

**PLANNING COMMISSION
AND
SPECIAL MEETING
PONCHA SPRINGS BOARD OF TRUSTEES
330 BURNETT AVE., PONCHA SPRINGS, CO**

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2013 - 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Furton, who asked for a roll call. Those present:

Mayor:	Richard Furton
Mayor Pro-tem:	Ben Scanga
Trustees Present:	Aaron Kroschel, Galen Angelo, Ron Slaughter, Rebecca Massey
Town Attorney:	Brad Redmiles - Absent
Town Administrator:	Jerry L'Estrange
Public Works Director:	Greg Smith
Clerk/Treasurer:	Diana Heeney
Visitors:	

Planning Commission

OLD BUSINESS:

Last Look at the Land Use Code Changes Generated from the Public Hearing

Joe DeLuca, Crabtree Group, informed the Board public dedications information in the LUC has been updated. The Board discussed options regarding the "fee in lieu". It was agreed the fee would be included in the town's fee schedule so that it can be updated as needed. DeLuca provided street standard for the LUC. The Board discussed the pros and cons of the designs provided. The Board agreed ditch water usage should be addressed in the LUC so new development would provide a means to get the ditch water from the curb and gutter to the green areas that the water will be used on. The Board agreed a note should be added outlining this. DeLuca will add the note.

Trustee Massey asked if curb and gutter would be required, noting people seem to enjoy the country feel without it. Mayor Furton stated with new development density will trigger the curb and gutter. DeLuca agreed.

Mayor Furton stated he would like review of the code looking at were "shall" can be replaced with "may". DeLuca stated the town cannot be arbitrary, noting new development needs to follow the code, noting latitude through warrants has been implemented in the code. Trustee Kroschel; spoke in favor of "shall" noting if it is not a requirement new development will not do it. DeLuca will take another look at where shall might be replaced. Administrator L'Estrange stated the goal was to adopt the LUC on November 25th at the Board meeting. DeLuca stated he would make every effort to have it ready. L'Estrange will work with the Town Attorney on the ordinance for adoption of the code and the floodplain ordinance.

The Planning Commission meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES –called to order at 7:30 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

DOLA Grant Proposal

Pw Director Smith informed the Board that there are possible grant funds to help with the water main extension across Hwy. 50 when the intersection project gets underway. He stated there is \$20,000 in the 2014 budget for the project, noting this will cover costs to get the main across the highway, and he is applying for DOLA grant funding that would allow all connections associated with the extension. Smith stated there will be connections needed on both north and south sides of the highway to fully loop the main. He stated he will apply for \$42,500 grant funding for a total of \$62,500 to complete the project. Mayor Furton asked if this is material and excavations costs combined. Smith stated yes, he thinks the excavation/material costs to get the main across Hwy. 50 will be less than \$20,000. Smith went on to say he has a verbal agreement with Atmos to share excavating costs across the highway, noting they will extend their line also. Mayor Furton spoke in favor of completing the full project, extending the main and connecting on both north and south sides of the highway. The Board agree Smith should proceed with applying for the grant for the project. Smith stated he estimates the project at \$50,000 but is hedging at \$62,500 to make sure.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

Broadband Partnership

Administrator L’Estrange reported:

As you know Staff has been working for over a year to get some improved Broadband service available to Poncha Springs. Dee was instrumental in this effort, contacting existing Businesses and potential parties, all indicated that improved/faster service would be a catalyst for economic development. Eagle Net who was supposed to bring service to town seems to have fallen off the earth. Representatives of Colorado Central Telecom have been talking with me about setting up equipment, if they can get permission, at the cemetery location that could provide improved service to the whole Town. They have spent their construction money setting up the towers in Salida and at Mount Princeton. A budget for the Poncha site is just under \$10,000 and they inquired if the Town would be interested in a Public/Private Partnership to finance the equipment. We have some grant money that could be put towards a larger grant that could probably cover the cost if you are interested. I’ve had a conversation with Christy regarding this and she is checking to see if there is any funding sources that could help. I just need to know your take on the issue before we go further.

The Board agreed not to support the effort of Colorado Central Telecom.

With no further business the Board meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Diana K. Heeney
Clerk/Treasurer

Approved As To Form and Content:

Richard Furton
Mayor

Attest:

Jerry L'Estrange
Town Administrator