

Minutes

Board of Trustees – Firestone Town Hall
151 Grant Avenue, Firestone, CO 80520
7:00 p.m.

June 26, 2008

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 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following persons present:

Mayor:	Chad Auer	
Mayor Pro-tem:	Charlie Thomas	
Trustees:	Butch Walb	
	Matt Holcomb	
	Greg Foster	(arrived late)
	Paul Sorensen	
	Kelly Morgan	

Also present were:	Wes LaVanchy, Town Administrator
	Judy Hegwood, Town Clerk, CMC
	Sam Light, Town Attorney
	Carl Nelson, Finance Director
	Bruce Nickerson, Town Planner
	Dave Lindsay, Town Engineer
	David Montgomery, Chief of Police

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All rose for Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Auer called for additions, deletions or changes to the agenda. Mayor Auer added Recognition as 4e under Presentations, and moved 8a Planning Commission Appointment to 5d on the Consent Agenda. Trustee Walb requested the addition of Appointment to the Parks and Trail Board, as 5e on the Consent Agenda. Trustee Sorensen moved and Trustee Walb seconded to approve the agenda. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

Recognition of Justin Glantz and K-9 Program

Police Chief David Montgomery introduced Justin Glantz and his dog Asisik. Justin started the K-9 program 5 years ago and previous Board of Trustees member Sharon Falcone was instrumental in the naming of Firestone's first dog park "Asisik's Park", after Asisik, the K-9 police dog. Chief Montgomery presented Asisik and Justin with a plaque of Appreciation for "Outstanding Service to Firestone."

Water Rate Study Update

Mr. Steve Nguyen showed a Power Point presentation of the 2008 water rate study and water conservation plan that was approved by the State in December of 2007. The raw water plan is estimated at 15% of the Town's build out through water conservation. Mr. Nguyen showed the water rate study schedule from December 8, 2007 through December 4, 2008.

Trustee Walb would like to see the water rates of other communities. Engineer Dave Lindsay said that they would also look at other NISP users.

Trustee Foster arrived at 7:18 p.m.

Ken Buck – Weld County District Attorney

Attorney Ken Buck addressed the Board of Trustees stating that he has been in his job for 3 ½ years, remarking that Firestone Chief David Montgomery is the best Chief of Police in the State of Colorado. Attorney Buck stated that since he has been in office, the Juvenile Assessment Center, the Weld County Gang Task Force, the Weld County Fraud Task Force, and the D.U.I. Task Force, have been established, and all Weld County White Collar Crime is funded by the Banks in Weld County. Trustee Foster asked what the connection is between the Firestone Police Department and Weld County. Attorney Buck answered that a monthly Municipal Chiefs meeting is held with other entities and Chief Montgomery was asked to head the Juvenile Assessment Task Force and he also sat on the Drug Control Board.

Emergency Operations Plan Presentation

Mayor Auer congratulated Lt. Davis on her work on the Emergency Operations Plan.

Lieutenant Stacy Davis addressed the Board of Trustees stating that the Emergency Operations Plan is the product of a State mandate and includes the NIMS Plan. The second part of the plan is the basic plan for hazard analysis, roles and responsibilities, and emergency service standards. Lt. Davis said the Red Cross used to be the only emergency reciprocator and that is no longer the case and all emergency plans will need to be changed. This is a customized plan and included within the plan are other hazards such as snow storms; NE is not addressed in the plan because it is not public information, and the Mass Casualty Plan will be included at a later date. Trustee Foster asked if the emergency manual is setting a standard to protect Firestone and allowing the Town to receive Federal and State assistance. Town Administrator Wes LaVanchy replied that this emergency plan mirrors what the State is doing.

Recognition

Mayor Auer said “Thanks” to all of the Staff for the new Web Site. Town Administrator Wes LaVanchy thanked all who helped with the Web Site.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of May 2008 Financials*
- b. Approval of June 2008 Accounts Payable*
- c. Approval of Minutes – 6/12/08 Regular Meeting*
- d. Planning Commission Appointment*
- e. Parks and Trails Board Appointment*

Trustee Walb moved and Trustee Foster seconded, to approve the consent agenda, as submitted with additions. Roll call vote was taken. Motion carried.

Trustee Thomas moved and Trustee Foster seconded, to appoint Mr. Tom Cooper to the Planning Commission. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried. Mayor Auer commended Mr. Cooper for the conversations the two have had. Mr. Cooper stated that he appreciated Mayor Auer’s words. Trustee Foster thanked Mr. Cooper.

