

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
APRIL 7, 2009
BOARD ROOM
7:00 P.M.**

Board Members Present:

**Mayor Tom Patterson
Mayor Pro-Tem David Gregg
Trustee John Bauer
Trustee Michael Patrick
Trustee Dick Shepard**

Staff Members Present:

**Town Administrator Jim White
Public Works Director Tony Huerta
Staff Planner Tim Katers**

SPECIAL SESSION

Award Bid Mountain Avenue Phase 2

Public Works Director Tony Huerta announced that the letter to CDOT regarding access to the right of way has been sent. Mr. Huerta presented the staff recommendation for awarding the bid on Phase 2 Mountain Avenue. The recommendation is to award the bid to the low bidder, Schmidt Earth Builders. Trustee Bauer stated that he is comfortable awarding the project to Schmidt Earth Builders. Trustee Gregg asked if the request for bids detailed the pause in construction for Berthoud Day. Public Works Director Huerta stated that it was included in the written bid request and was verbally covered at the pre-bid meeting. Trustee Patrick asked for Huerta's evaluation on using Schmidt. Public Works Director Huerta explained that Schmidt had been used on two previous projects and they performed well.

Trustee Shepard asked how much of the estimated cost of the project is currently in hand. Public Works Director Huerta stated that funding was to be through a \$500,000 DOLA grant and Water and Wastewater bond funding for the balance of the project. Because the project is out of the CDOT right of way, the requirements are less which impacts the cost of the project.

Huerta projected the start of the project to be around May 1, 2009.

Motion to award Phase 2 of Mountain Avenue project to Schmidt Earth Builders by Trustee Patrick, seconded by Trustee Shepard. Motion passed unanimously.

Reports

Trustee Shepard reported that a local barley farmer, Bill Markham, is featured in a COORS beer commercial. He also stated that he and his daughter, who turned 20 on March 31, 2009, toured a wildlife sanctuary near Keenesburg. Trustee Shepard and his daughter worked on projects for the tigers at the sanctuary. The sanctuary was founded to care for zoo animals and unwanted exotic pets in their natural habitat.

Town Administrator White announced the first edition of the Talk of the Town listing community issues and staff projects. This is planned to be a monthly publication to inform Berthoud residents of upcoming projects and plans. The Town will also be receiving drawings from a Front Range Community College architecture class of a proposed community center to be built on the Waggener Farm Park. This would be at no cost.

Josh Magden, G. K. Baum investment banker, is working on funding sources for the recreation center.

Administrator White presented a request from Jim Hunt, Wilson Ranch, to partner in planting several trees as part of Earth Day on April 22, 2009.

Staff met with Comcast via conference call on April 2, 2009 to work on details of the franchise agreement.

Staff met with Thompson School district representatives on April 2, 2009 on the non-potable water system.

Staff met with Scott Sarbaugh to discuss the prospect of the solar farm to be included in the Prairie Star development.

The next BERT meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. at Town Hall.

Upstate Colorado dinner meeting next Thursday, April 16, 2009.

The Berthoud Historical Society exhibit at DIA will be installed on April 20, 2009. A \$2,000 contribution is being requested by the Town.

Johnstown officials have asked for a joint meeting on Monday, April 27, 2009.

Northern Colorado Energy Star is asking for a 2009 contribution in the amount of \$1000.00

Mayor Patterson announced the Arbor Day planting of trees on Mountain Avenue scheduled for April 18, 2009. This is also the date for dedication of the new Habitat house.

Trustee Bauer asked how the consolidated job description is coming. Administrator White stated that he has forwarded the Town version but no meeting has been held. Trustee Bauer asked if there is a signed non-disclosure agreement for Mr. Burmont. Administrator White stated that there is no signed agreement based on Board direction to hold off on using Mr. Burmont. Administrator White also stated that all documents in Mr. Burmont's possession are a part of public record.

Resolution re: SW Weld Economic Initiative Resolution

Town Administrator White presented this item. Upstate Colorado is spearheading the effort to obtain resolutions showing support for the effort. Motion to approve Resolution 2-09 by Trustee Bauer, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem David Gregg. Motion passed unanimously.

Bob Briggs, Colorado Rail Association, presented information on light rail.

Special meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Tom Patterson

Linda Higuera
Deputy Town Clerk