

MINUTES
TOWN OF HUDSON - BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
May 18, 2011 - 7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Pro-Tem John Honnold called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor, Neal Pontius - Present
Mayor Pro-Tem, John Honnold - Present
Trustee, Barb Baker - Present
Trustee, Isidro Guardado - Present
Trustee, Matt Cole - Present
Trustee, Tammy McCain - Present
Trustee, Raymond Patch - Present

Deputy Clerk / Treasurer – Judy McGill took roll call, and a quorum of the Mayor Pro-Tem and (6) Trustees were present.

Town Staff Present:

Town Administrator – Joe Racine
Town Attorney – Corey Hoffmann
Public Works Director – Tim Hopwood
Deputy Clerk / Treasurer – Judy McGill
Economic Development Director – Dan Hamsmith

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Shirley Sellers, Hudson Resident, suggested the parking lot at the Town Hall have parking spaces painted.

1) CONSENT AGENDA

(Consent Agenda Items are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion and vote. There will be no separate discussion of Consent Agenda Items unless a Board member or Citizen so requests, in which case the item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered at the end of the Regular Agenda.)

- a. Board of Trustees Minutes – May 4, 2011
- b. Payment of Bills

Trustee Patch made a motion, seconded by Trustee Honnold to approve the Consent Agenda.

The vote was as follows:

Aye: Trustees Patch, Honnold, Cole, Guardado, McCain, Baker, and Mayor Pontius

Nay - None

Mayor Pontius declared the motion carried.

2) PUBLIC HEARING

a. Water Rate Adjustments

Mayor Pontius opened the Public Hearing for the Water Rate Adjustments at approximately 7:10 pm.

Joe Racine, Town Administrator, explained that the proposed usage charge is based on the gallons used.

The proposed in-town rates are set in three increments:

0 - 5,000 gallons	\$3.25 per thousand
6,000 – 20,000 gallons	\$3.25 per thousand
Over 20,000 gallons	\$3.25 per thousand

Base and usage charges for out of town customers is 25% higher than in-town rates for all water charges. The Non Town property tax payers and out-of-town users that are not subject to the Town's property tax mill levy will continue to be charged for the Mountain Pipeline charge and Water Treatment Plant charge.

The monthly base water charges for single-family residential customers will be based on Equivalent Residential Unit (EQR). One EQR is equal to 450 gallons per day water usage. The number of EQR's determines the number of base fees for multi-family and commercial customers. EQR's will be based on the average winter water usage shown on the previous January, February, and March water bills.

The water rates will automatically be adjusted on July 1st of each year by a percentage equal to the previous year's change in the Consumer Price Index for Denver-Boulder-Greeley.

The proposed base water rate adjustment is based on the fixed or "less variable" costs of the water system. The per-1,000 gallon unit rate is based on variable expenses

To build the water fund reserves, instead of including the expense in the rate structure, a one-time import is proposed from the property tax fund. The Town would lose the TABOR status for the utility funds for one year transferring this amount, but should regain the TABOR status the following year.

There were no public comments.

Mayor Pontius closed the Public Hearing at approximately 7:16 pm.

Joe Racine, Town Administrator, reported that the Resolution to adopt the new water rates will be presented at the next regular Board of Trustees meeting on June 1, 2011.

3) GENERAL BUSINESS

a. Street resurfacing proposals

Joe Racine, Town Administrator, explained a proposal for a street resurfacing program for this summer. The proposal is to re-allocate funds from the 2011 Budget for the intersection of Dahlia and Hwy 52 to resurface five street segments in Town. The Dahlia and Hwy 52 intersection would be deferred until 2012. The five street segments in Town are:

1. Kersey Road
2. Dahlia, north of Hwy 52 and Cedar
3. Hudson Drive north of Hwy 52
4. Main-Grape, Dahlia to 4th
5. South Beech St.

We have received preliminary pricing for an approximate cost estimate.

Tim Hopwood, Public Works Director, reported that the chip seal on four segments should last 5-8 years before needing additional paving work. The Hudson Drive segment is proposed for a mill and overlay.

The Board of Trustees direction is to check with Weld County for the over-lay project on Rd. 49, not to pursue the area of Dahlia and Hwy 52 intersection for chip seal if the intersection work is scheduled for 2012 and to check with CDOT on their portion of Main-Grape, Dahlia to 4th Street. The bids should be separated according to the five street segments.

4) STAFF REPORTS

Joe Racine, Town Administrator, reported on a meeting held with GEO regarding the Hudson Correctional Facility Discharge Violation Notice. GEO has retained an engineer to correct the problem. GEO has interviewed kitchen staff and acknowledged dumping grease down the drain. GEO will try rinsing dishes with a combination of chemicals and water at a lower degree. They will dispose of grease in a bin instead of in the garbage disposal. Tetra-Tech Engineering will research for a hardware solution. The Correctional Facility will need to re-apply for their Industrial Discharge Permit in September; the renewal will be conditional with documenting and regulating to correct the discharge violation. GEO has agreed to reimburse the Town for the expense of the hauling the grease from the wastewater facility and will clean the sewer lines and the plant.

Corey Hoffmann, Town Attorney, reported that the Joint Defense Agreement with the Attorney representing Jones Engineering has been signed for the Quality Paving lawsuit.

Dan Hamsmith, Economic Development Director, reported on the meeting scheduled for May 31, 2011 for the Town of Hudson Crisis Action Guide and Emergency Operations Plan. A CD with the Operation Guide has been provided to the Board of Trustees. Copies of the CD will be issued to the strategic partners.

Tim Hopwood, Public Works Director, reported that the cross walk on Hwy 52 south of El Faro Restaurant requires handicap ramps. The Town will have to construct the ramps, then CDOT will complete the crossing.

Tim Hopwood, Public Works Director, reported that they have started jetting the sewer lines. Problem areas will be marked to TV the line as needed.

Mayor Pontius reported that “Fishing is Fun” grant presentation went well. Caitlin Bauer and Tim Swetky will receive a “Certificate of Appreciation” plaque for their part of the presentation. The DOW seemed to be very pleased with the community involvement in the project. We should know in 5-6 weeks the results of the grant.

4) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:10 p.m.

TOWN OF HUDSON, COLORADO

Mayor

ATTEST

Town Clerk