

# Minutes

Board of Trustees - Firestone Town Hall  
151 Grant Avenue, Firestone, CO 80520  
6:30 P.M.

November 9, 2011

Regular Board Meeting

The Town Board of Trustees of the Town of Firestone met in regular session at Town Hall, 151 Grant Avenue, Firestone, Colorado. Mayor Chad Auer called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following persons present:

<i>Mayor:</i>	<i>Chad Auer</i>
<i>Mayor Pro-tem:</i>	<i>Paul Sorensen</i>
<i>Trustees:</i>	<i>Jennifer Weinberger</i>
	<i>Matt Holcomb</i>
	<i>Darrell Walsh</i>
	<i>Bobbi Sindelar</i>
	<i>Kathryn Beiland (arrived late)</i>

*Also present were:*

<i>Wesley LaVanchy, Town Manager</i>	<i>(absent)</i>
<i>Judy Hegwood, Town Clerk, MMC</i>	
<i>Melinda Culley, Town Attorney</i>	
<i>Ron Lay, Administration/Finance Director</i>	
<i>Bruce Nickerson, Town Planner</i>	
<i>Dave Lindsay, Town Engineer</i>	
<i>Bryce Borders Police Commander</i>	

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All rose for Pledge of Allegiance to the flag which was lead by Boy Scout Troop 98.

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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Mayor Auer called for additions, deletions or changes to the agenda. There were no changes to the agenda.

Trustee Sindelar moved and Trustee Sorensen seconded, to approve the agenda, as submitted. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried 5-Yea; 0-Nay.

## APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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- a. Approval of November 2011 Accounts Payable*
  - b. Approval of Minutes – October 26, 2011 Regular Meeting*

Trustee Weinberger moved and Trustee Walsh seconded, to approve the consent agenda, as submitted. Roll call vote was taken. Motion carried 5-Yea; 0-Nay.

Trustee Beiland arrived at 6:37 p.m.

## PRESENTATIONS

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None.

## CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

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There was no audience participation.

## PUBLIC HEARING

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### **OVERLOOK FILING 3 – AMENDED PRELIMINARY PLAT, AMENDED PRELIMINARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN, FINAL PLAT, AND FINAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN** (continued from August 24, 2011)

Mayor Auer re-opened the continued public hearing at 6:40 p.m.

Town Planner Bruce Nickerson began by stating that the public hearing is continued from the August 24, 2011 Board of Trustees meeting. He then gave an overview and showed a Power Point Presentation of the application submitted by Gillespie Family Partnership, Ltd. for an amended Preliminary Plat, an amended Preliminary Development Plan, a Final Plat and a Final Development Plan for the Overlook at Firestone. The Preliminary Plat and Preliminary Development Plan are being processed concurrently with the Final Plat and the Final Development Plan. The Planning Commission has recommended approval of a P.Plat and PDP for the Overlook at Firestone, Tract 1 and a FP and FDP for the Overlook at Firestone, Filing No. 3 with conditions.

#### Applicant

Mr. Palmer Gillespie was sworn in by Mayor Auer. Mr. Gillespie stated that he appreciates being here and explained how he got the property.

Mayor Auer opened the public hearing for public comment at 6:57 p.m.

#### Public Comment

There being no public comment, Mayor Auer closed the public hearing at 6:58 p.m.

#### Board Comment

##### **Resolution No. 11-32**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDED PRELIMINARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE OVERLOOK AT FIRESTONE, TRACT 1 AND A FINAL PLAT AND FINAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE OVERLOOK AT FIRESTONE, FILING NO. 3

Trustee Sorensen moved and Trustee Sindelar seconded, to adopt Resolution No. 11-32. Roll call was taken. Motion carried 6-Yea; 0-Nay.

## ACTION ITEMS

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### **Resolution for Water Rate Increase**

In 2008, the Town prepared a water rate analysis to assess the then current rates and how the rates were developed. The rates that were proposed to change at that time more accurately allocated costs to customer categories based on their impact to the Town's potable water system. The 2008 analysis recommended a rate increase of 16.6% increase in 2009, 12.5% increase in 2010 and 12.5% increase in 2011. The Board passed the proposed increases in 2009 and 2010, but chose not to increase the rates in 2011. The staged increase over the past years has allowed the Town to keep pace with anticipated cost increases from water treatment and delivery and the Town's participation in the Northern Integrated Supply Project, which is a key component in the Town's long-term potable water delivery strategy. Staff recommends the 3.5% increase be implemented for 2012 as recommended in the Water Rate Study by Clear Water Solutions, Inc. In accordance with the 2011 study the 2011 increase in water rates will take effect on January 1, 2012.

##### **Resolution No. 11-33**

A RESOLUTION PRESCRIBING WATER RATES, FEES, TOLLS AND CHARGES FOR THE TOWN OF FIRESTOWN, COLORADO

Trustee Beiland moved and Trustee Holcomb seconded, to adopt Resolution No. 11-33. Roll call was taken. Motion carried 6-Yea; 0-Nay.

