

TOWN OF GARDEN CITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES

Regular Meeting
7:30 p.m.

September 20, 2005

Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. Board members present were Mayor Eddie Miller, Mary Miller, Terry Greenwood, Dennis Kendrick, Vince Loftus, Nina Kendrick, and Clarence Krieger. Staff present was Attorney Don Hoff, Police Chief Michael Guthrie and Town Clerk Janice Walter. Others present were: Larry Burkhardt, Greeley/Weld EDAP; Jon Monson, Greeley Water Department.

The clerk thanked everyone for his or her expressions of sympathy during the last month when her grandson died in an auto accident.

Minutes & Treasurer's Reports

A. Minutes of Regular Meeting August 16, 2005

B. Treasurer's Reports for August 2005

Vince Loftus moved to approve the minutes of the Minutes of Regular Meeting August 16, 2005 and the Treasurer's Reports for August 2005. Nina Kendrick seconded. 7 aye. 0 nay. Motion carried.

Greeley Weld EDAP

Larry Burkhardt, new President/CEO of Greeley Weld EDAP, introduced himself to the Board. He also gave the Board some information on his background and explained some of the focus of EDAP. He passed out information on the revolving loan program thru the enterprise zone, demographics of the area and general information about EDAP.

John Monson, Greeley Water

John Monson from the Greeley Water Department introduced himself and explained the way that the water rates are figured. He presented a water rate study that explained the calculations that allocates the cost of services to every customer. As an example, Windsor has their own water storage tank so they pay less for their water than Milliken does because they do not have their own storage tank. Both of those towns also provide and maintain their own delivery systems.

In 1905 the citizens of Greeley voted to bond themselves for \$330,000 to build a wooden pipeline 35 miles to the mouth of the Poudre Canyon. They put themselves into debt of \$5,000 for every man, woman and child. Greeley has been building on that system every since then. In about 1971 the 8th Avenue Water Company was sold to Greeley for \$12,000. A couple of years later Greeley estimated that it would cost approximately \$91,000 to relay the water mains and put in enough fire hydrants to offer adequate protection. Now Greeley's asset base is about \$360,000,000 and that does not include the water rights. The basis of the rate model is that the citizens of Greeley receive a 3.3% return on their investment. The clerk asked if the \$100,000 plus that Garden City invested in the late 80's to replace all of the water lines is taken into consideration when the rate is set. Clarence Krieger stated that Greeley also put a main sewer line through Garden City without permission in the mid 1950s. Why do we pay so much for water when we dedicated all of the lines to Greeley? Mr. Monson did not know if the new lines were figured into the rates but the public easements can be used by any entity. Terry Greenwood stated that the Greeley water department entered his basement without permission and changed the meter. His bill went from \$68 to \$142 in 1 month. This month the bill stated that the meter was still on 000 so they have not even read the meter. Mr. Monson took Terry's address and phone number so he can get back with him when he gets some information. Dennis Kendrick asked who pays for the water system when a new subdivision is built. Mr. Monson replied that the developers must pay to put in the water system then dedicate it to the City of Greeley and if that development is outside the City limits, they have to pay outside prices for their water. If any outside area was annexed into the City, the water rates would drop to the inside rates. The City of Greeley can require annexation into the City before providing service to them. Dennis Kendrick asked if we could invest in Greeley water so our rates would not be so high. Don Hoff replied that we would have to have a unit of water for every resident and business so that would mean investing about \$15,000 for each unit just for the water rights and we would still have to pay for the treatment, storage and delivery of the water. Mr. Hoff asked if they could do anything to lower our rates. Mr. Monson replied that the only thing he could think of would be to be annexed into Greeley. Dennis Kendrick stated that Greeley bought the lines for \$12,000 then Garden City paid \$100,000 to upgrade those lines;

so basically we gave Greeley \$78,000 so they could extort us. Several of the Board members also stated that they still do not have good water pressure. Mr. Monson said they should call the water department to have their pressure measured, if the pressure is not at least 40 psi the water department will see what they can do about the problem.

Street Lights

When asked about the street lights now, the following answers were given. The lights were better. There was no difference since changing the bulbs. We thought the lights would be bent more towards the street. We thought the bulbs would be below the hood so the light could spread out more. The lights are a little brighter but they are still just spot lights. Can we put different arms with cobra lights on those decorative poles? The clerk reported that Skip Boothe from Xcel had told her he did not think the hoods could be bent out because they are self leveling and that they could not put the concave covers on the new bulbs because they were too hot.

Nina Kendrick stated that she received a lot of complaints about the street lights from the citizens when she went around getting a petition signed for some street work. They wanted to know why it could not be brighter. The clerk stated that she will give Xcel Energy this list of complaints and ask them to attend a meeting. When Chief Guthrie was asked what he thought of the lights, he replied that they were not very bright but they looked nice.

Jack's Place

Clarence Krieger reported that the owners of Jack's Place would like make arrangements to have the Board come to Bear's Inn and to Jack's Place for dinner sometime. No action was taken.

El Carousel

The Board reviewed copies of a police report concerning serving a minor at El Carousel. Clarence Krieger moved and Nina Kendrick seconded to order a show cause hearing. Don Hoff told the Board that this is not the type of citation that is easy to prove but we will have a hearing. 7 aye. 0 nay. Motion carried.

