



UEB Meeting Minutes, June 22, 2022

Meeting Time and Location: Began at 4:30pm. Held remote via Zoom meeting.

Attendance: Jim Kerr, Lee Hall, Larry Quinn, Chris Meline, Jerry Rotz

Staff: Aaron Caplan

Liaison: Greg Oetting, not present

Guests: None

1. Amendments to Agenda

None

2. Audience Business

None

3. Approve Minutes from June 8, 2022

Approved Unanimously

4. Upcoming Meetings

None

5. Updates

a) Board of Trustees, Greg Oetting

Not available

b) Staff, Engineering. Aaron Caplan

First reading passed on undergrounding electric service and BOT requested more specificity when required. Upgrading service would require larger wire. New or upgraded services for sure. Not required for damage without changing size. Moving service should also require undergrounding.

First reading on 423 Reese subdivision approved. No concerns on utilities. Waiver on water rights was requested but BOT may have to approve this separately. Stormwater conveyance easement was included while a maintenance agreement was to be worked on. Second house on the alley has a question about addressing.

Approved Hazard Mitigation Plan with Boulder. Town had to adopt. There are utility issues that UEB may need to review and address.

Water plant on Apple Valley potential offer and sale was discussed in Executive Session. This was 2 of 3 lots, as the lot next to the bridge was not for sale.

Town attorney gave a presentation on water rights in BOT meeting. No time for details affecting Lyons issues. Current demand is under 350 af, with about 600 af available. Shares are all dedicated to Longmont but Lyons could do annual leases on unused shares.

First of two planners was hired. Aaron is now Director of Planning, Building and Utilities.

A “permanent food truck” would fall under restaurant requirements. On the new hotel, there is a question on whether laundry is now proposed. A restaurant(s) will be included.

Aaron talked to CDPHE about lower BOD levels. Eastern Corridor approval was based on higher BOD levels. CDPHE says that if the town engineer can prepare a report showing that BOD levels will remain low, then approval requirements for Eastern Corridor could be changed.

Federal money may fund part of the re-rating project. JVA and Wright Water might need to be involved to do updated future projections.

c) UEB Chair – Jim Kerr

Nothing additional to report

d) Other UEB Members

Larry attended a couple of Comp Plan meetings. It appears to be on the right path, but there still is a lack of specificity on utility issues affecting various areas.

Question on power outage yesterday. Was due to wood failure on a cross member.

6. Solar Farm and Battery Storage Status

RFP draft review and suggestions:

- Add staging area description, temporary power and access issues.
- Add reclamation of disturbed areas.
- Investment tax credit needs to be a for profit entity so ownership initially and passed to town. This is the first time for Lyons. Does it have to be 6 years?

- Contractor submits bill, gets the investment tax credit (ITC), the town gets a portion and the contractor gets the remainder for maintenance and profit.
- Budget is \$1.5M provided to them, and the contractor will propose and may or may not use the ITC.
- Need to handle situations in scoring criteria if ITC is not used relative to not increasing Lyons costs.
- DOLA requires 5 year monitoring, not 6 years.
- Seed mix was used from town park projects.
- As long as minimum 3 contractors looked at it, they could be awarded for one bid.
- Suggest cost at top and reduce battery storage criteria to 15%. This will work to ensure that the town is not facing additional cost.
- Alternatively, reduce the project budget from \$1.5M if not using ITC to ensure that there is no additional cost to town.
- Will do optional approaches to make this work.
- Will not be trying to piggyback on the MEAN/Sandhills project for now.
- Need to adjust dates by a couple of weeks.
- New planner has solar experience and will weigh in.

Meeting ended: 6 pm. Minutes Submitted by: Larry Quinn