

Board Members Present: Mayor Tom Patterson
Mayor Pro-Tem David Gregg
Trustee John Bauer
Trustee Jeff Hindman
Trustee Michael Patrick
Trustee Dick Shepard

Staff Members Present: Town Administrator Gary Suiter
Town Clerk Mary Cowdin
Town Planner Tim Katers
Town Attorney Bruce Fickel
Deputy Town Clerk Linda Higuera

Mayor Patterson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Patterson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Citizen Participation

Judy Lehn, presented information on the cost of lighting one tree in Fickel Park for the Christmas season. The Town is being asked for \$2600 and the Christmas in Berthoud committee is seeking corporate sponsors for a match to the Town donation.

Administrator Suiter presented information from the Parks Department on installing a dedicated circuit for tree lighting at the park. The bid received was \$2200 and would use the existing conduit. If existing conduit could not be used the cost would go up.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gregg expressed support for the Christmas in Berthoud committee efforts. He also stated that Xcel has donated a bucket truck for decorating in the past. This would lower the cost of the project.

Trustee Hindman agreed that this is a great citizen effort. He suggested that members of the Board volunteer their time to provide the labor for decorating Fickel Park.

Trustee Shepard asked if anyone had assessed the condition of the conduit. Mayor Patterson stated that the conduit was installed at least 15 years ago.

Trustee Bauer requested that all information be given to Administrator Suiter to coordinate a request.

Dorian Ryan stated that the Chamber has not been asked for donations but the plan is to approach them in the near future. She stated that funds should be allotted in the budget for seasonal decorations.

Ms. Ryan also announced the upcoming Citizens First forum addressing the Aims Ballot Question. Dr. Marci Liddell will be attending to address any questions.

Reports

Trustee Shepard reported on the Barley Days celebration. He thanked the Chamber for the efforts.

Administrator Suiter reported on the water engineer report. The final report is due this week. He has also received information from Fort Lupton regarding solutions that had worked for that city.

Roundabout Phase I is complete. Phase II will begin 10/14/09. East west traffic will be maintained. North/south traffic will be detoured at Bunyan and Turner.

Grant writer interviews have been held. Each individual brought different talents and areas of expertise. Administrator Suiter is recommending that we keep these individuals on tap for use depending on what type of grant we are seeking.

Administrator Suiter has been meeting with Stephanie Salazar and the BERT committees. There is a budget line item for Economic Development in the 2010 budget. The goal is to have the current Economic Development Consultant train town staff to continue the efforts.

Town Administrator candidates will be interviewed on October 23rd. There will be a public meet and greet on that evening. Public session will be held at the Community Center.

The Library door will need to be replaced at a cost of \$6,000.

Administrator Suiter requested direction on the lighting requested for Fickel Park. Trustee Hindman stated that he would coordinate the project and forward the information to Administrator Suiter.

Finance committee meetings need to be scheduled. Consensus to begin Wednesday mornings, 7:00 a.m., beginning October 20th.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Trustee Bauer to approve the minutes of September 22, September 24 and October 6, 2009 meetings, September, 2009 Bills Allowed and August Financial Statement. Motion seconded by Trustee Patrick. Motion approved, with Trustee Hindman abstaining from the vote on minutes of September 24, and October 6, 2009.

Motion by Trustee Bauer to approve the Special Event Liquor License for BAHA. Motion seconded by Trustee Shepard. Motion approved with Trustee Patrick abstaining.

Set Public Hearing for Proposed Ordinance re Conveyance Plat

Planner Katers presented this item. Motion to set the public hearing for October 27, 2009 by Trustee Bauer, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Gregg. Motion approved unanimously.

Resolution in support of Aims Community Jr. College Ballot question

Administrator Suiter explained the reasoning behind the ordinance. He also consulted with CML staff and attorneys regarding the legality of the question. Trustee Bauer questioned the last sentence of the proposed resolution.

Trustee Patrick asked for confirmation from Town Attorney Fickel regarding Board members taking a position.

Trustee Hindman moved to approve Resolution 15-09, seconded by Trustee Patrick. Mayor read the Resolution into the record. Trustee Patrick expressed his personal support for the passage of this question on the November ballot. Trustee Shepard stated that while he is in support of the issue and the Resolution, he does not support the last sentence. Mayor Pro-Tem Gregg expressed concern about supporting this resolution for reasons of return on investment. Motion to amend the last sentence to end after the word "increase." There was no second to the motion to amend. Motion passed with Mayor Pro-Tem Gregg voting no, Mayor Patterson and Trustees Hindman, , Bauer, Patrick, and Shepard voting yes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Mayor Tom Patterson

Linda Higuera
Deputy Town Clerk