Banners

The clerk asked the Board if we could get fall, Christmas and spring banners for the street lights to trade with the flag banners and if we should leave the Welcome to Garden City banners up year around or change those also. Mary Miller moved to just use the banners that we have up now year around. Dennis Kendrick seconded. 7 aye. 0 nay. Motion carried.

Credit Application

The clerk asked if we could sign up Fil or Lonelle Archuleta as signer on an Ace Hardware credit application or on the Town Credit Card. Clarence Krieger moved to leave it like it is and not get additional credit. Vince Loftus seconded. 7 aye. 0 nay. Motion carried.

Fall Clean Up

Greeley Fall Clean Up will be October 14, 15, and 16. Evans Fall Clean Up will be weekends only of October 29 & 30 and November 5 & 6. The clerk suggested that we extend the clean up to four days. Clarence Krieger moved to schedule our clean up days for November 18th, 19th, and 20th. Nina Kendrick seconded. 7 aye. 0 nay.

Report on Squeez Box Hearing

Don Hoff reported that the Squeez Box manager came to the hearing and asked to plead guilty and agreed to serve a three day suspension. Since they are always closed on Sunday, they were suspended on a Friday, Saturday, and Monday.

CIRSA Preliminary Insurance Quotes

We have received a preliminary quote for our insurance. The Property Casualty will be \$2927 and the Workers' Comp will be \$545 for 2006. Dennis Kendrick moved and Terry Greenwood seconded to accept the preliminary quotes. 7 aye. 0 nay. Motion carried.

2006 Preliminary Budget and Calendar

The clerk presented a preliminary budget for the Board's consideration. The Board will have the next couple of months to study the budget and suggest changes. She asked if there are any changes for next year anticipated by the Board or if there were any projects they would like budgeted. There was no reply. Clarence Krieger moved to set the budget hearing for November 15, 2005 and

to set the December meeting for December 13, 2005 to actually adopt the budget. Vince Loftus seconded. 7 aye. 0 nay. Motion carried.

Speed Bump Petition

The Board reviewed a petition that Nina Kendrick circulated for a speed bump on 9th Avenue. The clerk presented information on the portable speed awareness devices and asked the Board if we could get some of those. Dennis Kendrick suggested that we put up 3 speed bumps, one at each stop sign at 27th Street and 9th Avenue. Don Hoff replied that 3 speed bumps would be too many and would generate law suits. Dennis Kendrick moved to proceed with getting a speed bump on 9th Avenue and to order three handicap caution signs. Nina Kendrick seconded. 7 aye. 0 nay. Motion carried. Don Hoff said we should contact CIRSA to inquire about the liability first. If they don't have any objections to speed bumps, we can proceed.

Announcements

A. Flu Shots November 9

Visiting Nurse Association will have a flu shot clinic here at the Town Hall on November 9th from 10 a.m. to 12 a.m. Flu shots will be \$30 and they will bill Medicare so bring your card.

B. Electronics Recycling

The Board reviewed a letter from Weld County explaining the new electronics recycling service. Guaranteed Recycling Xperts in Dacona will accept electronics for a nominal fee ranging from 50 cents to \$30. Electronics are becoming one of the fastest growing portions of American trash. Many electronics contain high amounts of toxic pollutants and safe recycling of electronics helps keep these pollutants from harming the environment.

C. CML District Meeting

CML District 2 meeting will be Oct. 6, 2005 at the Windsor Community Recreation Center at 6 p.m. There will be a pre-meeting at 4:00 p.m. Officials attending the pre-meeting will earn 1 credit in the CML Elected Officials' Leadership Training program. We have to RSVP by Sept 30.

D. Beer

We still have 4 cases of beer left from National Night Out. The Board agreed to give the beer to any of the Board members that want it.

E. Town/County Meeting

The Weld County/Town Meeting will be Monday, October 24th at the Island Grove 4-H building. Kenny's Steak House is catering the meals. Social hour is at 6 p.m. and dinner is at 6:30 p.m. Clarence Krieger moved and Terry Greenwood seconded to pay for all of the officials and their significant others. 7 aye. 0 nay. Motion carried.

F. Tire Amnesty Days

The Board received a flyer from Weld County about recycling old tires. On September 30 & October 1 all Weld County Residents can bring old tires to 1311 N. 17th Avenue for free recycling. They will accept up to 50 tires of car/truck and small tractor sizes. Getting rid of old tires can help cut down on mosquitoes and West Nile. Please help spread the word and if you know of any properties where they have old tires please let the clerk know.


Other Board Issues

Chief Guthrie reported that a resident on 7th Avenue had been warned that he has too many chickens and that he can not go onto other people's property to look for chickens or anything else. If they do go onto other people's property they can be charged with trespassing.

Nina Kendrick reported that a neighbor across the street from her had their car stolen. When they called down to the Police Department they were told "You don't call us, we'll call you". Chief Guthrie stated that he found that hard to believe but he got the name and address of the victim so he can get more information on that and get back to Nina. He also stated that there has been an increase in auto thefts in the entire area.

Since there was no further business, Mayor Miller adjourned the meeting at 9:22 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by:


Janice Walter, Clerk