



UEB Meeting Minutes, July 3, 2019

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

Attendance: Aaron Caplan, Lee Hall, Coco Gordon, Jay Stott

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

Previous Minutes: June 5 and 19, 2019 minutes **approved**.

Meetings: MEAN

BoT Report: Mike K.- Fire hydrant pressure for the new hydrant in the Eastern Corridor has too much pressure for Lyons Fire. Lyons Fire okayed installation of that hydrant, now won't sign off on hydrant because it is higher pressure than they realized. Public works will have to move twice in order to wait for PRV valve. Lyons Fire also says they cannot fight fires in 3 story buildings. This is a concern if the town wanted to expand upwards, in particular a hotel in town would probably want 3 stories.

Ecology Board- trees under power lines in front of library- trees will be moved.

Evans St. road replacement will need to be remain two way. There was a one way option being discussed.

Funds that have to be used. Traffic routing. Water Treatment new outfall line almost on line. 446 Main St.

pulled pulled its building permit application as the stormwater requirements were too complicated to deal with.

Staff Update: Victoria S.- interview for town utility director candidate. Hopefully starting in two weeks High Street Drainage had \$13,000 budgeted from the Storm Water Fund for a study to see what could be done.. Steamboat Valley Drainage is a priority in the ICON drainage report because it has the highest impact on downtown. UEB felt the town should move forward with the High St. portion as part of the overall Steamboat Valley Drainage work that needs to be done and since we now have a stormwater fund to fund this.

Property at 407 Steamboat which is just outside town limits would like to connect to town sewer and water. .

LMC says a property can't connect without annexing into town. This property is over 5 acres and would require a vote and also some concern based on the Lyons Primary Planning Area IGA which has this location as a rural preservation area. Property owner is offering an easement in return for being allowed to connect.

This part of town has a dead end water line and it has been on the Capital Improvement Plan to try and loop the water line. The easement is one of the needs for this looping and it was estimated to be \$42,000 for the total easements needed. This would only cover some of the needed easement.

Two customers wanting to challenge BOD surcharge. Town collected \$17,000 in High Strength Waste Surcharge from commercial customers. High Strength Waste was estimated to cost the town an extra \$50,000 a year and that was the collection goal from this charge. This is slightly high but it is only 1 quarter of data and since this is based on water consumption summer months will be higher than winter months.

East Corridor sewer line construction is starting. Possibility of using Longmont's old water line as conduit for sewer and other things. Option is being investigated, calculating possible savings to trenching new line.

Apple Valley water line project is in progress.

LMC Part 13: Section 7 - Appeals. What appeals should be allowed and how? Right now BoT is de facto appeals body anytime someone doesn't like staff decisions. Time limit on appeals is useful- limits people from rehashing old issues. Some towns have appeals addressed in code, some don't. 10 day limit seems useful. Discussed adding that appeals that failed would have to cover attorney fees. This might help make sure people feel they have a legitimate complaint and not bring frivolous appeals. Spelling out the process and having a more involved procedure might also help make sure only valid appeals are requested. **Aaron will write up some new code.**

MEAN Efficiency Initiative- Paperwork goes straight to MEAN, so minimal cost to town. Town needs to sign off on work actually done. Town staff thought it was a good idea and not too much additional work for them. Discussed if a building inspection was needed and did not think it would be. Town could require a contractor registered with the town to help ensure work was done to sign off on. **Recommend that Town consider offering MEAN incentives. Approved 4-0.** This should be presented as supplemental to Boulder County Energy Smart programs.

Smart Meter Opt-out Policy: Move this to agenda parking lot until there is more need.

Meeting ended: 5:50 pm. **Minutes Submitted by:** Jay Stott and Aaron Caplan