

**TOWN OF GREEN MOUNTAIN FALLS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2009**

7:00 PM

- 1) CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**
- 2) ADDITIONS, DELETIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA**
- 3) CONSENT AGENDA: APPROVE MINUTES, 12/02/08
BILLS DUE AND PAYABLE: \$12,793.76**
- 4) CITIZENS' INPUT – Items not Listed on the Agenda**
- 5) PUBLIC HEARING: REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF
DRAFT ORDINANCE GRANTING A RENEWED FRANCHISE TO
COLORADO SPRINGS UTILITIES, AN ENTERPRISE OF THE CITY
OF COLORADO SPRINGS, TO PROVIDE ELECTRICAL UTILITY
SERVICES TO RESIDENCES, BUSINESSES AND PUBLIC
OFFICES OF THE TOWN OF GREEN MOUNTAIN FALLS,
COLORADO – Colorado Springs Utilities Representative, Steve
Payne, Customer Account Management**
- 6) REQUEST TO PURCHASE 1998 GRAVELY 944 WOODCHIPPER
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000.00 – Robert McArthur, Director Public
Works and Jinnie Will, Forestry Technician**
- 7) REPORTS: Mayor Stevens-Marshall's Department / PPACG &
PPRTA Boards
Trustee Pitrone - Public Works\Regional Building Advisory Board
Trustee King - Grant Research\Administration\PPACG & TES
Trustee Newberry - Parks
Trustee Useman - Manitou School District 14 Liaison
Trustee Bratton - Trail's Committee / TES Representative
Trustee Worthey-GIS \ Urban Forestry**
- 8) OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS**
- 9) MUNICIPAL CORRESPONDENCE**

8:30 PM

- 10) ADJOURNMENT**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TOWN OF GREEN MOUNTAIN FALLS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Stevens.

ATTENDANCE:	Pitrone present	Useman present	King present
	Bratton present	Newberry present	Worthey present

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA – No request for changes were received.

**CONSENT AGENDA: APPROVE MINUTES, 12/02/08
BILLS DUE AND PAYABLE: \$12,793.76**

M/S Useman/Newberry to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. All yeas

CITIZEN'S INPUT – No input received at this meeting.

Mayor Stevens called the Public Hearing to order at 7:02p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING: REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF DRAFT ORDINANCE 01-2009 GRANTING A RENEWED FRANCHISE TO COLORADO SPRINGS UTILITIES, AN ENTERPRISE OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS, TO PROVIDE ELECTRICAL UTILITY SERVICES TO RESIDENCES, BUSINESSES AND PUBLIC OFFICES OF THE TOWN OF GREEN MOUNTAIN FALLS, COLORADO – Colorado Springs Utilities Representative, Steve Payne, Customer Account Management and Brett Johnson, City of Colorado Springs Utilities Attorney were present. The Town had a 15 year franchise agreement for electric which expired on December 31, 2008. The current franchise being presented is for 10 years. The Town's current annual franchise allocation due on January 18, 2009 is \$13,600.00 Payne stated that he thought the Town's gross revenues were about \$700,000 and that the franchise fee for the past ten years has been about 2% of gross receipts. (Note: upon research after the meeting, Payne found that the Town's annual gross receipts were about \$360,000 and the franchise fee slightly higher than 3%.) Each year, the Utilities add \$600.00 to the annual payment. In previous renewals, the City Utilities agreed to fund a community project in the Town. Several years ago, the Utilities Staff buried power lines in the Gazebo Park area at the request of the Town. Trustee King asked Payne if Utilities would consider a community project with this renewal. King addressed the Town's desire to replace the eight gas lamps at the Gazebo (6) and Land Company Building (2) with electric lights with timers. The gas lamps burn all day, every day. Timed electric lights would produce a budget savings. An upgrade to the gas lamps has been discussed for the past five years. King stated that the project would complement the nearly completed State Historic restoration project for the Gazebo. Payne stated the department would consider that community project. Payne was asked if he knew of other entities with an electric franchise agreement. He mentioned Fountain but stated that they do their own repairs and installations. Payne said that the City of Milliken (pop. 6,000) has a franchise with Xcel Energy. The clerk will contact Milliken for a copy. Trustee Bratton favored a reasonable increase and requested that Payne supply figures showing the Town's gross receipts and the amount that would be received from 2%, 3%, and 4%. Mayor Stephens asked for a 5% as well. Pitrone expressed the Board and resident's satisfaction in the service provided by the City Utilities and the improvements provided over the years. Town property owners are not individually charged back the franchise fee as is the case with gas and

cable franchise. The electric franchise fee is charged across the entire system of users. Trustee Bratton noted that the Town has a good relationship with the City Utilities who has assisted with several Town projects over the years. He felt that relationship should be nurtured and preserved.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:47 p.m. Steve Payne will return on Tuesday, January 20, 2009 to continue renewal discussions. A public hearing for the 20th was published by the Town Clerk.

