

PUBLIC HEARING O'BRIEN – SMITH MINOR SUBDIVISION

Mayor Reich opened the public hearing at 7:00 p.m. Harvey stated the O'Brien – Smith Minor Subdivision represents a “clean-up” of the town and county records allowing individual ownership and addressing of the homes. Reich requested comments from the audience or the Board, hearing none closed the public hearing at 7:01 p.m.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Reich called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:01 p.m.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA – Harvey indicated there were three additions to the agenda, a letter from Sylvia Ybarra requesting to use the Softball Fields at no charge, the 2006 Colorado Rural Water Association annual meeting and a letter regarding the Weld County Referral - RE – 4312.

ROLL CALL

Paul Aragon – present
Tony Asbury – present
Andy Martinez – absent

Claudia Reich – present
Jane Rumrill – arrived 7:01 p.m.
Tony Trevino – arrived 7:10 p.m.

Chris Callaway – present

Others present were:

- Carl Harvey – Police Chief & Operation Director
- Bradley Sorenson – Town Clerk/Treasurer
- Barry Schaeffer – Public Works Director
- Clint Dudley – Recreation Director
- Toni Polland – Deputy Town Clerk
- Holly Bruce, Mark Strauss, Larry Orleans, Jay Heneger, Leah Heneger, Jo Barbie

MINUTES 12/13/05

Asbury moved to approve, as presented, the minutes of the regular meeting held on 12/13/05. Aragon seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 – 0.

WARRANTS 01/10/06

Sorenson indicated there were five additions to the warrants. Warrants for \$84.00 and \$44.00 issued to the Weld County Clerk for recording liens, a travel expense report for \$22.60 to Brad Sorenson and two invoices to Xcel, one for \$2,046.03 for the monthly street lights and the last for \$3,058.55 the monthly electricity usage for the Town. Asbury questioned the Atmos Energy bill, Sorenson stated the bill was for one month, noting the gas rates had recently gone up 42%. Asbury asked the nature of the Big R purchase. Schaeffer stated the purchase was for a weed eater. Asbury inquired about the Cole Information Service. Harvey stated Cole Information was for the reverse phone number service. Asbury asked about the invoice for Action Sign. Harvey stated this was to remove the signs from the old police car. Asbury questioned the bill for Greeley Electric Repair. Schaeffer stated the item was for a blower for the lagoon. **Asbury moved to approve the warrant’s list dated 01/10/06 for the amended total of \$82,634.10 and staff salaries dated 12/15/05 and 12/28/05 for \$48,416.07. Aragon seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 – 0.**

WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1 – DISTRICT BUILDING PROJECT

Superintendent Dr. Jo Barbie presented information Trustees regarding the district’s building project. Barbie displayed the site plan and floor plan for the \$750,000 dollar athletic expansion. The new building will house a weight room, wrestling all-purpose room and the girl’s varsity locker room. Plans for the weight room will include allowing the surrounding citizens to use the facility on a limited basis for a minimum fee. The project is set to start later this month and to be completed this year in April.

RESOLUTION A – 2006 – Designating Place of Posting Notice

Harvey stated that Resolution A – 2006 is the location of posting Public Notices. The Town has designated the Town Hall for the past several years. **Rumrill moved to approve Resolution A – 2006 Designating Place of Posting Notice as 128 N. Second Street, LaSalle, Colorado 80645, the Town Hall. Callaway seconded. Motion carried 5 – 0.**

RESOLUTION B – 2006 – Appoint 2005 Auditor

Trevino moved to approve Resolution B – 2006 appointing Cole and Crosier as independent auditor for 2005. Asbury seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 – 0.

ORDINANCE 1 – 2006 – O’Brien / Smith Minor Subdivision

Trevino moved to approve Ordinance 1 – 2006 approving the O’Brien / Smith Minor Subdivision. Aragon seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 – 0.

DOVE HILL ESTATES – INITIAL ACCEPTANCE – PHASE 2

Rumrill moved to table the Initial Acceptance - Phase 2 for Dove Hill Estates until items outlined in the development agreement have been received. Asbury seconded. Motion carried 5 – 0.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Orleans reported that elections were held and officers for the Planning & Zoning Commission would remain the same as those in 2005, Orleans as Chairperson and Trevino as Vice Chairperson. Orleans presented Weld County Referral Biosolids Permit No. DS-200601 and DS-200607. Orleans stated Weld County is one of the few counties in the State to regulate the disbursement of biosolid materials. These permits are valid for one year and application can only occur prior to crop planting and is not a year round process. Polland noted the process would be discontinued should development in the area begin or if problems arise we would have the ability to go directly to the county. **Asbury moved to approve Weld County Biosolids Permit No. DS-200601 & DS-200607 by checking the box we have reviewed the request and find no conflicts with our interests. Callaway seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 – 0, with Rumrill abstaining.** Orleans continued with WCR Jerke – RE 4312, the Commission expressed concern with the proposal not containing adequate information necessary to form a sound recommendation to the board. The

