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REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

Mayor Keairns called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustees present for roll call were Trustees Erwin, Fowler, Klinke, Blanken, and Davis.

MINUTES:

Trustee Davis moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on April 7, 2010, as presented. Trustee Blanken seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Trustee Davis moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on April 10, 2010 as amended. Trustee Blanken seconded.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Board acknowledged receipt of the treasurer's report and financial report.

OLD BUSINESS:

APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEE:

Trustee Davis moved to appoint Tracy Webb to the vacant trustee position. Trustee Fowler seconded the motion.

Trustee Erwin asked that if anyone else had been the next highest vote getter would the Board feel the same way regarding the appointment. Several board members state that they would.

Roll call vote was as follows: Trustee Erwin, aye; Trustee Fowler, aye; Trustee Klinke, nay; Trustee Blanken, aye; Trustee Davis, aye; Mayor Keairns, nay. The vote was 4 aye, 2 nay. Motion carried.

Tracy Webb took the Oath of Office and took her seat with the Board.

APPOINTMENT OF TOWN CLERK:

Trustee Erwin moved to appoint Nancy Culbreath as Town Clerk until the next regular election. Trustee Blanken seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

TERMINATION OF HUERFANO COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY LEASE:

Trustee Blanken moved to terminate the lease dated January 1, 2006 between the Town of La Veta and the Huerfano County Historical Society for the museum grounds and buildings. Trustee Davis seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

CGRS – Site Assessment for Fuel Farm:

After discussion regarding the fuel tanks and liability issues, Trustee Klinke moved to contract with CGRS for \$20,000. Trustee Fowler seconded the motion. Trustee Klinke amended his motion to contract with CGRS for the removal and site assessment and to approve the compliance agreement and payment of a \$400.00 fine and authorizing the Mayor to sign the compliance agreement and contract. Trustee Fowler seconded the amended motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

JIM AND PEGGY HOOBLER – BURN PERMIT REQUEST:

Mr. and Mrs. Hoobler requested to be allowed to burn a pile of limbs they had accumulated over the course of a number of years, although the Town did not allow burning within the Town limits. It was determined that the Fire District and some Town trustees would go look at the pile of limbs at Mr. and Mrs. Hoobler and make a decision at the next meeting.

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Mr. Hoobler also discussed the need for Town clean up and offered to take a dump truck to homes where people needed the clean up limbs, allowing them to load the truck and then would pick it up and take it to the Town's burn pile outside of the Town limits.

During the conversation a number of ideas were discussed and the Board agreed to schedule a Town clean up date and provide a roll off dumpster for May 14th and May 15th, as it had in past years.

APPOINTMENTS TO FRANCISCO FORT MUSEUM BOARD:

The Board had received letters of interest to serve on the Francisco Fort Museum Board including Edna Schmidt, Peggy Arnold-Hoobler and Jesse Yarbrough.

Trustee Fowler moved to appoint Edna Schmidt, Peggy Arnold-Hoobler and Jesse Yarbrough to the Francisco Fort Museum Board. Trustee Webb seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

BRIAN ORR – HUERFANO WORLD JOURNAL – LEGAL PUBLICATIONS:

Mr. Orr asked the Board to consider the Huerfano World Journal for their legal publications. The Board consensus was to put the legal publications out to bid with The Signature and Huerfano World Journal and place bid opening for May 4, 2010.

PARK MAINTENANCE POSITION:

Trustee Erwin moved to place an ad in the newspaper for the park maintenance position with applications due by May 4, 2010. Trustee Webb seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

There was additional conversations by the audience regarding community service by youth, program to help people who weren't able to clean up their property and adopting flower beds to tend.

BOB KENNEMER:

Mr. Kennemer congratulated the new Board that thanked the prior board. Mr. Kennemer spoke to the Board regarding classes for elected officials through CML and other entities that were very good and provided great information for elected officials.

Mr. Kennemer then spoke to the Board regarding Grandote, stating that he saw it as an asset to the community, but talked to the Board about insuring that Grandote paid for upgrades to the system and not to burden the citizens of the Town with those costs.

BOARD REPORTS:

HPC: The minutes of the HPC meeting had been provided to the Board. Trustee Davis requested the Board consider a variance for Dwight and Madi Nelson at the Fine Art Gallery at 220 S. Main for a 6" height variance for an awing and variance over the sidewalk.

