

**Meeting Minutes of
The Board of Trustees
Town of Gilcrest, Colorado
304 8th Street – Town Hall
May 3, 2016
Regular Meeting 7:00 P.M.**

1. CALLED TO ORDER: 7:00 P.M.

- A. Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Nelson
- B. Roll Call: Mayor Nelson, Trustees; Meisner, Nothem, Giardino, Castro
(Trustee Maes arrived at 7:20 PM)
- C. Town Staff Present: Trudy Peterson, Town Administrator, Gail Odenbaugh, Town Clerk/
Treasurer, Carrie McCool with McCool Development, Town Planner

2. APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR AGENDA:

Motion Nothem, Motion to approve the regular agenda with the addition of item "c" under New Business (Code Codification). 2nd Giardino. All voted Aye. Motion carried (4-0).

3. PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

(Speakers limited to three (3) minutes).

None

4. PUBLIC HEARING:

Recess the Regular Board Meeting and enter into a Public Hearing at 7:02 PM.

Conditional Use Permit Application – SunShare LLC – Proposed Solar Garden at 14228 WCR 42

A PowerPoint presentation was made by Jon Sullivan, Director of Project Development of SunShare Solar.

Trustee Maes arrived at 7:20 PM.

Town Planner Carrie McCool, McCool Development also gave a presentation.

She received a written public comment on May 3, 2016 from Kelly A White at 1201 Elm Street, Gilcrest, Colorado. There were questions and concerns in regards to the solar garden. They are as follows with the applicant's response:

1. Requests clarification on purchasing shares of solar and paying the Xcel Energy bill.
Response: It is meant to offset the Xcel Energy bill.
2. Will the town bill increase in relation to the solar garden?
Response: No
3. Will there be slats in the fencing around the solar garden to camouflage it, as they do not want to see it.
Response: The fence will be 6 feet. The address is a couple of streets removed from her property and she should not be able to see it unless they are driving by and then we might need to screen the north side. Another option would be plants, but without water, the plants would need to be replaced approximately every 6 months.
4. What happens if glare becomes an issue? Will it be addressed promptly?
Response: Never heard of glare being an issue. If for some reason the angle failed, they are automatically notified. It would be addressed within 24 hours. If it is a hazard, they would be able to cover it until it is fixed.
5. What will be done about the prairie dogs due to the ground disruption?
Response: It has never been an issue. During construction they may vacate but after construction is complete, they will probably return.
6. Concerns about the birds of prey.
Response: Colorado Parks and Wildlife comment is that there is no concerns about any threat to any species or endangered species.
7. Concerns about the construction lighting.
Response: No night construction will take place.

Terry Wiedeman at 13434 WCR 42, Platteville, Colorado is just west of the proposed site and stated that he was in support of the solar garden.

Mayor Nelson adjourned the Public Hearing and reconvened the Regular Board Meeting at 7:50 PM.

Motion Nothem, Motion to approve on first reading Ordinance 2016-01 an ordinance approving a conditional use permit for the community solar garden facility (CSG) to be installed at 14228 WCR 42 with the following conditions: submitting a revised site plan depicting a 6-foot height limitation on all fencing prior to the building permit submittal and with future development, the applicant shall work with the adjacent property owner to provide adequate screening which may include slats in the fence or additional landscaping. 2nd Maes. Roll Call Vote Trustee; Maes-Yes, Nothem-Yes, Meisner-Yes, Giardino-Yes, Castro-Yes. Motion carried (5-0).

5. **OLD BUSINESS:**

Town Traffic

None

Volunteer Appreciation

None

Dugouts

Brief Discussion

Music in the Park (Donations? Availability and Cost-DJ? Popcorn Maker, Time, FD Horseshoes?)

Discussion

Music in the Park time is set for 7:00 PM – 9:30 PM.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

Town VISA Credit Card

Discussion

***Motion** Giardino, Motion to authorize Town/ Clerk Treasurer Odenbaugh and Town Administrator Peterson to proceed with bringing debit card documents and debit card policy back for the boards consideration, 2nd Maes, **Roll Call Vote.** Trustee; Meisner-Yes, Castro-Yes, Nothem-Yes, Giardino-Yes, Maes-Yes. **Motion carried** (5-0).*

Graduation Ad for Valley High School

Discussion

***Motion** Nothem, Motion to contribute \$225.00 to the cost of a congratulatory ad for the graduating seniors at Valley High School along with the Town of Platteville and the Town of LaSalle, 2nd Giardino, **Roll Call Vote.** Trustee; Giardino-Yes, Nothem-Yes, Meisner-Yes, Maes-Yes, Castro-Yes. **Motion carried** (5-0).*

Code Codification

Discussion

***Motion** Castro, Motion to approve the codification of ordinance 2014-12 through 2015-12 for a code update pursuant to the estimate provided by Municode, 2nd Meisner, **Roll Call Vote.** Trustee; Castro-Yes, Maes-Yes, Nothem-Yes, Giardino-Yes, Meisner-Yes. **Motion carried** (5-0).*

7. REPORTS:

Public Works

Public Works located the other break of the sprinkler line at the park. The boring company clipped enough of the line to cause a leak.

Town Administrator Peterson and Public Works Foreman Meisner met with IWS the contractor for the wastewater treatment plant project and they stated that they will mobilize next Monday, May 9, 2016.

Town Administrator

Written Report

Board of Trustees

Trustee Giardino is concerned about his intermittent internet service. He would like the Town to ask the residence about their service.

Trustee Giardino would like to schedule an iPad training next Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at 6:30 pm.

Mayor Nelson stated that he wanted to make a couple of comments. He cannot get ahold of the police department when calling dispatch. He was having issues with the lights coming from the oil field construction west of his house but construction has since been completed. If it happens again, he would like the town to address it. He also had some concerns about people driving four wheelers in town.

8. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Motion Castro, Motion to approve the meeting minutes of April 19, 2016. 2nd Nothem. All voted Aye. Motion carried (5-0).

9. APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Motion Nothem, Motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$8,475.96, 2nd Castro, Roll Call Vote. Trustee; Nothem-Yes, Giardino-Yes, Meisner-Yes, Maes-Yes, Castro-Yes. Motion carried (5-0).

11. ADJOURNMENT 8:42 PM:

Motion Castro, Motion to adjourn at 8:42 pm, 2nd Meisner. All voted Aye. Motion carried (5-0).

Mayor Nelson adjourned the meeting at 8:42 pm.

TOWN OF GILCREST



Jeff Nelson

Jeff Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gail Odenbaugh

Gail Odenbaugh, Town Clerk