

Record of Proceedings

A Special Meeting/Workshop was held January 21, 2018 at the Platte Valley Community Center

Purpose of the Meeting: Objectives, Governing Body & Staff Goals, Council Meeting Discussion, Current and Future Project Update, Town Boards, Planning and Zoning & Town Beautification

Call to Order: Mayor Irene called the meeting to order at 10:07 PM. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Council Members present were:
Cm. Joseph Grillo
Cm. Angie Hobbs
Cm. Cody Jones
Cm. Robert Meyer
Also Present: Linda Crane, Clerk/Treasurer and Rory Neuman, Public Works Director
Audience Members- No Audience Members present

Approval of Agenda; Cm. Hobbs made a motion to approve the agenda as corrected; Cm Meyer seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Grillo Aye Cm. Hobbs Aye Mayor Irene Aye Cm. Jones Aye Cm. Meyer Aye

Mayor Addressed the Council: Mayor Irene thanked the Council for the time they spend to keep our town functioning. And taking the time to meet to share their ideas and input on town matters.

Agenda Items: Each Council Member and Staff was asked for their goals for the coming year. Goals ranged from the construction of a community center, exploring a pavilion, prioritizing the use of funds from the Chokecherry Wind Project, Fire Dept., beautification of the town, Senior Center, river stabilization caused by the historic landfill, town road repair, lift station and repair or replace the radio meter reads process for the water system. Discussion included the objectives that could be used to accomplish these goals. The 2015 goals were discussed and the majority of items the Council presented then have been achieved.

The 5th Penny campaign discussion included change the picture on the informational material and sending a list of projects the 5th penny tax is used for. The meeting for the committee is via telephone and is held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 2:00.

The Council recessed for lunch at 12:00 and reconvened at 1:30.

Updates: A chlorine back up for the water system was presented to the Council which makes its own chlorine on demand with the use of salt. This would cut down on storing large barrels of chlorine at the water tanks and is a safer alternative. The Mayor is waiting for more information on the system.

Installing simpler designed density sensors in the vault at the sewer lagoon along with cutting the trees at the lagoon and installing a new fence were talked about. These are items that could be paid with impact funds.

Solid Waste issues are moving along through the HCJPB. There is a meeting scheduled with SLIB to present the grant request for the landfill closure and the transfer station.

Community Center discussion was looked at with what the town of our size really needs. Residents have asked for a large gathering space for town functions and usable for all types of needs. It was thought that a building could be constructed between the new library and the old library. It would have a large open area, bathrooms and a warming kitchen. The Mayor is looking into building that will suit that need. Ideas for the remaining town buildings centered on the use of the old library, town hall/senior center and museum space. The old library is a well constructed building that could serve as a senior center with the addition of a commercial kitchen. Other ideas were moving the town hall to the old library and adding a commercial kitchen to the existing senior center.

Public Works Building is being finishing up the electrical and heating. The SCADA system has been hooked up. A temporary propane line has been installed till spring when it is possible to reposition the propane tank. The water and sewer lines are to the building so the bathroom can be completed. The garage door openers need ordered for the door on the new building and on the cold storage building. Electric will also to installed to the cold storage. The Fire Marshal then needs to inspect before giving the town occupancy.

Future projects include a River Study, Town Emergency Plan, Natural Gas and Flood Plan Remapping. The town plans to use impact funds from Chokecherry to do a river study and develop an emergency plan that is specific to the town not just threats from flooding. Cm. Grillo included a FEMA Emergency Supply List developed through their *Ready* Campaign and 2 forms designed for potential emergency situations and updating and refining the town's emergency response plan. The Mayor reminded the Council that the town had passed a resolution that when Consensus Funding became available the town's request would be to bring natural gas into town. Council members sited complaints on the town's propane service and price and felt it was something that needed looked into. Crane told the Council she had been in contact with FEMA to see if any comment periods had been started on the remapping of the flood plain. There is no comment periods scheduled but a representative would come and talk to the Council and the public on where they are with the remapping if they would like.

Input and updated from the Town Boards- The museum is continuing to run with the help of the CCSD#2 Recreation Grant. It is funding the museum to rent the space in the EMRE building and pay for the employees. With the possibility of renovation for the senior center the CCSSI was contacted to see if they had any information on center closures. The Director told the town that there has been no talk of closing down any of the centers in the county by the Board and as long as there is funding they will all remain open. Through budget cuts and adjustments the closing of centers would be the last thing cut. This information helps in the decision of a center renovation going forward. The Park Board brought projects to the Council for consideration. If there were to be money allocated for projects they would like to have the area between the pavilion and the playground professionally landscaped and the addition of sidewalks. They also would like to install a basketball court with standard size hoops. This is something that could be done in phases starting with a half court and adding on as money is received. It was noted that the basketball court qualifies for Rec. Board Grant funds but is a large amount to request at one time so funding from the town could be used as a match. The other projects mentioned do not qualify for the grant funds but does fall in the beautification of the town.

Planning and Zoning discussions included town beautification and plan and ordinance compliance. It has been brought to the Council that the Christmas decorations have seen better days. The Council talked about replacing decorations and Crane said she had received a flyer with decorations on sale with a buy 2 get 1 free. **Cm. Jones motioned to purchase 6 decorations and receive 3 free;** Cm. Hobbs seconded the motion; Council

Poll; Cm. Grillo Aye, Cm. Hobbs Aye. Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Jones Aye, Cm. Meyer Aye.

Planning and zoning needs have been a request in the Boswell Springs Impact Fund. The request included money designated to map the town's boundaries and utilities with the use of GPS and mapping technology. The ISC has approved the impact funding requested by the county and impacted municipalities. The Council will be looking at the ordinances and codes to see if changes need to be made. In planning for the River Study **Cm. ? made a motion to move the funds designated Landfill Fund to the Historic Landfill line item; Cm. ? seconded motion;** Council Poll; Cm. Grillo Aye, Cm. Hobbs Aye. Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Jones Aye, Cm. Meyer Aye.

The Council will work more on the prioritizing of the impact funding from Chokecherry/Sierra Madre, Boswell and 3 other proposed future wind projects as the funding starts being distributed from the tax and accumulating a workable balance.

Adjourn Meeting: **Cm. Jones made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:15PM;** Cm. Grillo seconded the motion; all Council Members present voting Aye none Opposed.

Clerk

Mayor