CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Mahoney
         Trustee White
         Trustee Bristow
         Trustee Tapey
         Trustee Coen

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Jeffery
        Trustee Wescott

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Trustee White seconded by Trustee Coen to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

PROCLAMATIONS

a. National Police Week 2023
b. Public Works Week 2023

Mayor Mahoney read each proclamation and proclaimed May 14-20, 2023 as National Police Week, and May 21-27, 2023 as Public Works Week.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ernestina Gallegos, 537 Vista Boulevard, expressed the urgency of a getting a public library in Lochbuie. Currently, Lochbuie does not have a recreation center, library, youth geared non-profit or a place for collective activities. She sees the needs of the youth at her job as a teacher as well as in the neighborhood, and sees that Lochbuie would be greatly impacted by the presence of a library as it can lead to a healthier, more centered, and social lifestyle. She was ecstatic to hear talk of a Lochbuie library

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and was excited for her family and for the youth and families she works with. So, when she heard that the Town Board and Library Board were having trouble with an agreement, she was crushed. There are libraries in neighboring communities, however, not all families have the ability to visit them. A library in Lochbuie means more access for all of our community members.

LuDonna Busby, 550 Hermosa Street, stated that she is pro marijuana sales in Lochbuie. She has lived here for six years and watched other cities benefit from this new and exciting change. Our community needs and deserves a recreation center and a library, and this would be a great way to make it happen.

Audra Ross, 336 Cherry Street, stated that Lochbuie needs amenities for kids and could really benefit from marijuana sales and tax dollars, and she votes yes. We need more for kids to do, like a library.

John Niles, 336 Cherry Street, stated that Lochbuie needs amenities for kids and could really benefit from marijuana sales and tax dollars. He votes yes.

Quin Trujillo, 725 Indigo Street, is in favor of the sale of marijuana in Town and thinks it will bring in much needed revenue to make repairs and keep Lochbuie moving forward with the times.

Jayde Vanner, 325 Ravine Way, stated that she is voting yes on marijuana sales in Lochbuie.

Cliff Ball, 325 Ravine Way, is voting yes on marijuana sales in Lochbuie.

Carole Upton Ott, 803 Spruce Place, stated that the Town has been working for 13 years to get a library. It is not because the Town does not want it, we have not been able to get High Plains to allow it. On the Building B Policy, is the deposit $1200.00 or $200.00? As far as the building code, this is an overreach by the state to force a green agenda on everyone. The unfunded mandates force costs on individuals who are not interested. She urges approval of the 2021 codes and to let the new code requirements play out in the courts. When we have to go to them, we will. On May 2nd, the board approved drafting policy for sales of marijuana in Lochbuie, which has been turned down twice. Once by advisory vote, and once by survey. Three trustees addressed this in the trustee comment section. Legislation by the board to approve this would be a slap in the face to the voters of Lochbuie. Personally, she thinks the sales would be good for the town, but would not use personal opinion to overrule the voters. She would like to see a motion made to table the drafting of any issues regarding the sale, use, or growth of legal marijuana until the majority of the electors of the Town approve it.

Steve Ward, 910 Sunrise Drive, stated that as a citizen of 16 years here, he fully supports a library. There is the Hudson Branch, and a new branch in Greeley. It seems that High Plains is successful and he is not pleased to hear about any issues. His three children were raised here and instead of traveling to a library, it would be great to have one here. With all the growth, he feels as though we deserve one. They offer a lot of services that residents would be more aware of. He inquired if the Citizen’s Police Academy would be coming back.

Katelynn Trujillo, 725 Indigo Street, shared that she is for marijuana sales in town. She also thinks we need to think about having medical marijuana sales so that people can access it locally. This could help with getting a library and a recreation center. She is growing a family here and would love to watch the Town grow as well.

CONSENT AGENDA

Any item listed on the Consent Agenda can be removed upon request from any member of the Town Board. For the benefit of our audience, the mayor will read the items remaining on the Consent Agenda prior to the Board’s vote.

a. Payment Approval Report ($282,107.04)

b. May 2, 2023 Minutes

c. Resolution 2023-19 Approving 2023 Amendments to the 2017 Building B Community Room Public Usage Policy

d. Resolution 2023-20 Approving the Purchase of a 2023 Vermeer CV573SGT VAC Trailer Pursuant to an Agreement Between the Town of Lochbuie and Vermeer Sales and Service of Colorado and Wyoming

Motion made by Trustee Coen seconded by Trustees Bristow to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

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**ACTION ITEMS**

a. Public Hearing and consideration for final approval of Ordinance 2023-682, Amending Article I of Chapter 18 of the Lochbuie Municipal Code by adopting by reference:
   - The International Plumbing Code, 2021 Edition with amendments, published by the International Code Council; and
   - The International Energy Conservation Code, 2021 Edition, published by the International Code Council at the address above, with amendments; and
   - The National Electrical Code NFPA 70, 2023 Edition, as currently adopted by the State of Colorado; and setting forth in full the penalty provisions for violations thereof.

Mayor Mahoney opened the public hearing at 6:51 PM.

