

The Regular Meeting of the Meeker Town Board was held Tuesday, July 6, 2010 at Town Hall.

Members Present	Mayor	Etheridge
Trustees		Omer ó via phone conference
		Halandras
		Cook
		Conrado
		Strate
Trustees Absent		Gerloff
Town Staff Present	Town Administrator	Day
	Town Planner	Smith
	Town Clerk	Cook
	Chief of Police	Hervey
	Town Attorney	Viscardi
	Admin. Assist.	Niemi
Citizens Present	Nikki Turner	RB Herald Times
	Pastor Johnnie Arrington ó	United Methodist Church
	Wendy Gutierrez	
	Bobby Gutierrez ó	Meeker Chamber Board Member
	Margie Joy ó	Meeker Chamber Board President
	Randy Ridgeway ó	via tele. Conf. Chamber Bd. Member
	Joe Fennessy ó	Meeker Chamber Board Member
	Bernie Gantt -	Meeker Chamber Board Member

### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

### **ROLL CALL**

All Trustees present except Trustee Gerloff. Trustee Omer joined the meeting via conference call.

### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

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

### **APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Mayor Etheridge asked for comments or questions regarding the minutes of June 15, 2010 with Trustee Halandras stating Michele Morgan's name had only one L (under the United Methodist Church discussion). Town Clerk Lisa Cook stated there were some minor word changes but wouldn't affect the content of the minutes and would correct them.

A motion was made by Trustee Conrado to approve the June 15, 2010 minutes with the noted revisions, seconded by Trustee Halandras. All ayes, motion carried.

### **APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

Trustee Conrado left the room due to a potential conflict of interest. Mayor Etheridge asked for questions or comments regarding the revised set of vouchers dated June 30, 2010. She stated she was happy that Town Staff used local businesses to purchase goods and services and commended them for purchasing local as much as possible.

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A motion was made by Trustee Strate to approve the revised set of vouchers dated June 30, 2010, seconded by Trustee Cook. All ayes, motion carried.

Trustee Conrado returned to the meeting

**MONTHLY DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES**

**Police Department:** Chief of Police Bob Hervey stated for the month of June there was 254 incidents but didn't have the breakdown of incidents. He stated for the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday weekend there were 96 calls for service (July 1, 2010 to July 4, 2010). He added the holiday was very quiet (police activity); there were no DUI arrests, no fights and was a nice weekend for everyone. Mayor Etheridge thanked Chief Hervey and his Staff for all their hard work over the holiday weekend.

**Planning Department:** Town Planner Anna Smith stated building permit applications and inquiries regarding variances, special reviews and home occupations were picking up but there were no applications at this time. She stated she had been reviewing the Town's codes and there were no revisions as of yet, just housekeeping activities. Trustee Halandras inquired of Planner Smith how many building permits had been issued for 2010? Planner Smith stated she was unsure and at this time, the only new home being built was by J.H. Sheridan and there were no other new home building permits that she was aware of. She added Stage Stop would be applying for a remodeling permit for an addition to the business.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

***Request from Meeker United Methodist Church to place old church in Ute Park.***

Pastor Johnnie Arrington thanked the Board for allowing him to present the request from the United Methodist Church regarding the moving of the old church building to Ute Park. He began by outlining the history of the building, the process in construction of the new church and where the project stands now. He stated he had spoken with the Cemetery District, adding they weren't interested in the building. Pastor Arrington stated he was coming to the Board in one last effort to see if the Town would allow the church to be moved to Ute Park as they are running out of time, stating the congregation was looking at moving it or having it demolished in August. He also relayed to the Board a visit he had made to his hometown where they faced a similar situation and outlined how the community saved the building. He reiterated he was coming to the Board with the hope that the Town would allow the church to be moved to Ute Park. Mayor Etheridge thanked Pastor Arrington for coming to the Board with the idea of moving the church to Ute Park. She stated she appreciated Ms. Morgan's enthusiasm regarding the old church and it had been difficult telling her that it wasn't viable to move the church to the elementary school location at this time. Mayor Etheridge stated Pastor Arrington had mentioned time and funds were an issue for the church and from the Board's perspective, it was the same. She went on to say old buildings were great to have in Ute Park and it would be nice to have the church, reiterating again that time and money was an issue for the Town as well. Trustee Halandras added Ute Park would be a good spot for the church, but would rather have it downtown. Discussion focused on which entity funded the move of the Wilbur building and if storing the church was an option. Mayor Etheridge thanked Pastor Arrington for presenting his idea to the Board, but the Board concurred that moving the church to Ute Park was not a viable option at this time.

***Award 2010 Street Striping Bid.***

Administrator Day stated only one bid for the 2010 street striping work was received from Stripe-a-Lot, the company who did the Town's striping the previous year. Day stated the amount of the bid was \$9,050.00 (same price as the previous year) and Staff recommended accepting the bid.

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A motion was made by Trustee Halandras to award the 2010 Street Striping Bid to Stripe-a-Lot in the amount of \$9,050.00, seconded by Trustee Strate. All ayes, motion carried.

**MAYOR’S REPORTS**

Mayor Etheridge shared her experience at the recent CML conference, adding she would like to see more Board members attend next year. She stated she had attended various sessions and felt the Town’s Board was doing well as they make an effort to collaborate with other entities, keep the perspective and does a great job of maintaining the process and listening to the public regarding issues, adding it is important to maintain a positive relationship in the community.

**MANAGER’S REPORTS**

None

**ATTORNEY’S REPORTS**

None

**OTHER TOWN BOARD BUSINESS**

***Approval of Resolution #9, Series 2010, approving an Indemnity and Hold Harmless Agreement – Town of Meeker and Meeker School District RE-1 – Ute Road.***

Attorney Viscardi stated the proposed resolution was to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign an indemnity and hold harmless agreement for the construction of Ute Road between the Town and the Meeker School District RE-1, in regards to an issue that arose in May. He stated a report had been done for the school regarding an inspection of the sewer line that will serve the new elementary school and the stability of the replacement section of the line as well as the effects of road construction over the line. Attorney Viscardi outlined for the Board the location and the amount of affected sewer line which will be located under the soon to be constructed Ute Road. He stated the proposed Agreement was based on a telephone conference with representatives from the School District, including their attorney, and Town representatives, including the Town’s contractor. He explained that all parties had agreed that the solution would be to move forward with an Indemnity and Hold Harmless Agreement and that he had asked for a broader indemnity, but felt the revised Agreement was a good compromise to protect the Town. He added Martinez Construction had been made part of the agreement since they were concerned about the soil conditions and report prepared for the School District and how that might affect their company as the contractor. He said that the School Board had approved the Agreement in concept and understood they would be taking final action at their Board meeting scheduled Thursday evening. Mayor Etheridge asked for questions or comments with none noted. She thanked Attorney Viscardi for his time and work on the agreement.

A motion was made by Trustee Strate to approve Resolution #9, Series 2010, a resolution approving an Indemnity and Hold Harmless Agreement for the construction of Ute Road between the Town of Meeker and the Meeker School District RE-1, seconded by Trustee Cook. All ayes, motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Etheridge adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

A workshop with the Meeker Chamber of Commerce concerning economic development followed the adjournment of the meeting.

ATTEST:

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Mandi Etheridge, Mayor

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Lisa Cook, Town Clerk