

TOWN OF RYE RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Mickey Smith called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

PUBLIC MEETING

The Board of Trustees of the Town of Rye, County of Pueblo, Colorado met at the Rye Town Hall on July 18, 2018. At 6:01 p.m. Mayor Smith called this regular meeting to order. The following were present: Mayor Mickey Smith, Trustees: Sonny Jackson, Sam Serracino, and Marty Rahl.

Absent: Debra Decker, Town Clerk

Others: Sherri Beach, Acting Town Clerk; Pam Hair, Greenhorn Valley View; TJ Vinci, Chief Financial Officer of Pueblo School District 70; Greg Keasling, Director of Student Services of Pueblo School District 70; Monte Montez, Project Manager for Pueblo School District 70; and Bob Cook and Greg Collins from Colorado City Metro District.

PUBLIC INPUT:

- Mr. Vinci, Mr. Keasling and Mr. Montez from School District 70 were guests at the meeting, so the Board moved agenda item I to the position of public input. Mr. Keasling explained that Pueblo School District 70 would like to continue with negotiation talks to have a portion of the Rye Town Hall building utilized for an online school for grades K-12. There are currently approximately 20 students in the Rye area who are enrolled in this program, and they are outgrowing their current accommodations at the library in Colorado City. These students would each be required to attend sessions a minimum of 2 ½ hours twice a week at various times. The current average number of students at the library at one time is five, but hopes are that number will grow as word gets out that they serve children of the community and surrounding areas. The children will be provided instructors as well as an on-call nurse and principal on staff. The students will be able to walk to Rye High School and Rye Elementary School to take advanced courses and participate in other activities. Mr. Montez stated that a "VERY rough guesstimate" of \$40,000 will be required to do all the revisions to the building, as required by the State Code. He will work with the State of Colorado to come up with a more accurate estimate for revisions that will satisfy both the state and national building codes. He will present this information to the Board as soon as possible. Mr. Montez will work with Trustee, Marty Rahl, to schedule a time to come to further inspect the Rye Town Hall Building. Mr. Vinci and Mr. Keasling spoke about the possibility of trading rent of the space in exchange for the School District doing all the work and purchasing the materials. Everyone was asked to consider an appropriate rate of rent to be charged. Negotiations will continue.
- Mr. Cook and Mr. Collins of the Colorado City Metropolitan District were guests at the Board Meeting. Mr. Cook said the lawsuit between the Town of Rye and CCMD is

unnecessary. He said that the sewer is measured as it enters the CCMD system, and he claimed that our numbers are inaccurate. He stated that in his opinion, Rye and CCMD need to sit down in a room and not come out until an agreement has been reached because we are adults and should be able to work it out. Mr. Collins said he doesn't want the line. He suggested that there is an infiltration between Rye and Colorado City. He said that we are neighbors and must learn to get along. He said that he feels good about the new contract with the exception of the new line. He agreed with Mr. Cook that neither Rye nor Colorado City can afford our increasingly high legal bills, and we must find a way to work this out.

CONCENT AGENDA ITEMS:

- **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:** Sam Serracino made a correction to the Minutes of the June 13, 2018, Board Meeting. He said that he made the suggestion of tearing out the dangerous area of sidewalk in front of Sheila Henderson's property, not all the sidewalks in the Town of Rye. With this clarification, Sam Serracino made the motion to approve the Minutes of the June 13, 2018 Meeting. Marty Rahl seconded, and the motion passed.
- **WATER TREATMENT PLANT END OF MONTH SYSTEMS REPORT:** This report shows a total of 1,145,274 total treated gallons, 613,538 gallons delivered to the town, and 178,460 waste water/back wash water gallons for the month of June, 2018.
- **WATER & SEWER MONTHLY METER USAGE/BILLING:** The Water & Sewer Usage/Billing Report was reviewed for the month of June, 2018.
- **SUMMARY READINGS:**
 - Water Plant Data – Excel worksheet provided.
 - Waste Water Data – Data was not available because of programming issue with new system.
 - CCMD comparison worksheet: From **05/30/2018 To 06/06/27/2018**
Current: 57,917,644; Previous: 57,592,862; Usage: 324,782
 - The Town of Rye calculation of Usage: Accurate reading not available. The reading system of the new meter isn't working properly because it was programmed for the wrong size pipe. This is being corrected. Mayor Smith will contact Mr. Unander to ask him to clean the Data Gator daily.
 - Sewer Attorney Expense worksheet. Last billing dated 05/18/18 expenses YTD \$82,765.39.
- **SUMMARY ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:** Reviewed by Clerk. The Board discussed past due accounts. Courtesy calls will be made to remind past due accounts of our policy to disconnect after 60 days.
- **APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLES:**
 - \$19,210.24 scheduled payables
 - Sam Serracino made a motion that the accounts payable be approved and paid. Sonny Jackson seconded, and the motion passed.

