

The Regular Meeting of the Meeker Town Board was held Tuesday, June 2, 2009 at Town Hall.

Members Present	Mayor	Etheridge
	Trustees	Omer Strate Waldref Gerloff
Members Absent	Trustee	Mills Halandras
Town Staff Present	Town Administrator	Day
	Town Clerk	Cook
	Town Attorney	Viscardi
	Chief of Police	Hervey
	Public Works Super.	Overton
	Admin. Assist.	Niemi
Citizens Present	Nikki Turner	RB Herald Times
	Todd Morris	Meeker Fire & Rescue

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Etheridge called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

All Trustees present, except for Trustees Halandras and Mills.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Etheridge asked if there were any changes to the agenda, with none noted.

A motion was made by Trustee Gerloff to approve the agenda, seconded by Trustee Strate. All ayes, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

Mayor Etheridge asked for comments, questions or revisions to the May 5, 2009 minutes, with none noted.

A motion was made by Trustee Omer to approve the May 5, 2009 minutes, seconded by Trustee Strate. All ayes, motion carried.

Mayor Etheridge asked for comments, questions or revisions to the May 19, 2009 minutes with none noted.

A motion was made by Trustee Waldref to approve the May 19, 2009 minutes, seconded by Trustee Strate. All ayes, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Mayor Etheridge asked for questions or comments regarding the revised set of vouchers dated May 29, 2009. She inquired about Item #42 in the General Fund Enrollment for two youth for Aspen Deaf Camp, and how CET (Community Evaluation Team) is supported. Town Administrator Sharon Day explained CET is funded through Build a Generation, which operates with grant money only. Mayor Etheridge inquired as to who sat on the team with Day replying Dondi Glasscock from BAG as well as the principals of the schools and various other individuals.

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Administrator Day stated there was a bill from Tri-County Fire (Item #47 ó General Fund) for fire extinguisher maintenance. She stated Redi Services now provides fire extinguisher services, are cheaper and local, and the Town would be utilizing their services in the future.

A motion to approve the revised set of vouchers dated May 29, 2009 was made by Trustee Omer, seconded by Trustee Waldref. All ayes, motion carried.

DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES

Police Department ó Chief of Police Bob Hervey stated for the month of May there had been 257 calls, seven Traffic Summons, 21 Criminal Summons and 15 Arrests. He also stated he didn't have the statistics for Animal Control. Discussion focused on how many applicants had applied for the vacant police department positions, with Chief Hervey stating two were being sent through testing for the officer position.

Public Works ó Public Works Superintendent Russell Overton stated United Companies had completed the patching. He stated 25,640,000 gallons of water had been pumped for the month of May and the reason the quantity pumped each month has seemed so low was due to the flow meter. Mr. Overton stated they were taking the readings from the wells now, instead of the main meter and were in the process of locating a rebuilt kit, but was unsure if they would be able to get parts due to the age of the meter or if they will have to redo that portion of the system. Mayor Etheridge inquired if the option was to redo that portion of the system, would it be a huge undertaking? Mr. Overton stated yes and would cost between \$20,000.00 to \$40,000.00 dollars, just for that portion, but was just an estimate.

Mr. Overton stated crack-filling had been completed as well as Meeker Clean-up Days for the elderly. He stated for the school project, Staff had 135 hours into the project to date. Mayor Etheridge inquired if the Sanitation Department had started their work, with Mr. Overton stating they had started that day. Trustee Gerloff stated the sewer line project by the fairgrounds seemed close to the bank where Sulphur Creek Road sits, inquiring if Mr. Overton had any idea of what would happen if there was movement. Mr. Overton stated it would be for the Sanitation District, the County and the School to deal with.

Planning/Building Department - No report as Planner Smith was on vacation.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

NEW BUSINESS

Request from Tonya Morris concerning Town donation for 4th of July Fireworks Display.

Todd Morris attended the meeting stating he was present on behalf of the Fire & Rescue Department to request the yearly fireworks donation from the Town. He stated the Town had given \$3,000.00 the previous year, and requested the same amount for this year. He also stated next year would be the 125th year of Range Call and possibly would be seeking a large donation. Mr. Morris stated the show had been ordered at a cost of \$10,000.00, at a worth of \$12,000.00. Mr. Morris stated all funding for the entire show were raised through community businesses and local people. Mayor Etheridge inquired if people were recognized for their donations with Mr. Morris stating an ad is placed in the newspaper thanking people, and lists each individual who made a contribution. Trustee Omer clarified the request was for \$3,000.00 with Mr. Morris stating that was correct, and the Town had donated the same amount the previous year. Trustee Omer inquired if the Town had anticipated the request in the budget under the line item of Community Development, with Administrator Day stating she was fairly sure the Town could accommodate Mr. Morris's request.

A motion was made by Trustee Strate to approve the request of \$3,000.00 from the Community Development line item towards the July 4, 2009 fireworks display, seconded by Trustee Waldref. All ayes, motion carried.

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Bid award for Painting Stripes on Streets in Meeker.

Administrator Day stated the Town had received only one bid for the project from Stripe-a-Lot & Sweeping. and stated they had done the striping for the Town last year and had done a great job. Day stated they had included the certificate of insurance with their bid of \$9,550.00, which was approximately \$200.00 more than the previous year and recommended the Board accept the bid. Trustee Gerloff inquired about the sanitation project and if those streets would be striped at a later time. Mr. Overton stated none of the streets being worked on would be striped this year.

