

The Board of Trustees for the Town of Akron held a **Regular Meeting** on **Monday, December 9th, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.** at the Akron Town Hall in full conformance with the laws and ordinances of said Town.

Mayor Brittani Kusel opened the meeting at 7:10 pm.

TRUSTEE PRESENT: Susan Watson Harry Slusser
Derek Glosson Scott Porteus arrived 7:16

TRUSTEE ABSENT: Jacque Hayes Danielle Woods

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Matthew Richardson, Town Attorney
Dencia Raish, Town Clerk/ Administrator

OTHER IN ATTENDANCE:

Joanne Busing - Akron News Reporter, Randy Hayes – Colorado Plains Regional Airport, Jon Stivers – Washington County Sheriff, Rick Bailey – Viaero, and three members of the public.

At the start of the meeting, there were three Trustees present, with a fourth on the way. The meeting began with the airport report from Randy Hayes.

Airport Report

FBO operator Randy Hayes reported submitting the Capital Improvements Plan, CIP, to the State. Council inquired if the improvements on the CIP must happen, and Randy said they do not. To take action it has to be on the plan, but it is alright if the action does not happen. Randy reported that a member of the Airport Development Committee had applied to serve on the Colorado Division of Aeronautics board. If accepted, this should bring greater representation to Eastern Colorado airports.

Randy pointed out to the Council that the FBO lease between Hayes Aviation and the Town was set to expire on December 31st. He told Council that for some time now, Council has approved 3-year extensions to this lease. Council would like the time to review the contract. A motion was made by Derek Glosson to extend the expiring contract to 1/31/2020. Susan Watson made the second, all votes were yes, motion passed. Council asked that Dencia send the FBO agreement to Matt Richardson for review.

Trustee Scott Porteus arrived during the airport report. The meeting then continued with the action items of the agenda.

Approval of Minutes 11/04/19

The Council reviewed the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 4th, 2019. A motion was made by Susan Watson to approve the minutes, seconded by Derek Glosson; all other votes were yes, motion passed.

Approval of November Bills

Dencia Raish presented the November bills list. Dencia pointed out the payment for the new trash truck in November. A motion was made to approve the bills as presented by Harry Slusser, seconded by Derek Glosson all votes were yes, motion passed.

Sheriff Report

Sheriff Jon Stivers was in attendance and reported 27 incidents with seven citations written for Akron in November. Citations are down. In November, dispatch handled 133 total calls for Akron while there were a total of 460 calls in the County. Jon reported that jail numbers are currently down as they are working on fire suppression repairs in part of the jail.

County Report

Commissioner Tony Wells was unable to attend the meeting. He presented the Council with a written report and information on Pro-15 which is a non-partisan membership-based group that focuses on legislative issues of NE Colorado. Membership consists of 15 Counties: Adams, Arapahoe, Cheyenne, Douglas, Elbert, Kit Carson, Larimer, Lincoln, Logan, Morgan, Phillips, Sedgwick, Washington, Weld, & Yuma.

Public Invited To Be Heard

No one in attendance opted to speak.

Second Reading – Ordinance 563 – Repeal & Replace 11-7-A Regulating Travel Trailer

A motion was made to approve the Second reading of Ordinance 563 as amended by Derek Glosson, seconded by Harry Slusser; all votes were yes, motion passed.

Second Reading – Ordinance 564 – Correction for Uniformity of Animal Units in Code

A motion was made to approve the second reading of Ordinance 564 by Derek Glosson, seconded by Susan Watson; all votes were yes, motion passed.

Second Reading – Ordinance 565 – Repeal & Replace 7-3-3 Governing Parking on Residential Streets

A motion was made to approve the second reading of Ordinance 565, as presented by Derek Glosson, seconded by Harry; all votes were yes, motion passed.

2020 Law Enforcement Agreement

The 2020 Law Enforcement contract held between Washington County and the Town of Akron was presented for approval. Dates of the contract were the only changes from the 2019 agreement. A motion was made to approve the 2020 Law Enforcement agreement by Derek Glosson, seconded by Scott Porteus; all votes were yes, motion passed. Mayor Brittani Kusel expressed concern with signing the contract as the Washington County Sheriff's Office employs her. Attorney Matt Richardson did not see a conflict with her signature as the vote of the Council directed it. Council agreed and asked Brittani to sign as Mayor.

Resolution 19-003 Election Question

Dencia reported that the School said they do not apply to the 5.5 limitation, and the County was also not bound by the limitation due to a vote in November 1996. Akron Rural Fire District applied to the limitation. Derek would like to see a one-page information sheet available to citizens with a description of the impact if Akron were to vote out of the limitation. This information sheet should have estimated values for residential impact as well as commercial. Matt reported that the Town has to publish information describing the impact. There will also be publications should anyone share a comment with the Town in support or disagreement of the referred measure. Matt recommended adopting the resolution at the January meeting. Derek also shared that he had found the limitation applies only to statutory towns and not home rule. Many Counties have opted out of the limitation by election, but not many cities.

