

**TOWN OF LIMON
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
October 4, 2007
7:30 P.M.**

Notice of this meeting was posted at Town Hall on October 4, 2007 and the bulletin board at the post office on October 3.

ROLL

Town Clerk Chris Snyder called roll. Members of the Board present: Mayor Beattie, Trustees: Bandy, Coonts, Hendricks, Jackson, and Metcalf. Trustee Williams was absent.

STAFF

Staff present: Town Administrator Kiely, Public Works Director Stone, Chief of Police Yowell, Attorney Kimble and Town Clerk Snyder.

GUESTS

Kay Christie, Andrea Lehner, Skip Nesbitt, Traci Tomte, Brad Gilchrist, Charles Covington, Pat Haley and Mike Kelly.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Bandy moved to approve the minutes for September 6, 2007, as corrected; seconded by Trustee Coonts. Motion carried unanimously.

TEN MINUTE CITIZEN INPUT

Traci Tomte, Skip Nesbitt, Charles Covington, Brad Gilchrist, and Pat Haley spoke about concerns they have over the dog ordinance that was passed in September.

Mike Kelly spoke in support of the ordinance. Town Administrator Kiely talked about the process involved and talked about specific parts of the ordinance.

Trustee Hendricks mentioned that he supports the people who have an issue with the ordinance, even though he voted for it and that he as a pet owner will have to take more responsibility for his dogs. He has met with Chief Yowell and the police department will use discretion and authority to make decisions for the majority.

THANK YOU FROM LIMON SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Town received a letter from the Limon School thanking the Town for their assistance with Homecoming. Trustee Coonts commented it was nice to get the thank you and Superintendent Vratil had wanted to be present at the meeting.

INJURY LEAVE POLICY

Town Administrator Kiely discussed the current policy and asked for Board to review it and give input on any changes they would like to have made.

PRESENTATION OF GOVERNOR'S TRANSPORTATION FINANCE AND IMPLEMENTATION PANEL

Town Administrator Kiely gave a presentation to the Board.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS APPOINTMENT

Trustee Bandy moved to appoint Warren Cummings to the Board of Adjustments to serve a three-year term to expire 11/2010; seconded by Trustee Hendricks. Motion carried.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Kimble reported that we are in the final process for the Limon area fire protection service plans and the election in November.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Public Works Director Stone reported on a grant hearing he attended for the Big Sandy Groundwater District.

He asked for Board input on the purchase of the golf carts we are currently leasing and was instructed to proceed with purchase.

The airport project will be complete next week and he gave an update on Marketplace.

Chief of Police Yowell has received confirmation that the police department received a Mountain View roundup grant for equipment for the new police car. Trustee Metcalf commented that he appreciates the police department's professionalism.

Town Administrator Kiely reported on the Great Plains Conference and gave an update on Ports to Plains.

He talked about the budget and the increase in workers compensation rates.

Lonnie Knudsen will be stepping down as the Ambulance Supervisor and Rob Handley will be taking his place.

He asked for confirmation of the Board's intent to reduce the property tax permanently by three mills if the Fire Protection District is formed and was told by the Board that is their intent.

The transit program was discussed and the museum request for funds was brought up. These will be looked at in the budget process.

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Beattie's term on the COG Board is up at the end of the year and he encouraged members of the Board to consider serving.

He encouraged attendance at the CML district meeting that will be held in Limon.

TRUSTEES REPORT

Trustee Jackson brought up a safety concern with emergency response providers responding to calls. Chief of Police Yowell and Town Administrator Kiely are aware of the situation and are working with the departments.

Jackson complimented Lueck Construction on the work they are doing for the town.

Trustee Bandy asked about 2 water mains that are leaking and complimented the street department on the projects they are completing.

Trustee Metcalf commented he is pleased with the way things are going. He asked if a street sweeper would be in the new budget.

Trustee Coonts thanked the Town for the opportunity to attend the Great Plains Conference and shared some of the things she learned. It is important to keep looking at what we have and how we can improve our town. We need to think about first impressions and how it affects our community.

Trustee Hendricks thanked the street department for the project by the post office. He asked about wind farms and the snow removal plan for the winter.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Trustee Metcalf moved to approve the bills that were submitted for the month of September; seconded by Trustee Coonts. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:15 p.m. Trustee Bandy moved to adjourn; seconded by Trustee Coonts. Motion carried unanimously.

TOWN CLERK_____

MAYOR_____