOTAL
TOTAL	176,843.98	22,340.02	12,841.54	13,695.42	93,143.35	318,864.31

Clerk/Treasurer Hartwell presented the July 31, 2023 **Financial Statement**. A motion was made by Trustee Sherman and seconded by Trustee Mast approving this report, as presented. A unanimous vote was recorded.

Guest Ward requested an extension of time for the two containers that are housed at his business which he is remodeling at 420 East 1st Street. Mayor Hoschouer noted we could discuss later in the meeting.

Guest Harris noted she wished to discuss the rental agreement for the ambulances to be stored at the Fire Hall and the proposed terms of the agreement renewal between the County and the Town. She stated on behalf of the Commissioners, they feel the proposed \$ 100 per month increase in rent is excessive and should be closer to \$ 25 per month increase. Mayor Hoschouer noted this could be discussed later in the meeting.

Guest Barowsky distributed information regarding the improvements that RACECO and he have made at the airport / drag strip over the past several years, described what maintenance items need attention prior to next year's racing season and his efforts to help raise needed funding, what direction the Board is leaning about the possibility of selling of the airport / drag strip, and considerations the Board have made regarding how big they are going to allow his business, RACECO, to become. Mayor Hoschouer stated the Airport Committee should meet regarding the issues. Guest Barowsky thanked the Board Members and dismissed himself at 7:26 pm.

Guest Hill presented the utility request from the Hippodrome Arts Centre for 2024 and thanked the Board Members for the Town's support in the past.

Guest Graham gave an update for the IHOP housing program and on Proposition 123 housing program which the matrix indicates an affordable house for our area would be around \$ 239,000 if a new structure was built and meet the parameters of the program.

Under **Legal Matters**, Attorney Wells noted he has not heard back from the School District regarding the Town's payment for the curbs and streets near the new school facility, nor received the agreement from SCOR regarding the equipment and uniform inventory and use of facilities.

Manager Nein noted the storm drainage project for Campbell Subdivision has been pushed back until Spring 2024 by the contractor, and the Town has moved in some dirt at Campbell Subdivision to prep for installing streetlights.

Attorney Wells recapped his meeting with NMPP regarding the Town's agreement and the proposed renewal terms in 2024 for all SSM contract holders. As a Colorado entity, the proposed agreement may have issues with TABOR law. Attorney Wells will update as necessary as negotiations continue.

As discussions continue with the airport and what process needs to be followed if the Town would consider selling the airport, Attorney Wells remarked he will be researching several issues such as how the airport was acquired initially, what limitations the FAA has, if a "flagpole annexation" would be possible for the Town, and the sales requirements for procurement or private sale.

For **Old Business**, Manager Nein reported as part of the I-76 project, the new 4" water line and another 3-4" water line has been located at the Cobblestone Hotel build. He is in negotiations with Cobblestone Hotel developers regarding the water lines. The Town has met our obligation as agreed in the Development Agreement and if Cobblestone Hotel chooses not to utilize the lines, any lines, taps and street repairs would be at their own cost. He noted the dirt moving is complete and the forms and footers should begin next week for the build.

For the water and wastewater projects, the pumps have arrived for the wastewater booster station and being prepared to install, and Petrotek continues working for the water upgrades.

Manager Nein encouraged everyone to drive past the swimming pool to look at the daily changes for the pool replacement project. Over the past several weeks, the demolition of the pool and pool house has been completed, the new pool has been excavated and concrete has begun to be poured in the deep end of the pool. Hackel Construction has been working continuously through the nice Fall weather.

A brief update was given by Trustee Law for the Community Center and changes being made to accommodate a childcare center. No further update was given for the housing programs.

Mayor Hoschouer asked for further discussion for the proposed monthly rent to be collected from the County for rental of space within the Fire Hall. The Board Members agreed to remain at the \$ 350 per month rent request since there has not been an increase in rent to the County since 2008. A contribution increase by the Rural Fire District occurred in 2016 for their contribution into the Pension Fund so no increase was proposed for the Rural Fire District at this time.

Under **New Business**, Manager Nein reported on the progress and the timeline anticipated for the demolition of the Grade School and the east bleachers at the football field to follow; (2) a building variance request has been submitted by Holiday Motel to move in one sea container. The Board of Appeals had met and approved the request. After discussion, Trustee Campbell made a motion and seconded by Trustee Law to approve the request. Vote was unanimous; (3) street sweeping and street repairs are occurring and using the nice weather to accomplish as much as possible; (4) we are rounding up the equipment to ready for Big Iron to sell before the end of the year; and (5) the School has moved out of the old bus barn on East 10th Street. Repairs are needed to the barn, and we need to fully clean out before items are moved in.

Clerk Hartwell presented the tree trimming application for license of Master's Touch. Trustee Campbell made a motion and seconded by Trustee Law to approve the application. Vote was unanimous.

Clerk Hartwell presented the mobile food truck application for license of Mamacita's Grind and Grill. Trustee Law made a motion and seconded by Trustee Wilson to approve the application. Vote was unanimously approved.

CIRSA has notified the Town that the settlement check of \$ 22,634.27 for the semi-truck accident is soon to be sent to the Town. CIRSA will subrogate against the semi-truck company for their reimbursement.

Two Special Events Permits were submitted by the Chamber. One event is Nov. 1 at the Community Center and the other event is Nov. 11 at Antiques and Artisans Plus. Trustee Sherman made a motion and

seconded by Trustee Mast to approve the applications and set the Liquor Hearing for October 17th. A unanimous vote was recorded.

Clerk Hartwell inquired if the Board wished to give Chamber Bucks as a bonus to the Town employees after the Chamber Bucks become available. Trustee Sherman made a motion and seconded by Trustee Mast to give each full-time employee Chamber Bucks of \$ 20 per month for a total gift of \$ 240 per employee. Vote was unanimous.

Mayor Hoschouer asked for discussion regarding the time extension request for Guest Ward's containers at 420 East 1st Street. Following discussion, Trustee Sherman made a motion and seconded by Trustee Law to allow an extension of one year for the containers. Vote was unanimous.

Mayor Hoschouer selected an Airport Committee and asked if they could meet with RACECO and Todd Barowsky soon so that the Town can apply to Marquardt Foundation for the requested improvements.

No **Correspondence** was received this month.


Trustee Concerns included concerns about unlicensed vehicles and trailers on the streets, the enforcement by the Code Officer and support given by the Town towards the enforcement issues, Railroad Street is now to be maintained by the Town and maintain from this point forward, and for the Town to strictly enforce the licensure requirement by contractors doing business within the Town limits.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 6, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

There being no additional business, a motion was made by Trustee Wilson and seconded by Trustee Fraker at 8:43 pm for adjournment.


MAYOR PRO TEM

Nov. 6, 2023
APPROVED


TOWN CLERK