Christmas Bonus

After review of the estimated ending budget for 2019, Dencia reported that Christmas bonuses were within the budgeted amounts for 2019. A motion was made by Derek Glosson to approve \$500 bonuses for full-time employees in 2019 that had served the entire year, or for time served in 2019. The second was by Scott Porteus; all votes were yes, motion passed.

Viaero Site & Public Works

Rick Bailey reported that Viaero is looking to improve its network on the east side of town. Viaero is interested in setting another pole in the NE corner of the public works property. This action would be achieved like last time with a permanent easement. Rick has sent a new contract for Council to review. The contract had not been passed on to the Council or Matt Richardson for review. Rick stated that it was just like the last contract minus the generator for the siren. Shane reported that he had no issue with the installation of the pole. Council and Matt would review the contract documents in December and would have an action item at the January meeting.

Trustee Resignation

Trustee Jacque Hayes submitted a letter of resignation on November 12th. A motion was made to accept the resignation by Derek Glosson, seconded by Scott Porteus; all votes were yes, motion passed.

Resolution to Set Mill Levies

Dencia clarified differences between the pond and other state grants estimated revenues. A motion was made to approve the written resolution to set the mill levies for 2020 by Derek Glosson, seconded by Harry Slusser; all votes were yes, motion passed.

Resolution to Adopt the 2020 Budget

Dencia explained some of the new accounts created to keep a clearer record. A motion was made to approve the written resolution to adopt the budget for 2020 by Scott Porteus, seconded by Derek Glosson; all votes were yes, motion passed.

Resolution to Appropriate Sums of Money

A motion was made to approve the written resolution to appropriate sums of money for 2020 by Susan Watson, seconded by Derek Glosson: all votes were yes, motion passed.

Council, Committee, and Staff Reports

Public Works Director Shane Watson submitted a written report. He also reported that the State had reclassified Akron's water distribution classification. Akron went from Class D (small district) to Class A (metropolitan). Shane is not sure why but it could be due to Akron using gas chlorine. No employees within the Town are certified for a Class A operations, water supervisor Steve Vasquez is D certified. Shane Watson and Steve Vasquez are working the Mark Foxworthy and other Colorado Rural Water Association, CRWA, employees to figure out what is happening. Council advised that someone work toward the next certification level C. If need be the Town can contract with Mark Foxworthy, who has his Class A certification.

Town Administrator Dencia Raish submitted as written report. With that, she asked the Council about the following.

- Stalling TOPO map should be available from Leibert McAtee Surveyors within the next week or so. Council asked that Dencia provide the report to Shane, Derek, and Harry for review.

- Tony McCaffrey, with the YW, inquired about the Town's intention to install an alley on the east side of the Stallings Additions because he has plans to move electric poles. Council said the easement is there and they can put their poles where they want within the easement. Matt Richardson will contact Tony.
- Dencia reported needing a Council representative for the Rural Fire Board & someone to represent Council on the discussions of potentially moving the fire hall. Derek Glosson volunteered.
- Dencia share short term investment information with Council and asked for further discussion at the next meeting.

There were no library reports due to weather.

Attorney Matt Richardson reported that he has been in contact with CDOT about a speed study in town, and east of town for the new YW. The State will need a couple of months lead time to schedule and recommended letting the business get established before the study is conducted. The State made sure to point out that a speed study could increase the speed limit, and not just a reduction. Council opted to wait on requesting the study until after the new YW building is operational. Matt also presented Council with a resolution to contract defense council for municipal court when needed. This is due to new legislation taking effect in 2020 when a municipal court can assign jail time. Brittani Kusel pointed out that the Town had removed jail time as a punishment in Municipal Court by ordinance just before Matt joining the Town. With that, the resolution was unnecessary.

Susan Watson gave a Chamber report about the parade of lights and firemen supper. In November Chamber has drawings of local business receipts for hams and turkeys and in December gave chamber bucks for the amount of receipt, up to \$100. The next chamber meeting is on December 18th. A free shred for the community is scheduled for the 28th of April, 2020. Chamber is trying to promote local spending and keep our little community going.

Derek Glosson reported on the CML policy meeting he had attended on December 6th. The next meeting is in February. HE reported that he, Dencia and Kyle are almost done with the bid documents for the pond. The documents should be published at the start of 2020.

Brittani asked that the information on the meeting with the University Technical Assistance Program with the pond remodel be forwarded to her and Susan Watson.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Derek Glosson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm. With no objections, motion carried.

ATTEST: _____

Dencia Raish, CMC, Town Clerk Administrator

Brittani Kusel, Mayor