



## UEB Meeting Minutes, June 19, 2019

**Meeting Time and Location:** Began at 4:30 at Town Hall.

**Attendance:** Aaron Caplan, Lee Hall, Coco Gordon,

**Staff:** **BOT Liaison:** Mike Karavas **Guests:**

**Previous Minutes:** no quorum none approved

**Audience Business:**

**BoT Report:**

**Staff Update:**

**MEAN Energy Efficiency Programs:** MEAN added 3 residential customer energy efficiency incentive programs to their Commercial Customer LED lighting Program, a Smart Thermostat, an Attic Insulation and a Cooling System Tune-Up program. Any reason Lyons shouldn't implement these programs? The amount of staff time and documentation might be a concern. We should look at the requirements and talk with staff to see if they already have anything in place for something like this and if not how much time would be involved in setting it up and documenting.

Boulder County already has some incentive programs that could be promoted where customers would work directly with the county and the Lyons Electric Utility would not spend any time or resources on. One comparison was Boulder County's Attic Insulation program allows up to \$200 in a rebate, MEAN up to \$300 so more incentive through MEAN.

**Lee will look at MEAN program details and talk to staff to see what they think on time commitment and feasibility.**

**2019 Q1 Financials:** Electric operations all looked good with 24% of projected revenue, 25% of budgeted electricity purchased and spent on other expenses. Refinancing of electric debt had \$15,000 in legal costs, but it is projected to save \$50,000 in debt expense this year alone. Peak usage continues to be 8 or 9 PM. Water operations still look to have a problem accounting for water. We accounted for 72% of the water we purchased this quarter. However that is pretty normal with it being all over the place. It could mean there is a leak, a bad meter, or possibly even the fact that Longmont invoices from mid month to mid month and we use the full month in our monitoring. **What is the budgeted \$81,500 joint bond listed in capital improvements?** Wastewater operations showed \$25,000 less in revenue than budgeted. However it was \$30,000 more than it made in any of the 4 quarters of 2018. **When did the rate change go into effect? Also noted gas cost for wastewater was 37% of budgeted amount, why?**

Stormwater collected its budgeted revenue. No major expenses yet. Looks like just some maintenance. Discussed the Steamboat Valley drainage culvert/channel. Aaron had a resident ask if they were suppose to maintain that or if the town was maintaining the open channel portion. **Does the town have a stormwater maintenance plan in place? Can the UEB see it?** Assumed the town is responsible for maintaining the . channel but need to verify.

**Smart Meter Opt-Out Policy:** Should the town be looking at creating a policy on this. The states of Washington and California have mandated electric utilities in their states have this option. Kansas recently voted that an opt out policy was not mandatory. Colorado could come out with a law on this that would require the town to have a policy. Is it worth trying to be prepared for this rather than having customers come back and request to opt out after the fact.

The UEB recently had town residents come to our last meeting and request old analog meters. There is discussion online about health concerns and about customer data protection or privacy concerns, that could cause others to make this request.

If we were going to look into a policy one of the first steps would be to determine the financial costs of such a policy. Does this affect the towns sustainability goals? There has been discussion of implementing a time of use billing which we believe would require smart meters. What are the legal ramifications. Our electricity supplier has a policy that any of our customers with their own electricity generation, like solar or wind, etc, must have a 2nd meter that provides hourly data. Is this an option without a smart meter?

What kind of options are there other than a smart meter. Older analog meters are no longer made, anywhere. There are options to purchase refurbished ones. Are there options to mitigate the concerns a resident had while still keeping a smart meter.

**Meeting ended:** 5:45 pm. **Minutes Submitted by:** Aaron Caplan