Commission recommended the box be checked indicating see attached letter. The letter referred to by Harvey in the additions to the agenda were reviewed by the Board of Trustees and agreed the letter was appropriate. **Rumrill moved to approve Weld County Referral – Jerke RE-4312 by checking the box indicating see attached letter. Specifically the attached letter details the inadequate contents of the referral and supports the recommendations from the LaSalle Fire Protection District. Asbury seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 – 0.** On the topic of the Central Business District, Orleans stressed the need to focus on the zoning issue separate from the crossing issue. Staff continues to gather information and will be contacting Don Sandoval, Regional Director of the Department of Local Affairs, to facilitate the possibility of a joint work session with the board to examine the relevant issues facing the community.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Department Report – Dudley reported on the activities of the Recreation Department including, the progress on the 2006 LaSalle Day planning, the Youth Basketball and co-ed Volleyball leagues. Dudley presented the Board with a letter from Sylvia Ybarra requesting the use of the baseball fields, at no charge, for a softball tournament fundraiser. Discussions followed regarding the possible conflict with the Valley High School Baseball schedule, the use and storage of the ballfields set up and equipment, the need to address the clean-up issues and security deposit amount appropriateness of renting the ballfields. Harvey noted that a number of non-profit organizations have expressed concern over the new schedule of fees for the use of the Community Center. Considering the request for the ballfields is a fundraiser, the larger issue of non-profits / not for profits organizations and requests should possibly be reviewed together. Harvey stated staff would be preparing a detailed report regarding the Community Center usage and fees for the Board on January 24, 2006. **Callaway moved to table the request for the use of the ballfields until more information could be obtained. Aragon seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 – 0.** Callaway stated recently some conflict between the Town and the school for the use of the gym had occurred. Dudley explained the use of the gym request form and the reluctance of the school district to enter into a formal IGA. Harvey stated the issue had been brought up years ago but the school district officials have changed since then. Harvey will contact the Superintendent, Dr. Jo Barbie, and address the issue of an IGA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Department Report – Schaeffer updated the board on the activities of the Public Works department. Information included: service of the aerators and sludge testing on the lagoon, the delivery of the new 1435 mower, plans for rotating out two trucks for the Public Works Department, assembling the picnic tables and the watering of the ballfields. Schaeffer stated issues still exist with the Dove Hill well and these areas need to be addressed. The flushing of the system is not operating properly, the filter has holes in it and the sand and gravel continuing to be pumped after this long is a concern. The vault on Railroad Drive is in need of addressing. Staff has attempting to clean the lines and regulators but this has not corrected the problems. Schaeffer continues to explore other options to correct the issues.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Department Update – Sorenson presented the 2006 Salaries to the Board of Trustees. **Asbury moved to approve the 2006 Town Employees Salaries as presented to the Board of Trustees in the 2006 Budget. Rumrill seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 – 0.** Other information on the Finance Department was the December North Front Range MPO billing, a letter from T-Mobile informing a change in corporate structure and a thank you from the Valley High School Yearbook for the advertisement.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Department Update – Harvey updated the Board on the progress of the new Police Officer, Rob Piper, and the repairs to unit 290. Training classes for the Police Officers have not been scheduled as of yet but will resume as classes become available. Harvey stated the department has been involved in some high profile cases resulting in some overtime expenditures. Other information provided were the monthly activities of December and Holiday comp days. Asbury inquired as to the abilities of the K-9 Rex regarding identifying illegal drugs. Harvey stated Rex could alert on drugs based on the quantity and the time frame when the contraband was used. Rumrill noted that a number of dogs had been observed without a leash. Harvey stated the leash law would be restated in the next town brochure. During a meeting with local authorities attended by Weld County DA Buck, Harvey was informed that the county would be asking the local municipalities to upgrade their departments to digital compatible systems. Harvey will be inquiring as to the cost to comply with these requests and report back to the board with cost of these upgrades.

OTHER

Other informational items included; an Office of Board of Commissioners work session regarding metropolitan districts, the monthly Bulls Eye Mayors Group, a notice of meeting and agenda with the Colorado Air Quality Control Commission, a notice of application filed by the Union Pacific Railroad Company requesting authority to install stop, yield signs and crossbucks at 270 crossings statewide, notice of the Colorado Rural Water Association 2006 Annual Meeting and 2 CML workshops. The Legislative Workshop and a workshop on Effective Governance are being offered. Sorenson will schedule any Trustee interested in attending.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Submitted by,

Bradley K. Sorenson
Town Clerk / Treasurer