



UEB Meeting Minutes, April 3, 2019

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

Attendance: Aaron Caplan, Jim Kerr, Jay Stott, Lee Hall, Coco Gordon

Staff: Victoria Simonsen **BOT Liaison:** Mike Karavas **Guests:** Mark Browning

Previous Minutes: March 20, 2019 minutes **approved**.

BoT Report: . Mike K.- Meeting with CO DOLA (Dept. of Local Affairs), flood recovery funding is being extended to July 2020. Reviewed the Boulder County Unmet Needs List of items affecting Lyons and projects like street paving because of damage from flood recovery work, High St. Stormwater improvements and curb and gutter improvements that might not have been funded because we could not get to them in time now have an opportunity to get funded.

2nd ave bridge project moving forward with FEMA. Single waste hauler project approved to have an RFP sent out. Bids for lift station and Eastern Corridor sewer work came in under expectations. Water line challenges in Eastern corridor with many unknown utility lines in the way. BoT looking to review a CIP's for the town in May.

Staff Update: Victoria- discussion about water share/tap issues. Disposition of Button Rock shares? Wastewater treatment plant problems. A flood in the mechanical room caused \$5,600 in damages. N-Line is doing power line tree mitigation work. Longmont overbilled for water in February. The discrepancy was found in financial review and is being resolved.

LMC Chapter 13 Code modifications - Fees and Interest

Examined the Longmont Contract for business/commercial -makes it clear to customers that the shut off for nonpayment comes very quickly. It is another tool the Town could use. Town would like a clearer agreement for business utility customers. 2-3 businesses per month on shut-off. Creates lots of headache or labor for town. Property owners are ultimately the ones responsible for payment. What effect does a contract signed by a business have on collecting from property owners who are not the business owner/operators. The contract is probably only needed for higher usage customers not all non-residential. Business licenses applications are now requiring a report on expected utility usage. The town could use that to determine when a contract should be required. What is the thresh hold.

Modification of 13-1-140 through 13-1-180 examined proposed amendments to this section regarding fees and interest. Fees stay on rate sheet rather than included directly in code. Setting interest rates on what basis? What are the limits. Currently set at 8%. Town does charge interest for various things. Liens are used more rarely.

Discussion on whether interest rates encourage payment because of additional penalties or if they only impose an additional burden on those with economic hardship. We could exclude interest from anyone who has

qualified and is on the reduced rate plan. It was felt leaving the wording that the administrator could make a decision to remove interest if it encouraged payment was enough to cover this and did not need additional language to exclude reduce rate payers.

Moved interest section of the code to come after Liens and added Fees to become new 13-1-140

Section 13-1-140 suspension or termination service for safety/health reasons no changes except to be 13-1-150

Section 3-1-160 termination for non-payment. How town notifies consumer about deficiency.

Section 13-1-180 change "The Board of Trustees, or its boards, commissions, authorities and other appointed bodies" to The Town.

Might want add Attorney's fees somewhere so they are covered as an additional fee when required.

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