REQUEST TO PURCHASE 1998 GRAVELY 944 WOOD CHIPPER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000.00 – Robert McArthur, Director Public Works McArthur submitted a proposal dated 1/02/09 (Attachment A) outlining the Town's need for a chipper, his department's research in the quality and cost of chippers that would match the Town's need and his recommendation to purchase the 1998 Gravelly 944 with only 852 service hours. Trustee Bratton stated that this was a worthy project and would greatly assist with open space chipping and wildland mitigation. He felt that the purchase could be paid for from the Town's Colotrust Parks Fund account.
M/S Bratton/Pitrone to authorize the purchase of the 1998 Gravelly Wood Chipper and allocate payment from the Parks Fund Account. All yea

REPORTS: Marshal Ford's report was presented by Deputy David Soyka and entered into the record by Mayor Stevens. Attached to the report were the department's 2008 Calls for Service Compilation totaling 815. **Mayor Stevens: PPACG/PPRTA:** No report. PPRTA requested a letter from the Board appointing the Town's representatives to the PPRTA Board. Both Mayor Stevens and Trustee Bratton agreed to continue. **M/S Useman/Worthey to appoint Tyler S. C. Stevens as the Town's PPRTA Board member and Dick Bratton as the alternate Board member. All yea**

Trustee Pitrone: Public Works / Regional Building Department Public Works Director Robert McArthur's report was entered into the record. McArthur included DPW's Progress Report for July through December 2008. McArthur submitted a copy of a memo he had presented to the Marshal's Office and the local Fire District dated December 2008. The memo addressed a continuing parking concern at the end of Mountain Avenue off of Foster Avenue and the department's inability to effectively plow snow. McArthur stated that emergency response may be an issue because the department cannot plow through to the end of the street. Trustee Bratton requested that the Marshal's department discuss the severity of the homeowners obstructing public right of way from being effectively cleared of snow.

Trustee King: PPACG Alternate / TES Alternate Rep / Admin / Grant Research – King reported that he has sent the information on the materials proposed for the rock wall repairs on the Gazebo island as requested by the State Historical Fund agents and provided to King by Robert McArthur. Trustee Pitrone is designing a light fixture for the top of the Gazebo. King will send the drawings to the State for approval upon Pitrone's completion. It is King's goal to have the State Historical Fund signoff on the restoration project this spring. The landscaping/memorial pavers design is near completion and will be ready for review. This project cannot be started until the Historical Fund signs off on the restoration.

Trustee Useman: Manitou School District 14 - No report.

Trustee Worthey: GIS - No report. Urban Forestry - No report

Trustee Bratton: Bronc Day Liaison/Annual Trails - Bratton stated that his committee will be finished with the GPS and mapping of the Wallace trails in three weeks. He is working with the Colorado Legends and Legacies Youth Corp. This is a crew based employment training program for youth ages 16-24 who work exclusively on public lands throughout seven counties along the Southern Front Range.

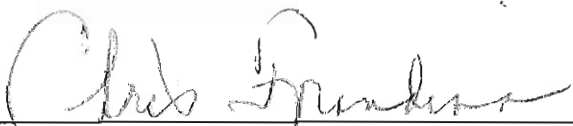
Bratton requested approval from the Board to hold the annual Trail's Day on Saturday, June 13, 2009. Board agreed to the date.

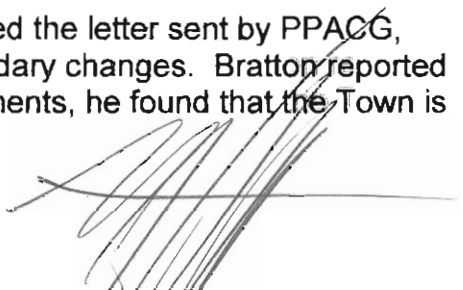
Trustee Newberry: Parks – Newberry reported that she will be attending an upcoming GOCO grant cycle workshop. The Town is working towards submitting a GOCO grant due March 2nd for the tennis court and basketball pad replacement. The Town would be applying for over \$100,000 in grants. GOCO requires 25% in matching funds with 10% of the total cost being a cash match. The clerk asked about the availability of the Parks Fund account for the cash match. Bratton felt it was a viable request but also felt that fundraising was another avenue to pursue. Mayor Stevens pointed out that there will be a lot of competition for private donations this summer, i.e. with resurrecting the Field of Dreams committee and the restoration of the Sally Bush building. Stevens reported that the Field of Dreams group has held three meetings to date and are negotiating a new lease with the property owners. It is the committee's hope to reopen for public use in the near future. Stevens suggested that Newberry follow-up with Neil Katz, El Paso County Manager of Planning for Parks and Leisure Services to see if there is funding available.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Stevens reported that he has been forwarded a 114 page draft IGA document from El Paso County Commissioner Sallie Clark's office. He forwarded to each of the Board members and Town Attorney, Dan Stuart. The IGA discusses the management and conservation of Fountain Creek Watershed. A technical study of the watershed has been a joint effort of PPACG and the Pueblo Area Council of Governments since 2003. The Fountain Creek Vision Task Force was formed in 2006. The IGA contains the framework to create a Fountain Creek Watershed Governing Board and then a special district referred to as the Fountain Creek Watershed District. The City of Pueblo, Colorado Springs, Fountain and El Paso County will have appointed members on the Board of Directors; Monument, Green Mountain Falls, Palmer Lake and Manitou Springs shall not have representation on the Governing Board. Stevens requested that the Clerk set a public hearing for the signing of the IGA. **The clerk** reported that the Marshal's Department would be issuing a summons to a property owner on Ute Pass Avenue for allowing sewer effluent to flow from the property. The Health Department has been in contact with the owner and the Town Clerk. **No other** new business was brought before the Board of Trustees requiring discussion or action.

CORRESPONDENCE: Trustee Bratton stated that he had reviewed the letter sent by PPACG, Stephanie Lind seeking the Town's input on potential census boundary changes. Bratton reported that after going on the website and reviewing the boundary adjustments, he found that the Town is not involved in the adjustments presented.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

ATTEST: 
Chris Frandina, Municipal Clerk


Mayor Tyler S. C. Stevens