Tim Moroney, Safebuilt Building Official, stated that this ordinance is proposing to adopt the 2021 Energy Code, 2021 Plumbing Code, and the 2023 Electric Code. The plumbing and electric codes must be adopted within a year of the state adopting the codes. The Town is proposing to adopt these three codes now because the state has adopted legislation stating that if any code is adopted after July 1st, 2023, the most current energy code must be adopted. The most current energy code includes the sweep and stretch code and the Governor’s electrification proposal. Our opinion is that the 2021 codes would be the least impactful for Lochbuie.

Mayor Mahoney inquired what the sweep and stretch codes include.

Tim Moroney shared that a good example of the mandates in the sweep and stretch code is that every garage must have an EV charger. If a driveway is being used as a mandated parking space, it would need an EV charger as well. If any water heater, furnace, stove, or fireplaces are replaced, they must have electrical surgeons running to the appliance, even if the appliance is gas. In 2025, there will be a State Energy Board created, so we are recommending the 2021 code to be adopted now to provide time to prepare to what the state will mandate.

Trustee Tapey inquired if in preparing for these changes if there is a possibility some of the mandates will be changed or stricken.

Tim Moroney stated that there is always a possibility of the proposal being changed. Some of the mandates could make things more efficient, but the cost is higher.

Larry Strock, 840 Lonewolf Circle, stated that its been found that children have been given asthma because of gas stoves and gas appliances. A lot of these codes should be for new builds, and should not be enforced for pre-existing buildings. To run a line for an EV unit is expensive, but right now you need to go with that. The energy and conservation code is mind boggling when you first read it, but if you read it through it is common sense.


Mayor Mahoney closed the public hearing at 7:03 PM.

**STAFF REPORTS**

A. Finance/Treasurer

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B. Police

Chief McCoy shared that there are two officers in training, and one just finished and is working tonight. Public Safety Day is this Saturday if anyone would like to attend. The department would like to offer the Citizen’s Academy again. During Covid it stopped, and now that the department is fully staffed again, they’d like to work on getting the program back in the works.

C. Water/Wastewater

Wayne Ramey, Ramey Environmental, stated that last month they had 3200 pounds of BOD, which takes up 84% capacity for the Wastewater plant. They’re catching up on dewatering and the water plant has seen a drop from this time last year. This is due to it being too cold for people to start up their sprinkler systems. Now there is more of a water demand, but there was not in April. The plants have everything ready to go for summer use. They’re waiting on some quotes for new equipment and they’ll be brought to the Board of Trustees as soon as they’re completed.

D. Public Works

Chris Larson, Public Works Director, shared that the loader is back in service, and they were able to rebuild the parts in house. The F600 arrived to Greeley, and we are hoping for delivery sometime from August to October. Cocal Landscaping is near completed in their design for the conservation garden at the farmhouse in Bella Vista. The road striping and pavement marking should be scheduled in the 3-4 weeks. The County Road 2 construction is progressing on the south side, and is maintaining their schedule. Staff submitted comments on the north side construction plans, and anticipate approving those plans in the near future. Spring Clean Up Days are Friday and Saturday this week. An RFP to get a contractor for street sweeping is in the works.

E. Community Development

Brian McBroom, Town Administrator, shared that in the coming weeks the board would see some approvals for subdivision improvement agreements. One is an updated agreement for Silver Peaks, and one is a new agreement for QuikTrip. Christopher Kennedy, Community Development Director, provided some information regarding these agreements in his report in advance of them being in a future packet.

F. Town Clerk

Heather Meierkort, Town Clerk, had updates on a liquor license, CML registration, and the AquaHawk utility program.

G. Human Resources

Jhazmin Thomas, Human Resources Manager, shared that the Town has one vacancy, but the Police Department is fully staffed. Communication has been sent out for Safety Day and Clean Up Days, and we are hoping for a good turn out on both. She has been working on ID badges for employees as well as a policy for the badges to increase safety.

H. Town Administrator

Brian McBroom stated that SB 273 raised concerns with us that it might limit our ability to use urban renewal as a tool in agricultural areas that could potentially be annexed into town. It looks like the bill will not apply to us, though, and the governor may veto it. We are waiting on some clarification.

MAYOR AND TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Tapey reported that there are people riding ATVs at high rates of speed in the field in front of Silver Peaks. On the new water tower, is there a possibility of leasing space for any cell towers?

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Trustee White inquired if it is possible to put information out about the South Beebe Draw bill and explain to residents that they do need to pay that bill. She was not able to locate the zoom link for this meeting on the Town website, and there was not a link in the calendar.

Trustee Coen thanked all the residents who came to voice their opinions on topics we have going on. She appreciates hearing your voice and what you want in terms of direction for the board.

Mayor Mahoney thanked residents for coming in and speaking, this was a fuller house than we have had in a while.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Trustee Coen seconded by Trustee White to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Mahoney adjourned the meeting at 7:18 PM.

_The Board may convene a lawfully called executive session at any time during a regular or special meeting of the Board._

Heather Meierkort
Town Clerk

Michael Mahoney
Mayor

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