



MINUTES

VIRTUAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

August 20, 2020

Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

The following Trustees were present: Debby Farreau, Lori Finch, Josie Cockrell, Amy Snell-Johnson, Pam Thompson and Mayor Lisa Jones. A quorum was present.

Audience Participation

Allyson Zoellner, 16915 E. Costilla Avenue, commented again about the increase in traffic and speeding on Buckley Road. She noted there have been many construction vehicles exceeding the speed limit.

Vanessa Guzman, 18149 E. Hinsdale Avenue, requested answers to several questions she has posed in the past.

Sebring Megill, 6780 S. Waco Street, noted a substantial increase in traffic and speeding along Waco Street.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Jones moved, seconded by Trustee Cockrell, to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

- a. Minutes – August 6, 2020
- b. Financial Reports – August 2020

The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Items Removed from Consent Agenda

None

Public Hearing – Minor Subdivision Application for 6740 S. Waco Street

Mayor Jones opened the public hearing at 6:36 pm. Town Planner Matthew Nilsen presented the Staff Report, noting this Minor Subdivision application was related to the minimum lot size variance approved on March 12, 2020. He stated this application meets the definition of a Minor Subdivision and meets all the criteria specified in the Municipal Code.

Sebring Megill, 6780 S. Waco Street, said any development on the lot in question would landlock the lot his father owns immediately west of his residence.

There were questions regarding changes to the median on Waco to allow access to any new residences as U-turns are prohibited there and the residents south of the median do not want any additional traffic using their driveways for access.

Bill Megill, 18300 E. Arapahoe Road, also asked for access consideration to the lot west of his son's residence.

A discussion followed regarding ACWWA water lines and easements that need to be negotiated between all parties. Town Planner Nilsen reported that not all information on these has been received.

Mayor Jones moved to continue the hearing to a date certain, September 17, 2020, seconded by Trustee Thompson. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

For Discussion

2020 Updated Financial Forecast

Town Administrator Proctor presented the updated financial forecast, noting that sales tax revenues are higher than anticipated and Town expenditures are within budget at this time.

Prairie Dogs

The following residents spoke against the proposed ordinance requiring complete eradication of all prairie dogs in Foxfield, citing personal property rights, no threat to people, and the potential harm of any poisons used. Several speakers thanked the Board for listening to residents' concerns and being willing to re-visit the issue.

Allyson Zoellner, 16915 E. Costilla Avenue
Tom Neuman, 7233 S. Richfield Street
Jim Pike, 6788 S. Richfield Street
Tom Meigel, 18917 E. Davies Avenue
Bill Barnett, 7171 S. Richfield Street
Ray Hixon, 7211 S. Quintero Street

Mayor Jones stated the Board has been listening to residents and doing research in order to resolve this issue.

Trustee Finch said the Town should not get involved in neighbor-to-neighbor issues but said it would be helpful for prairie dog information to be posted on the Town website.

Trustee Farreau believes it is a property owner issue and is not in favor of regulation. She reported on her conversation with the Prairie Dog Coalition regarding relocation to the Town's Open Space and would like to ask them for a free consultation on the feasibility.

Trustee Cockrell is in favor of removing the ordinance regarding rodents.

Trustee Snell-Johnson is opposed to relocating prairie dogs to the Open Space and is in favor of removing the ordinance.

Trustee Thompson noted the ordinance has been on the books since 2008 and it is intended to protect people from a nuisance caused by someone else.

Mayor Jones is in favor of deleting the ordinance and having no regulations regarding Prairie Dogs in the Code.

It was agreed the Board would seek to amend the Municipal Code by removing the definition of rodents as nuisances from Section 7-1-20 and a public hearing on the issue will be scheduled for October 1.

Reports

Mayor

Mayor Jones asked if the Town could use Open Space funds to plant more native grasses in the Open Space. The answer was affirmative.

Members of the Town Board

Trustee Thompson:

- Noted there are several dead trees in the Open Space
- Has noticed an increase in speeding and asked if the speed radar sign could be deployed on Waco Street.

Trustee Cockrell:

- Noted that the gates will not have any impact on speeding; their purpose is to lower cut-through traffic volume
- Explained the role of Nextdoor Lead as moderator, not censor, and said she would work on recruiting another resident as an additional Lead

Trustee Farreau is also a Lead on Nextdoor and said she would help with recruiting an additional Lead.

Trustee Finch asked if the Town Clerk could send a Town email asking residents to remind their contractors and visitors that the speed limit in Foxfield is 25 miles per hour.

Trustee Snell-Johnson reported about trespassing in a neighbor's barn. Nothing was seriously vandalized, but nuisances were created. She asked if we could post on Nextdoor to warn people to be vigilant.

Staff

Town Clerk Gallivan announced the Fall Clean-Up will be held on October 3th, 2020 followed by the Large Item Pick-Up on October 10th, 2020.

Town Administrator Proctor reported that IREA is still working on the electrical design for the gates. It is anticipated that the gates can be installed before the end of October.

Future Agenda Items

Code enforcement, building permits and changes to the Municipal Code were suggested as future topics of discussion. The Board will discuss code enforcement and code changes in a study session at the next meeting.

Adjournment

Mayor Jones adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Randi Gallivan, Town Clerk

Lisa Jones, Mayor