- P & L's SUMMARY- General/Water/Sewer: Reviewed by Mayor and Town Trustees

MASTER CALENDAR REVIEW:

- JULY:
 - DOLA quarterly report – administration
 - PERA report – administration
 - Unemployment Insurance report – administration
 - Water Sampling & Testing
- AUGUST:
 - Water Sampling and Testing
 - Flush Systems (Mickey Smith and Sam Serracino)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Approve/Reject PACOG Utility Plan Draft from JDS Hydro-CCMD/Town of Rye Utility Plan Draft. Marty Rahl spoke with attorney, Tom Mullens, and they have accepted but said the Town of Rye will not be submitting audit or rates.
 - Tabled until further discussion with Mr. Mullens.
- Water rates were discussed. Sherri Beach was asked to inquire what other towns/cities are charging for water and sewer and report next month.
- The Town of Rye has filed for an Extension for our 2017 audit, which is currently to be complete by July 31, 2018. Nancy Humphries from Garren, Ross & DeNardo, Inc., has sent a list of items to be collected for the audit.
- The SIEA building title transfer to the Town of Rye is continuing to be worked on at the attorney level.
- The LDS Church and the Rye Fire Protection District are currently in compliance with their backflow compliance certificates. Mayor Smith said that he will speak with Dutch from Dutchman Back Flow Testers, Inc., to get a list of other businesses in the community who need to become compliant. When we receive a list, we will write a letter to inform them of the work to be completed. Dutch will be contacted again to inspect them.
- Agenda item O for new meter installations was moved as an Executive Session item.
- Meters will now be read and billing done on the last working business day of the month.
- Annexation was discussed. There is currently a list of nine property owners who have expressed an interest in being annexed into the Town of Rye. Sam Serracino is heading this effort. Sherri Beach will reach out to the Clerklist to see if anyone has tips about annexation.
- Discussion about manhole inspections was moved to an Executive Session item.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Website policy was discussed, and Marty will contact CIPA to inquire about adding a bill pay option to the Town website.
- The quote for a new handheld meter reader was presented to the Board. The current handheld device is "obsolete," and replacement parts are no longer available for it. The cost is \$5,486.20 for a new one. Sam Serracino suggested that we may be able to find

something more cost effective via Google that would be compatible with our current billing programs. He will look into this. In the meantime, it was agreed that we continue to save \$500 per month in the "filter fund" to cover both the filters and build an income for the expense of a new meter reader.

- Sherri Beach spoke about training at the CMCA Institute. She requested the purchase of a Record Retention Book so the Town can begin purging old records pursuant to law. Sam Serracino motioned that we purchase the book, and Marty Rahl seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- An information kiosk to display public notices was discussed.
- The Board discussed quotes that were received for replacement filters at the Water Treatment Plant. Mickey Smith made a motion that after receiving approval from John Van Oort, we order the filters to have on hand. Sam Serracino seconded the motion, and it carried. Mayor Smith will contact John to ask if the filters should be ordered now to have on hand, or if it would be better to wait.
- The Board discussed the fire hydrants in the Town of Rye. Mickey Smith will contact Chief Bennett of the Rye Fire Department District the end of August to discuss the hydrants. The hydrants issue will be revisited in our September Board Meeting.
- Agenda item X concerning the Data Gator system was moved as an item for the Executive Session.

ADJOURN:

- At 8:14 pm, Marty Rahl made a motion to adjourn the regular session. Sonny Jackson seconded the motion, and it passed.

Executive Session:

Sewer

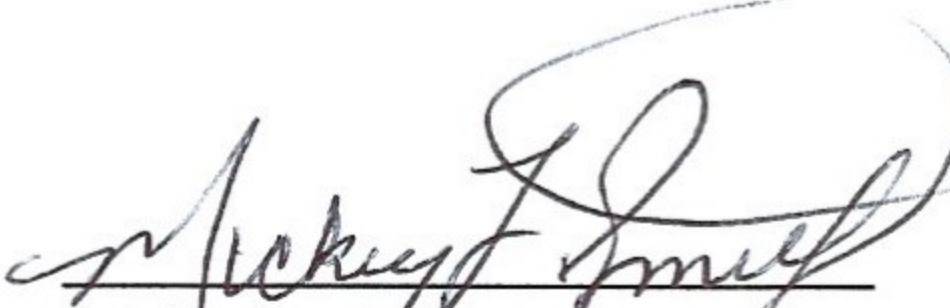
For the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and/or instructing negotiators, under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(e).

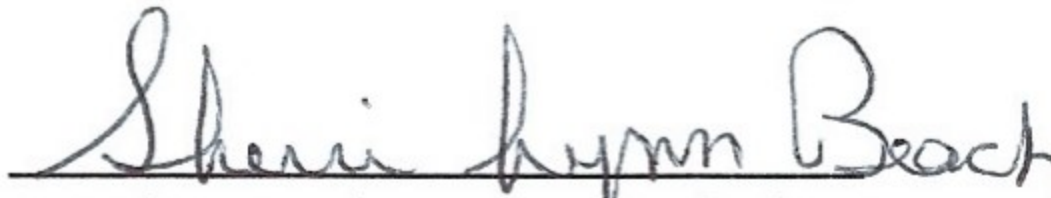
Personnel

For discussion of a personnel matter under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(2)(f) and NOT involving: any specific employees who have requested discussion of the matter in open session; any member of this body or any elected official; the appointment of any person to fill an office of this body or of an elected official; or personnel policies that do not require the discussion of matters personal to particular employees.

Public is encouraged to attend.

**The Next Regular Session meeting will be on
August 15, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. at the Town of Rye Building**


Mickey Smith – Mayor


Debra Decker – Town Clerk