



## UEB Meeting Minutes, February 17, 2021

**Meeting Time and Location:** Began at 4:30pm. Held remote via Zoom meeting.

**Attendance:** Jim Kerr, Lee Hall, Larry Quinn, Jerry Rotz, Chris Meline, Mike Jackson

**Staff:** Aaron Caplan BOT

**Liaison:** Mike Karavas (unavailable)

**Guests:** None

1. Welcome new UEB member Mike Jackson  
Work for NSF, science section head on Antarctic.

2. Amendments to Agenda  
None

3. Approve Minutes from February 3, 2021  
**Approved Unanimously**

4. Audience Business.  
No audience present

5. Upcoming Meetings  
UC Denver grant people meeting Sunday in Bohn Park. Also meeting at Jack's Solar Garden a week from Friday.

6. Updates

a) Board of Trustees – Mike Karavas  
Unavailable

b) Staff, Engineering – Aaron Caplan  
Mediation on WWTP with Honeywell tomorrow. Two BOT members (Karavas and Angelo), Victoria Simonsen and Aaron Caplan attending.

Got \$450K Grant from DOLA on Longs Peak Project. Looking at possibility of undergrounding electric for the last two telephone poles from Seward Alley to Longs Peak Drive. Rationale for undergrounding electric is that road will be open and the top pole has now resulted in two fires and is hard to access. Longs Peak project is ready to put out for bid once DOLA grant is finalized. Had budgeted \$1M so there is likely funds available for other projects.

Undergrounding electric portion at new 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue bridge will be done soon.

Pressure Reducing Valve (PRV) replacement will occur in next couple of weeks. Very tight spacing to get the new PRV installed. Otherwise will need to dig up road. Will test problem hydrant on Seward right after.

New Electric meter installation will begin in March and post cards will be sent out in advance. There are 1000 meters being installed.

New bridge girders installed last night right next to each other.

Stormwater grate at Library seems to be an issue per Lyons Happenings Facebook page (dog injured).

#### c) UEB Chair – Jim Kerr

Diane Diandeneau submitted Connect Communities grant concept application per last meeting. If the concept paper is accepted then March 3 is the deadline for submission of the full application. Concept done so other grants can be applied for if not successful.

Car chargers could also be expanded. Existing ones are Level 2 and new ones are Level 3 for faster charging. Town chargers may be out of date and not used very much.

Jim having SFC look into upgrading and expansion possibilities.

Briefed BOT on changes to net metering subsidy yesterday. Main takeaway were generally in agreement but Town attorney warned about some legalities. Colorado statutes require net metering but not for small communities. The Colorado Public Utilities Commission (PUC) also has some requirements but municipal utilities such as Lyons are not under PUC jurisdiction. Will develop proposed ordinance change doing away with 1-1 net metering for UEB review. “Distributed Generation” may be terminology used in future.

#### d) Other UEB Members

Lee Hall – Feb 5 meeting with CU Denver was positive. The group gave rough outline of feasibility report. CU Denver group in Lyons noon this Sunday to look at sites. Then 10am next Friday at Jacks Solar Garden. No installation in floodways. DOLA has reduced funding now and CU Denver can do public outreach.

Larry Quinn – Greg Lowell said on Facebook that Lyons has the highest water rates in the region. True? Why?

#### 7. Financial Review – Jerry Rotz

Spreadsheet is 2020 operational budget. Revenue Light \$113K. Electric Fund. Q4 Utilities Report includes everything. \$446K under budget on expenditures. Markel Homes agreement had the Town responsible for electrical infrastructure. Since Markel out of LVP, Town is not responsible for Carter Drive. \$123K red was budgeted for meters that were not spent.

Water Fund shows overall budget in black by \$116K. Tap fees are rolled into overall Fund so no separate capital improvement fund. Revenue is 4 times what paid to Longmont, but have debt service and other costs.

Wastewater Fund. In the red about \$213K short. WWTP improvements on hold pending Honeywell negotiations and new NPDES permit. Expenses over budget by \$127K with majority due to sludge disposal and other misc activities. New sludge hauling budget is \$60K which is twice old budget of \$30K. Even with centrifuge back in operation, hauling is costing much more. Bond required water and wastewater funds to be combined.

Stormwater Fund. Well in black since did not spend capital budget of \$25K. Had not jetted or camera, for at least 5 years. Started jetting and camera work but held off on completing as contractor bill for initial work seemed excessive. High Street project was done with flood recovery grant funds so not included in Stormwater Fund account.

8. Ordinance 1097 - An Ordinance Of The Town Of Lyons, Colorado Amending Section 13-3-90 Of The Lyons Municipal Code Concerning Water Rights Dedication Requirements Documents – Aaron Caplan

Ordinance in packet going to second reading. A separate associated ordinance is going to first reading at next BOT meeting. Water rights dedication is currently under annexation part of code. Copying to water utility section of code to focus on redevelopment of properties such as potential 60 room hotel. Code needs to be specific in regard to increasing tap size from existing.

Individual service connection allowed 160,000 gallons per year (by Longmont agreement?). Lyons selected 270,000 gallons per year for  $\frac{3}{4}$  connection. Proposed ordinance continues this allowance at all tap sizes. AWWA is main source of water use projections. Nothing is prescriptive on type of land use, merely based on tap sizes. Development plan can compare to guidelines in existence on water use and wastewater production.

Suggested change to 5<sup>th</sup> Whereas based on Section 3 language.

Motion to approve Aaron draft ordinance. **Approved Unanimously**

Meeting ended: 6:10 pm. Minutes Submitted by: Larry Quinn