### **Ordinance Increasing Street Light Fee**

In 1986 by Ordinance No. 229, the Town first instituted a street light fee, which was first set at \$1. The fee has been assessed and collected on a monthly basis per account in conjunction with the water billing. For the years 2003 and 2004, a loss was determined in comparing revenue generated and direct costs to be covered. In 2005, a street light fee for \$3 per account (an increase of \$2 per account) was put in place. From the year 2005 to the estimated 2011 activity, the Town has had continuing increases in costs due to the increase in population causing more street lights and signal lights to be installed and the rising cost of utilities and repairs. Current costs taken into consideration do not include indirect costs such as wages for billing and maintenance, supplies, building costs for administration and housing the maintenance supplies, and vehicles and equipment used in maintenance of all the lights. Future capital costs have not been taken into consideration for determining what fee is needed for the future. The direct and indirect costs for street lights and signal lights are continuing to increase. The Town has only taken direct costs into account for determining the fee up until 2011. Staff recommends a fee increase of \$.48 per account be implemented for 2012. The ordinance clarifies that the fee includes signal lighting, and the increase for the street light fees to \$3.48 will take effect on January 1, 2012.

### **Ordinance No. 793**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 13.24.480 OF THE FIRESTONE MUNICIPAL CODE TO INCREASE THE STREET LIGHT FEE FOR THE TOWN OF FIRESTONE, COLORADO

Trustee Sorensen moved and Trustee Beiland seconded, to adopt Ordinance No. 793. Roll call vote was taken. Motion carried 6-Yea; 0-Nay.

## **DISCUSSION**

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### **2012 Firestone Criterium Discussion**

Communications Coordinator Kristi Ritter explained the 2012 Firestone Criterium for hosting a bicycle race in Firestone. A criterium is a circuitous race, generally between 0.80 to 1.25 miles in length. Racers will encircle the course for a designated amount of time before a winner is designated. The races take place in 45 to 90 minute increments, generally from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The criterium is a non-stop, action packed event, where viewers continuously see the action. Criteriums in Colorado draw an average of 175 racers, interspersed throughout the day. The goal is to bring the highest number of racers to Firestone as possible. This makes for increased foot traffic to local businesses, as well as more exciting racing for the community. Hosting a bicycle race is meant to benefit local communities with little to no capital outlay. The promoter American Cycling Association, asks the community to have a permitted use of a designated course, the course be cleaned and safe to host the event, and assistance in notifying the community about the event. The proposed date for the event is August 18, 2012. The Firestone Criterium Route will be Birch Street and Sable Avenue by Centennial School. The set up for vendors, sponsors and registration would be the Centennial Elementary School parking lot and the parking for spectators would have to be nearby community streets and roads, as the only access to the school parking lot is on the actual proposed route.

## **REPORTS**

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### **Town Manager Updates**

Town Planner Bruce Nickerson reported for Manager LaVanchy that a meeting was held with a Loveland contact, it was a good meeting although there are some technical issues to be worked out, another meeting is scheduled for next week.

### **Economic Development**

Town Planner Bruce Nickerson reported that he and the Town Manager are following-up on contacts from the Solar Expo in Dallas. The Parks and Trails Advisory Committee had a very productive meeting.

**Communications & community Outreach Coordinator**

Outreach Coordinator Kristi Ritter reported (1) the upcoming events. (2) She talked about Adopt a Place (3) The Town did not receive the GO-Co Grant (4) the Carbon Valley Festival is December 3, 2011 with all three Tri-Towns participating.

**MAYOR AND TRUSTEES REPORTS**

**Mayor**

Mayor Auer reported (1) The Metro Mayors Caucus is finalized and retreats begin in January 2012.

**Trustees**

Trustee Holcomb asked that the Recreation District and the Town work together on the Funding.

Trustee Walsh stated that the Town does not want to control the Recreation District; the town just wants to know how the money is being spent. (2) invited all to the Senior Center Thanksgiving luncheon on Wednesday, November 16, 2011.

Trustee Sorensen reported (1) encouraged all to attend the Santa Cops event at the American Legion on Sunday (2) he met with the person from YMCA to see what the YMCA and the Town are looking for if future years.

Trustee Sindelar asked if there is a treat or treating curfew. Commander Borders said there is not. (2) she enjoyed the Parks and Trails meeting (3) asked about the old Burger King Lot. Planner Nickerson answered that the town is in negotiations with the owners of this property.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

There was no agenda items discussed.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

There was no audience participation.

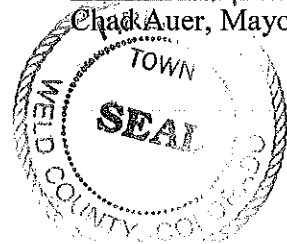
**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board of Trustees, Trustee Weinberger moved and Trustee Sindelar seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. 6-Yea; 0-Nay. The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

TOWN OF FIRESTONE, COLORADO

*CLW*

Chad Auer, Mayor



ATTEST:

*Judy L. Hegwood*  
Judy Hegwood, Town Clerk, MMC

Read and approved this 30<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2011.