



## UEB Meeting Minutes, August 3, 2022

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

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

**Staff:** Aaron Caplan

**Liaison:** Greg Oetting

**Guests:** None

1. Amendments to Agenda

**None**

2. Audience Business

**None**

3. Approve Minutes from July 13, 2022

**Approved Unanimously**

4. Upcoming Meetings

a) MEAN Committee and Board Meeting August 17-18, 2022

Jim Kerr will attend.

b) Regular 17 August UEB will likely be canceled

c) Solar Farm RFP Pre-proposal - August 10th

Contractors or bidders can ask questions if desired. Addendum will be put out with questions and responses. Proposal submittal deadline September 7. Hope to award the contract September 20.

d) Growing Water Smart in Estes Park Sept 12-14

Workshop that Northern Water is part of to integrate planning and water resource use.

5. Updates

a) Board of Trustees, Greg Oetting

Town referral on Cemex was submitted to county. Spirit Hound was granted option to give cash instead of water shares. However, Spirit Hound has now

found some shares. There is ongoing issue with water shares at Riverbend. There will probably be arbitration.

Town may want to purchase some shares if available currently at a good price. However, the only real need might be for subsidizing affordable housing. The town has additional 20 CBT shares already. Greg requested this be a future UEB agenda item to discuss water portfolio.

The BOT was not interested in increasing the sales tax for roads during discussion.

b) Staff, Engineering. Aaron Caplan

Construction project updates. Highway 7 paving is complete and CDOT is not addressing the existing storm sewer near the labyrinth along South St Vrain creek. On the north side, the cell tower project is again underway from High St to Broadway. Town getting three new electrical connections. Summit moving along, with sewer and water lines 75% done. They are still blasting in some areas. Foundations may be underway by early September. Groundbreaking is on Friday. PRV4 at Second and Railroad plans are underway and going to bid. Stone Canyon manholes are a problem and will need repairs soon. 4th Ave pedestrian bridge will be installed mid-September. Contractor at Black Bear Hole will be charged damages if project completion is delayed past the 15<sup>th</sup>. New bulk water fill station and dump station will be installed near the sewage plant with design underway.

c) UEB Chair – Jim Kerr

Jim and Aaron met recently with MEAN at two separate meetings. Town can get some infrastructure analysis done by MEAN. Town hopes to be able to go to gallon level on water meters versus in thousand gallons. This could help with the unaccounted for water.

d) Other UEB Members

None

6. Solar Farm and Battery Storage Status

a) RFP Released July 27, 2022

<https://www.townoflyons.com/DocumentCenter/View/2342/22-ELEC-01-SOLAR-FARM-RFP>

Some questions have already arrived from a few potential bidders.

7. Growing Water Smart

a) <https://resilientwest.org/2020/co-gws-rfa/>

Sonoran Institute will be conducting a workshop under Northern Water (NW) in Estes Park. NW wanted to know if the Town was interested in attending. Their goal is to have planning, water resource management and land planning is all integrated. Chris Meline is interested from UEB and Jim possibly.

## 8. 2023 Preliminary Budget Discussions

There is some desire to quantify code on town costs for utilities and work that into the budget. This includes evaluation of town water uses in parks etc. Transmission and fixed cost recovery charges need to be included in electric costs.

Water rates are based on what Longmont charges, and wastewater is not charged.

May want to do LED conversions on street lights.

Sewer rates may need to be increased as the cost of dumping has gone up significantly.

If MEAN comes up with carbon-free rate, could increase rates depending how much of this type of energy the town desires.

Initial staff input on the budget should be completed by October. UEB involved in capital improvement plan and rates. There is hope for a more integrated CIP. Staff will provide status on plan to UEB for comments in September. Jerry and Aaron will look at data for the first 6 months of 2022.

## 9. Town of Lyons Net Metering Webpage

a) <https://www.townoflyons.com/152/Net-Metering>

Jim recommended changes as shown in the agenda.

b) See following pages for draft updates

Hopefully folks can see updated info soon if looking at solar.

Meeting ended: 5:41 pm. Minutes Submitted by: Larry Quinn