Trustee Thomas moved and Trustee Walb seconded, to appoint Mr. Jeff Jurgena for a 2 year term to the Parks and Trails Board, beginning with the date of May 22, 2008. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

Recess

Mayor Auer called for a recess at 8:10 p.m.
The Board reconvened from recess at 8:18 p.m.

FIRST PARTICIPATION FROM UNSCHEDULED CITIZENS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

There was audience participation from the following citizens:

Lynn Dargnault – Ms. Dargnault invited the Board to the 1st Annual Artist to Artist Art Show, as part of the Centennial celebration on July 5, 2008, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Carbon Valley Regional Library, 7 Park Avenue, Firestone. This show is to identify the artists that are from the Carbon Valley.

Barb Goettsch – Ms. Goettsch, President of the Rotary Club asked for approval to display approximately 300 standard size American flags at a Firestone Town Park, possibly Hart Park in a “Healing Fields” ceremony for the Firestone Centennial event in October 2008. The healing fields are to celebrate the military, the local first responders, the American Legion, and the Scouts, as a fund raiser for the Rotary Club with the proceeds going to Child Safety House. Ms. Goettsch handed out flyers to the Board and stated that Community Resource Coordinator Pete Ditmon has a DVD of the project. Mayor Auer directed Staff to work on the project.

Tom Mason – (1) Mr. Mason asked how many water shares are leased out (2) is the water rate study for conservation a projection of where rates go (3) what % is 1500 acre ft (4) in an emergency, is the Town in compliance with Federal and State (5) where is the regional post (6) has Firestone applied for emergency funds?

Engineer Dave Lindsay said that the Town is looking at leasing out approximately 1500 acre ft. this year, and the water rate study is to assess current costs based on the current water master plan and to set rates to encourage conservation of the water resource. The Town owns approximately 4700 CBT shares, about 25%. Mayor Auer stated that each Town has individual Emergency Plans and Firestone is in Federal and State compliance. Town Administrator Wes LaVanchy said that Frederick is the Regional Post, and the Town has received a grant for emergency funds.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

FIRESTONE CROSSING BUSINESS CENTER FINAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

This public hearing was vacated and is to be rescheduled on July 24, 2008.

OAK MEADOWS OUTLINE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Mayor Auer opened the public hearing at 8:30 p.m.

Town Planner Bruce Nickerson showed a Power Point presentation of the project which was entered into the record. Mr. Nickerson stated that this is a rezoning of approximately 4.5 acres of High Density Residential to a Neighborhood Center, zoned for Office use. The Planning Commission has recommended approval and the zoning may extend too allow a coffee shop into the plan.

Engineer Dave Lindsay stated that this plan is returning to the original zoning and the transportation plan that was previously approved will work for this plan.

Applicant

Mr. Larry Owen was sworn in by Mayor Auer. Mr. Owen said he considers this to be a transition of the sizing and architecture that will be an amenity to the community and the Town. Mr. Owen stated that this is zoned PA1 and handed out a project board for the Board of Trustees to review. Mr. Owen stated that he recognized the need of a trail system in this area; the western portion of this property is embellished with approximately 35% of existing wells and is not developable. The professional buildings will have pitched roofs with stone or brick accents and said he anticipates these having professional employment. All access to the project already exists from Oak Meadows Boulevard to the access easement from Oak Meadows Village, water and sewer already exist on this site, the drainage will drain to the west, and the traffic impact will be less than the approved study. Mr. Owen handed out a material board for review and Planner Nickerson entered the exhibit into the record.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Mayor Auer closed the public hearing at 8:50 p.m.

Board Comment

The Trustees asked if this project will affect the drainage in Oak Meadows due to previous problems, how will the retail be defined, will the oil well sites be landscaped, and how do the revenues get projected. Engineer Dave Lindsay stated that the previous drainage problem was a maintenance problem and this will not affect the drainage in Oak Meadows. Planner Nickerson said that retail is defined through commercial and residential and also saying that this plan does not create any parking problems. Mr. Owen stated that 150 ft. is required away from any well; and there will be landscaping closer to the buildings. Planner Nickerson said there is current revenue from the zoned multi-family/residential in property tax. Trustee Thomas stated that the usage for this project will be very compatible and an influx of new money for Firestone. Trustee Walb stated that Firestone needs office space and this is a great opportunity.

Ordinance No. 695

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REZONING AND OUTLINE DEVELOPMENT PLAN AMENDMENT FOR A PORTION OF THE OAK MEADOWS P.U.D.

