



**TOWN OF LARKSPUR  
MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
6:00 P.M.  
Town Hall**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Mayor Gerry Been called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**ROLL CALL:**

<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>NON-VOTING</b>
Jeremiah Holmes	Joseph Jeske	Town Attorney- Dan Krob
Jennelle VanGorder		Town Clerk/Manager-
Lester Burch		Matt Krimmer
Sandy McKeown		
Mayor Pro-tem Matias Cumsille		
Mayor Gerry Been		

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Recited.

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Florence Burch, Janet Been, Kristin Cutbirth, Paul Grant, Ann Trueblood

**UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES:** **Ann Trueblood** addressed the Council stating her intent to purchase water and sewer taps for the property at 9505 Spruce Mountain Road, Lot 5-A1, paying the water tap fee in full and connecting immediately. She then asked if she could make payments on the sewer tap and not connect until it was fully paid for. Ann informed the Council of her intent to put a single family residence on the property in future. Upon questioning by several Council members and discussion on payment for the sewer tap Ann stated she anticipated making payments of around \$250 per month until paid off in approximately 28 months. Council determined the request to be acceptable however asked a written agreement be executed and approved by the applicant and the Town. Matt will consult with the Town Attorney to prepare the agreement. Ann submitted a written copy of the proposal to the Town Clerk.

**Florence Burch** provided information regarding electronic fence netting to protect properties from Bears and other wildlife. Florence recommended the Town investigate its possible use at the dump and elsewhere.

**Janet Been** informed Council of Mayor Been and her attendance at a wildfire mitigation workshop on May 24<sup>th</sup> and presented informational materials received from the workshop. She suggested Town staff review and save the information for use in performing wildfire mitigation activities in the Town.

**SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES:** None.

**NEW TOWN HALL:** Matt presented updates on the status of the interior and exterior remodeling including the completion of rewiring the building with cat 6 cabling for phones, internet, and computers. Landscaping will be addressed once remodeling is completed and exterior maintenance will be performed by the Town's maintenance staff. The "town hall bear" restoration should be completed next week.

**NEW WELL PROJECT:** Mayor Been informed Council the grading work is essentially complete with some minor work remaining due to weather conditions. The Mayor also noted as of noon today the drillers have reached the 1400 foot level and they expect to reach 1800 feet by Saturday. Matt informed Council of project team meetings held on May 30<sup>th</sup> and June 4<sup>th</sup> to discuss drilling status and infrastructure design. Matt and Kevin Archer will walk the AFHR and CRF properties west of the new well site on Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup> to determine the feasibility of running the water pipeline through those properties from the new well site on Douglas Blvd to the tank farm and current well site as a cost saving measure and to maximize accessibility between sites. Matt also informed Council a budget and additional financing meeting is being planned for next week.

**TOWN PARK UPDATE:** Matt informed Council that new wood chips have been added to the playgrounds and reminded everyone of the Spring Into Summer event on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Matt also informed Council that locks have been placed on the water spigots in the Park to prevent the loss of water and creation of mud puddles as a result of people not shutting off the spigots properly. Locks will be removed for park events and facility reservation if requested.

**SEMOCOR REPORT:** Paul Grant presented the Semocor Report deferred from the May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**MINUTES:** Matt presented minutes from the April 17<sup>th</sup>, May 1<sup>st</sup>, and May 15<sup>th</sup> meetings for Council approval.

**Matias Cumsille made a motion to approve the Council meeting minutes from April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The motion was seconded by Sandy McKeown. A roll call vote was taken. Six (6) in favor, zero (0) against; motion carried.**

**Matias Cumsille made a motion to approve the Council meeting minutes from May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014. The motion was seconded by Jennelle VanGorder. A roll call vote was taken. Six (6) in favor, zero (0) against; motion carried.**

**Sandy McKeown made a motion to approve the Council meeting minutes from May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The motion was seconded by Jeremiah Holmes. A roll call vote was taken. Four (4) in favor, zero (0) against, two (2) abstentions (Jennelle VanGorder, Matias Cumsille); motion carried.**

**CONTINUING BUSINESS:**

- **Directional Sign update:** Mayor Been stated he will be following up on the directional signs with Castle Rock.
- Matt reminded Council of the need to address a water rate increase and/or capital improvement surcharges this year.

**LEGAL UPDATES:** None. Matt noted there are three legal items to be addressed as soon as he has time to present them to the attorneys.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Matt informed Council of a meeting requested by Peoples Bank representatives who offered the Town low interest loan opportunities for projects including additional funding for the new well if needed. They are very interested in expanding their relationship as business partners not only with the Town government but also businesses in Town. Matt noted that at their request he provided an introduction to Jellystone campground owner Ian Steyn.