A motion was made by Trustee Gerloff to approve the bid in the amount of \$9,550.00 to Stripe-a-Lot for the painting of stripes on streets in Meeker, seconded by Trustee Strate. All ayes, motion carried.

Appointment to Planning Commission to fill vacancy.

Administrator Day stated she had left the item on the agenda, but the Town had received no letters of interest to fill the vacancy on the Planning Commission. Mayor Etheridge inquired as to what lengths the Town went to request letters of interest. Day stated the notice had been published twice in the newspaper and was posted on the Town's website. She stated Jason Taylor had expressed interest but the Town has a one-year requirement for residency, and Mr. Taylor won't meet it until the end of July or early August. Mayor Etheridge inquired if the requirement could be waived. Attorney Viscardi stated he had always assumed the Town wouldn't waive the requirement but he had never looked at it from that standpoint. Trustee Omer inquired of Day if there were any other requirements. Day stated the requirements were: one-year residency within Town limits, is at least 18 years of age, and a registered voter.

Wells Fargo Request – Meeker Hospital Fund.

Trustee Omer left the room due to a conflict of interest. Administrator Day stated Todd Owen (Wells Fargo) had sent a letter recommending the Town take \$150,000.00 from the money market fund and invest into three individual bonds at \$50,000 each. Day stated Mr. Owen had also suggested the Town leave another \$150,000.00 available for other fund purchases later in the year. Mayor Etheridge stated she felt comfortable with Mr. Owen's suggestions and asked for comments or questions from the Board, with none noted.

A motion was made by Trustee Gerloff to accept the recommendation of Wells Fargo to change the Town's portfolio in a letter dated May 19, 2009, seconded by Trustee Strate. All ayes, motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORTS

None

MANAGER'S REPORTS

Discussion concerning scheduling capital projects ó Administrator Day suggested July 21, 2009 for the Board to conduct a quick tour of projects with discussion to follow. Mayor Etheridge stated she would be out of town. Day inquired about the first week of August, stating the first Board meeting would be August 4, 2009. Discussion focused on dates, times and Board availability, where the projects were, and the possibility of knowing how much there would be from mineral severance funding. The Board concurred for August 4, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. for the capital projects tour prior to the Board meeting with the workshop to follow.

Philanthropy Days Donation ó Administrator Day stated the \$500 donation from the Town for the upcoming Philanthropy Days entitled the Town a booth at the event. She stated the Meeker Chamber of Commerce had offered to do the booth for the Town, promoting tourism, if the Board agreed. The Board concurred.

Supplemental Environmental Project List - Day informed the Board that because the Town was doing an

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energy audit, the Town's name was placed on a supplemental environmental project list. She explained it was a list kept by the State for projects that are energy related, for companies/people who are fined for environmental issues. Day stated a company had been fined over \$110,000.00 and had the choice of paying the money to the State General Fund or could choose an entity to pay it to. She stated the County and the Town had been chosen to receive over \$55,000.00 each for some type of energy project which was identified in the upcoming energy audit with Ennovate. She also stated the Town had been asked to look at other projects for the future and one of their suggestions was recycling. Day stated she had relayed the Town needed to do something with the recycling center, as many of the energy companies were bringing in cardboard. Day stated the Town would be put on an email list and as soon as another grant cycle comes up, they would notify the Town. Day stated the Town will need to have used the \$55,000.00 by the fall of 2011 as part of the agreement. The Board concurred it would not be a problem.

Ennovate Contract ó Day stated the contract from Ennovate for the energy audit had been forwarded to Attorney's Viscardi and Borchard for their review and then the project will move forward. Day anticipates the energy audits to be complete by the end of the 3rd quarter of 2009 and then looking at projects for the 2010 budget.

Survey - Day stated the aerial survey completed by the school fell short several hundred feet of Sulphur Creek and Stantec's requirements of an additional 500 feet south and north of the intersection as well as the intersection and into the fairgrounds was still needed. Day stated Rob (Stantec) had checked with JCS Surveying for a cost estimate, who provided a cost of \$1,144.00 for the survey and said they could do it this week as the information was needed by the following week for the grant cycle. Day stated the Feasibility Studies line item could cover both the survey and the traffic study and asked the Board for a motion to proceed. Mayor Etheridge asked for comments or questions from the Board, with none noted.

A motion was made by Trustee Strate to approve \$1,144.00 for the additional survey needed for the proposed Ute Road, seconded by Trustee Omer. All ayes, motion carried.

Associated Governments –Day stated Associated Governments had notified her they will be conducting strategic planning in Palisade and set two dates: August 20 ó 21, 2009 or August 27 ó 28, 2009. She stated the representative for the area is Ann Brady, Rangely Mayor, and if any of the Board wanted to attend, to let Day know.

4-H Cake Decorating Event ó Day stated Susan Pelloni teaches cake decorating for 4-H and the Board had been invited to attend the first annual demonstration to be held on June 10, 2009 at 3:30 p.m. She stated the cakes would then be given to some community leaders and if any of the Board could attend, to contact Ms. Pelloni.

Citizens group ó Day stated the group would be meeting at CNCC (Meeker Campus) at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 4, 2009 and outlined the agenda. She stated the Board had also been invited the same evening to a barbeque and a walk-through of the new plant at Piceance Creek, hosted by Williams Company. Day outlined the event, and asked the Board to let her know if they would like to attend, as she planned to.

ATTORNEY'S REPORTS

None

OTHER TOWN BOARD BUSINESS

None

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ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Etheridge adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Attest:

Mandi Etheridge, Mayor

Lisa Cook, Town Clerk