Trustee Thomas moved and Trustee Walb seconded, to adopt Ordinance No. 695. Roll call vote was taken. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS

None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

CENTENNIAL SCHOOL CROSSINGS

Town Administrator Wes LaVanchy stated that the school district will fund 25% of the Centennial School cross walks and sidewalks, giving the costs for the project that were received from Engineer Dave Lindsay, stating that approximately \$37,000 in funding will be needed from the Town, with the funds coming out of the highway and street funds, and asking the Board for direction on how to proceed. Trustee Foster said “how can we not support this safety for the children.” Discussion occurred regarding the material to be used for the sidewalks, the time frame for completion, and other highway projects. Engineer Dave Lindsay stated that concrete will be used for the sidewalks and these will eventually need to be torn up when new development comes in, but until that time, the sidewalks will last for a long time. Engineer Lindsay asked for Board approval to order the Flashers for the Centennial School cross walks in the amount of \$22,000, stating that the flashers will always remain at this location. The Board gave approval and direction to proceed with ordering the Flashers. Trustee Walb asked if \$49,300 is without the public works director doing the work, and stated that the previous Board agreed that they did not want the public works director to do the work and wants the work to be put out to bid.

Town Administrator Wes LaVanchy stated that the School District is willing to do 50/50 cost sharing for a crossing guard at the Centennial School location. The Board gave direction to bring back before them the action items or expenditures needed for Centennial School.

METRO DENVER HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMISSION

This is a sample MOU for health and wellness provided by Metro Denver.

The Board gave direction for Staff to pick five or six options from the three categories given by Metro Denver and to bring back before the Board.

SECOND PARTICIPATION FROM UNSCHEDULED CITIZENS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

There was audience participation from the following citizen.

Matthew Brozek – American Furniture will be posting the 4th at Firestone event on their big highway screen.

Administrator Wes LaVanchy thanked Matt, Pete and Paul for their work on the Town Float.

Trustee Sorensen acknowledged Community Resource Coordinator Pete Ditmon's service to the Town.

STAFF REPORTS

Mayor Auer reported that all staff reports were given electronically.

Planner Bruce Nickerson reported that the Town is looking into a Board field trip on Saturday, July 12, 2008.

BOARD REPORTS

Trustee Thomas reported that the CML conference had a lot of information on economic development and incentive packages.

Trustee Sorensen thanked public works director Theo Abkes and his crew and Lt. Stacy Davis for their help with the Relay for Life Event. (2) passed out a flyer showing a Clock that the Town could purchase for the memory of Firestone and have for the October Centennial Celebration. The cost is under \$19,000 and would take three months to make; and to purchase a 14' x 14' time-capsule for \$1,600. Both could be placed in Gateway Park which is the entrance to the Town. Trustee Thomas offered the name of the clock to be "Little Ben" and asked if a gong can be added. Trustee Sorensen said a gong could be added.

Mayor Auer reported that an Upstate Colorado meeting will be held on July 10, 2008 (2) I-25 Corridor Group meeting to be held on July 21, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. that will be hosted by the Town of Firestone (3) Mayor Auer will be attending a Metro Mayors meeting with Mayor Hickenlooper (4) Mayor Auer has been talking to Christine Hollister, the new Town Liaison for the Sister Cities International Program, on a possible trip to the Towns Sister City, Sayulita, Mexico

Trustee Morgan reported that at the CML conference she received information on "green" building and as part of the joint work session with the Planning Commission she would like to have a discussion on doing more "green" building.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Auer called for a motion to enter into executive session.

Trustee Thomas moved and Trustee Morgan seconded, to enter into executive session for a conference with the town attorney for the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and/or instructing negotiators, under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(e) – Union PIRA Agreement. Roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with a vote of 6-Yea; 0-Nay. [9:45 p.m.]

Attorney Sam Light said the purpose of the executive session is to give legal advice for the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations relating to the Union PIRA Agreement.

The board re-convened from executive session at 10:43 p.m.

Mayor Auer stated that the persons in attendance in the executive session were Attorney Light, Town Administrator Wes LaVanchy, Planner Bruce Nickerson, Engineer Dave Lindsay, Trustees Walb, Holcomb, Foster, Thomas, Sorensen, Morgan and himself.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Sorensen moved and Trustee Morgan seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

TOWN OF FIRESTONE, COLORADO

Chad Auer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Judy L. Hegwood, Town Clerk, CMC

READ AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2008.