Matt addressed the matter of mobile food vendors requesting permission to set up in the Park and elsewhere since the Town currently does not regulate or gain revenue from them other than from business/sales tax licensing and sales tax revenue. A brief discussion followed and it was agreed to impose a daily fee of \$25 for operation on town property.

**A motion was made by Sandy McKeown and seconded by Matias Cumsille to establish a vendor fee of \$25/day for mobile food vendors to vend on Town property. This fee is in addition to the business/sales tax license fee and payment of sales taxes on products sold. A roll call vote was taken. Six (6) in favor, zero (0) against; motion carried.**

Matt reported the opening of a new business, Blue Star Towing & Recovery, at 410 Plum Creek Avenue. They will be fencing the property and adding a small mobile office. The primary function of the business is repossession of vehicles from owners delinquent on their loan payments.

Matt also reported the potential of a craft brewery opening in Town and the development of Larkspur Adventure Park at the campground. The Adventure Park is a multiple “zip lines” network for all ages and is similar to ones elsewhere in the State and around the country. The owner owns several others including one at Heritage Square in Golden and is working with Ian Steyn to build the facility as part of the campground’s outdoor recreation facilities.

#### **MANAGERS REPORT:**

**Town Cleanup Day** – Matt asked Mayor Been to comment on the outcome of cleanup day on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Mayor Been informed Council it went very well and recognized the volunteers working that day, Arlen Goertzen, Joe Jeske, Tia Jeske, Vernice Fesing, Janet Been and Bill Fischer.

**Donna White Memorial Service** – Matt informed Council of a memorial service for longtime resident Donna White who passed away on May 18<sup>th</sup>. The service will be held on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. at New Covenant Church.

**Water Shut Offs** – Matt provided an update on the water tap shut offs informing Council only two remain unpaid.

**Senior Advisory Council public meeting** – Matt updated Council on the outcome of the Senior Advisory Council public meeting held this morning at LFPD. There were around 45 attendees and the subject matter and presentation were very well received. Janet Been will be replacing Kristin Cutbirth as the Town’s representative.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:** Matias Cumsille asked about the shredathon mentioned by Krisitin Cutbirth at the last meeting. Matt explained that as had been done previously,

once the files at Town Hall eligible for destruction were ready to be shredded that area residents would be invited to bring their documents for shredding on the day the Town hired shredding contractor was on site. A small fee may be charged based upon how much material someone wanted to have shredded. Matias thought this was a good community project and suggested the Town hold something like that yearly. Matias also asked about the gravel roads in the Pines and Mayor Been noted it was discussed at the last meeting and everyone agreed the roads were better and best left alone at this time. Matias asked about placing available commercial properties on the web site and Matt explained he will address the matter as soon as time permits. Matias also raised the matter of vehicles not stopping at the stop sign and suggested it was too low for motorists to see. Mayor Been noted the sign was not at the approved height requested Matt have the sign raised to the correct height. Matias mentioned he had been approached by William Lucero regarding the water spigot in the Park between the picnic shelter and the large playground as being a safety hazard because his great granddaughter ran into it and bruised her cheek. Matt commented he was aware of Mr. Lucero's concern and felt the spigot, which has been there for over five years, was not a matter requiring action. He informed Council he discussed the matter with Mr. Lucero and also CIRSA, the Town's insurance company, and referred Mr. Lucero to CIRSA for confirmation. Matias stated no further discussion was needed.

**Sandy McKeown** asked about the number of participants in last weekend's Insanity Mud Run. Matt responded that based on the number of heats and number runners per heat he estimated over 2000 runners for the event. Sandy asked about Mayor Been's credit card charges for the town's smart phone, the town truck, and the trailer. Mayor Been explained each charge and Sandy stated more forethought should go into these types of charges to keep costs down. Sandy also asked about some charges made by Council member Joe Jeske and Matt explained they were primarily for town park and maintenance items and many were one time purchases to stock tools needed by the Town which have been lacking for many years.

**MAYORS COMMENTS:** None.

**A motion was made by Matias Cumsille and seconded by Jennelle VanGorder to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote 6-0-0 and Mayor Been adjourned the Council meeting at 7:30 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Matt Krimmer  
Town Clerk/Manager

These minutes are only a summary of the proceedings of the meeting. They are not intended to be comprehensive or to include each statement, person speaking or to portray with complete accuracy. The most accurate record of the meeting is the digital recording of the meeting, maintained in the office of the Town Clerk.