Trustee Davis moved to approve a variance for 220 S. Main for a variance over Town property and a 6" height variance for an awing. Trustee Klinke seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

TREE BOARD: Chairwoman Barb Kowalik spoke to what the Park and Tree Board would be working on this year. A discussion about needing stump grinding done, which would need to be done by Chris. Carl Shunk, a tree board member, stated that he would do the stump grinding if Chris could train him. There was further discussion regarding liability issues.

COMMITTEES:

Museum:

- A workshop was scheduled with George French for Friday, April 23, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. to be held at the Museum to review a proposed project.

Streets and Alleys:

- A workshop was scheduled for Monday, April 26, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at Town Hall. Chris Knowles was to be notified.

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- David Rinehart asked about the issue of who was responsible to clean the culvert on Main Street, noting that Trustee Davis had said it was the State Highway Department who was responsible, when in fact the Statutes stated the Town was responsible. Trustee Davis noted that he was waiting for a return call from the State Highway Department to clarify responsibility on the matter.

Police, Code Enforcement and Building:

- There was no report.

Water and Sewer:

- Trustee Fowler reported that the Town had agreed last year to put in a sewer tap for the cemetery district, but will replace the holding tank instead due to costs to put in the line (approximately \$26,000) or a holding tank (\$3,500). The cemetery district will be responsible for pumping the tank when necessary.
- The State dam inspector had been in to do the annual dam inspection.
- It was noted that a monthly or quarterly report for the water and wastewater employees would be nice to have to review.

Personnel:

- Trustee Erwin noted that a personnel committee meeting had been posted for Tuesday, April 27, 2010 beginning at 5:00 p.m. to speak to employees.

Finance:

- Trustee Erwin noted that she had received a copy of the budget but had not yet had time to review it.

Mayor Keairns noted that he had attended the 911 Authority Board meeting.

The Board was reminded that they had a workshop and interviews scheduled for Thursday, April 22, 2010 at Town Hall.

The Board scheduled a special meeting on April 26, 2010 for an executive session at 11:00 a.m. to have a telephone conference with legal counsel Larry Berkowitz regarding a mediation hearing on May 6, 2010. The Board will also discuss correspondence from Grandote.

BILLS:

GENERAL FUND		
30448	Insurance Associates of Estes	\$ 15,063.00
30449	Canon Fire Equipment	\$ 271.00
30450	Paul Morgan Excavating, Inc.	\$ 2,200.00
30451	Arbor Day Foundation	\$ 15.00
30452	Newman Traffic Signs	\$ 526.60
30453	Oil & Public Safety	\$ 400.00
30454	CenturyLink	\$ 632.57
30455	Colorado Machinery	\$ 117.58
30456	Great American Leasing Corp.	\$ 62.72
30457	Grimshaw & Harring	\$ 6,988.63
30458	Lila Manzanares	\$ 390.00
30459	SE&EC Recycling Association	\$ 471.24
30460	Verizon Wireless	\$ 104.90
30461	Museum I & M Savings	\$ 2,534.47
30462	Streets & Alleys Savings	\$ 2,534.47
30463	Community Bank of Colorado	\$ 632.72
30464	Jerry Bumgarner	\$ 835.49
30465	Nancy Culbreath	\$ 37.62
30466	FPPA	\$ 656.06
30467	Tom Lessar	\$ 132.98
30468	Family Support Registry	\$ 207.00
30469	Jason Vaughan	\$ 747.56
30470	Jason Vaughan	\$ 41.04
30471	Harold Willburn	\$ 1,192.92
	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 36,795.57
WATER FUND		
7272	Insurance Associates of Estes	\$ 2,360.00
7273	Cliff Brice	\$ 67.88

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7274	Colorado River Engineering	\$ 1,836.04
7275	Interstate Chemical Company	\$ 1,067.50
7276	General Checking	\$ 594.82
7277	General Checking	\$ 17.40
7278	Community Bank of Colorado	\$ 1,437.57
7279	CJ Bynum	\$ 738.06
7280	US Postmaster	\$ 142.52
7281	Rob Saint-Peter	\$ 1,032.41
7282	Shannon Shrout	\$ 935.87
	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 10,230.07
SEWER FUND		
2586	Insurance Associates of Estes	\$ 430.00
2587	Tech Control, LTD	\$ 275.00
2588	General Checking	\$ 481.48
2589	Community Bank of Colorado	\$ 1,287.60
2590	Nancy Culbreath	\$ 916.94
2591	Chris Knowles	\$ 941.05
	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 4,332.07

Trustee Webb moved to pay the bills. Trustee Fowler seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mayor Keairns adjourned the meeting at 9:14 p.m.

Don Keairns, Mayor

Nancy Culbreath, town clerk