

**REGULAR MEETING  
PONCHA SPRINGS BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
330 BURNETT AVE., PONCHA SPRINGS, CO**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2013 - 6:30 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, Darryl Wilson
Town Attorney:	Brad Redmiles
Town Administrator:	Jerry L'Estrange
Public Works Director:	Greg Smith - Absent
Clerk/Treasurer:	Diana Heeney
Visitors:	Joe Deluca(Crabtree Group), Brian McCabe(Mtn. Mail)

**Items on the agenda will be juggled do to 7 p.m. 2014 Budget Public Hearing**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION: Trustee Slaughter made a motion to approve October 28, 2013 Board meeting minutes, November 4, 2013 Special Board meeting/Executive Session, and November 12, 2013 Planning Commission/Special Board Meeting minutes; seconded by Trustee Massey. Motion carried unanimously.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**4 Alarm Liquors License Renewal**

**MOTION: Mayor Pro-tem Scanga made a motion to approve 4 Alarm Liquors Retail Liquor Store License; seconded by Trustee Slaughter. Motion carried unanimously.**

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

**Update on Chaffee County Housing Summit**

Administrator L'Estrange reported:

*The Housing Summit was attended by 70 people a mix of Municipal, County Staff Representatives of the DOC, Real Estate, Housing Professionals and Elected State Legislators. It was established the affordable housing was a problem in Chaffee County. It was probably the only time you see Representative Jim Wilson and Senator Gail Schwartz in the same room agreeing on a common issue. Poncha is less affected than the other communities because we have some stock of affordable housing and our prices are somewhat lower than BV or Salida. Better jobs with higher wages are an important part of the mix because development costs in our area are unlikely to go down. If you are interested the thirty six page summary report is available from the office.*

### **Action 22 Caucus**

Administrator L'Estrange reported:

*At the November 21, 2013 Action 22 Caucus meeting Terry Scanga and I were reappointed to positions on the Action 22 board. Chaffee County was represented by Frank Holman and is considering rejoining the group.*

### **New Business to Open Soon**

Administrator L'Estrange stated the proposed new gun store is close to opening, hopefully before Christmas.

### **FINANCE:**

Administrator L'Estrange reported:

*Sales tax is on track to meet or exceed our 2013 yearend estimate which is a good sign. General Fund Budget should end in a favorable fashion if we continue to monitor expenditures'. The Water fund will require a Budget Amendment due to additional engineering expense. We can make any needed adjustments at your December meeting.*

**MOTION: Trustee Kroschel made a motion to pay October bills; seconded by Trustee Massey. Motion carried unanimously.**

The Board requested an update on the annual activity of Chaffee County Economic Development as it relates to Poncha Springs. Staff will provide the report for Board review.

### **ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

Attorney Redmiles reported:

- he needs to review the final draft of the Land Use Code before adoption.
- he attended the Sales/Use Tax seminar, it pertained to the tax payer; he did get a couple of ideas on attracting new business to the town.
- the TOMAR Case has agreement to try Friend Family and Richard Chick issues separately in another attempt to get it to the Court of Appeals.

### **PUBLIC HEARING:**

Mayor Furton adjourned the Board meeting and opened the Public Hearing for the 2014 Budget at 7 p.m.

There being no public comment the hearing was closed at 7:02 p.m.

Mayor Furton reconvened the Board meeting at 7:02 p.m.

### **BUDGET DISCUSSION:**

The Board discussed items relative to the 2014 budget:

- Cross Roads Retail Park Lots – Trustee Angelo asked if there has been any interest. Administrator L'Estrange stated it has been slow but the realtor has said there is some interest in two lots; he will keep the Board informed on this.
- chip seal dollars – Mayor Furton stated he feels \$45,000 is needed instead of the \$25,000 that is currently in the 2014 Budget. L'Estrange noted the last budget discussions included not going into reserves, noting this is the reason for the \$25,000 towards chip seal. Trustee Angelo stated he does not feel it should be the town's position to carry a large reserve, he stated he feels the dollars should be put to work on projects for the citizen's benefit. The Board agreed to continue discussions regarding 2014 projects, discussion to include PW Director Smith. Furton stated carrying a half years' worth of reserves could be looked at,

noting currently a full year is being carried. L'Estrange agreed reserves could be used for capital projects if the Board makes this determination.

Administrator L'Estrange asked if the Board was ok with the 2014 Proposed Budget. The Board agreed the 2014 Proposed Budget was ok.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Ordinance #2013- , Adoption of Land Use Code and flood Plain Damage Prevention by Reference**

Tabled until December 9, 2013 Board Meeting.

**Land Use Code Discussion**

Joe DeLuca, Crabtree Group, stated the Land Use Code has been reviewed by Attorney Redmiles. Attorney Redmiles requested a hard copy of the Final Draft for review before adoption. DeLuca will provide the hard copy.

-discussion on major subdivision land dedication; Trustee Angelo asked what the intent of the fee in lieu is. L'Estrange stated this allows the town to develop larger size parks instead of pocket parks, noting maintenance of numerous small parks is also alleviated. DeLuca agreed, noting the cash dollars can be used as a cash match for park/open space development also. Angelo asked if the fee is too low. DeLuca stated he does not think so.

- Board requested change, adding kennels by Warrant in SD1 Zone.

DeLuca will provide the final draft of the code to Attorney Redmiles for review.

With no further business the Board meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Diana K. Heeney  
Clerk/Treasurer

Approved As To Form and Content:

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Richard Furton  
Mayor

Attest:

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Jerry L'Estrange  
Town Administrator