



UEB Meeting Minutes, Mar. 20, 2019

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

Attendance: Aaron Caplan, Jim Kerr, Jay Stott, Lee Hall, Chuck Keim, Dan Reitz

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

Previous Minutes: March 6, 2019 minutes **approved**.

Amendments to Agenda: Request to add the Report on MEAN by SDSG (Sustainable Development Strategies Group) - **Decision to include in upcoming discussion on Electric Utility**

BoT Report: . Mike K.- Requirement that all new connections or taps to the water system be required to dedicate a share of C-BT water to the town passed on 2nd reading.

Staff is working on plan to purchase more water shares, clarify water relationship with Longmont, make plan for budgeting for future water needs. UEB well represented at workshop.

Streetlight changes recommendation (11-1-70) pushed off to SFC for future discussion. Some discussion of streetlight issues.

Electric Service connection recommendation amended with questions/suggestions and returned to UEB for further work. Discussion of issues raised around service drop obligations for homeowners/town. Should we try to promote underground lines as part of publicizing the clarification on line ownership. Verify Xcel's documentation on who is responsible Will be added to UEB agenda in future.

Solar Setback recommendation sounded good to the trustees and putting it on Board agenda.

Talk on Single Hauler was just discussion. Noted that HOA's are exempt.

Discussion of skatepark/Bohn Park II and budgeting for town park projects. Overall town finances are good.

Staff Update: Joe K.(Joe absent- Aaron reported some town issues)- There is a Water Rights review workshop scheduled for Apr 15th. BoCo unmet high-priority needs list reviewed for Lyons unmet needs.

LMC Chapter 13 Code modifications - Fees and Interest - looked at Longmont and Boulder codes on fees and interest. Should fees be included in the code itself or not? Or be set as a part of town staff process? Not putting in code makes changes easier (BoT doesn't have to go through ordinance process to change fees)? Also allows BoT to deal with fees in bulk rather than individual ordinances. Also gives staff more discretion. General consensus to keep fees on a rate sheet so they are all in one place.

Discussion on charging interest. Should we remove interest and not deal with the extra administrative burden it creates. We could just enforce turning off connections sooner. Charging interest encourages payment sooner rather than allowing interest to accrue. Not turning service off but charging interest can be more humane in hardship cases.

It was noted Longmont makes business customers sign a contract. Discussion on what benefit this would have. Aren't all customers already legally obligated to pay without a contract. Is a contract more enforceable in court. A contract with a business customer that is not the property owner could negate the ability to collect from the property owner. **Include Longmont's Contract in next agenda.**

Electric Utility - New Meters, Distributed Generation Policy, Rate Review - no discussion

Meeting ended: 6 pm. Minutes Submitted by: Jay Stott & Aaron Caplan