

January 11, 2023

Present:	Mayor:	Larry Sitts
	Trustees:	Blaine Ice
		Vance Brian
		Casey Rushton
		Calvin Melcher
		Bill Kissell
		Rod Swisher-remote
Dale Willhite	Town Resident	
Rick Rigel	Arkansas River Power Authority (ARPA), General Manager	
Randy Holland	Town Administrator	
Megan Jara	Town Clerk/Treasurer	

2023 Public Hearing for Liquor License Application by UPOP Holdings, LLC. for J.R.'s Country Store. Mayor Pro-tempore Vance Brian called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m., opening the Public Hearing for any public comments regarding the Liquor License Application of Transfer of Ownership for J.R.'s Country Store located at 118 E. Colorado Street. Roll was called. Mayor Larry Sitts was absent. Public attendees were: Rodney Hazen, Austin Hazen, and Dale Willhite. No public comment was made. Trustee Melcher motioned to adjourn the Public Hearing at 7:03 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Kissell. Motion carried 6-0.

Remote Participation. Trustee Rod Swisher requested permission for remote participation. Trustee Rushton motioned to approve Trustees Swisher's request for remote participation. Seconded by Trustee Melcher. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Vance Brian presided over the regular meeting of the Holly Board of Trustees on the above date at 7:04 p.m. Roll was called. Mayor Larry Sitts was absent. All present gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions to the Agenda. None.

Minutes, December 7, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Trustee Rushton motioned to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2022 Regular Board Meeting. Seconded by Trustee Melcher. Motion carried 6-0.

Approval of Current Bills. Trustee Swisher motioned to approve current bills subject to review of the Finance Committee on January 12, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. Seconded by Trustee Ice. Motion carried 6-0.

Notices and Communications. Thank you cards from the staff, in appreciation of annual raises and appreciation gift.

Public Appearances. None.

Reports. Police Commissioner Report. Report was available for review. **Clerk/Treasurer's Report.** November's financials were presented. **Library Report.** November's count of patron visits and checked out material was available. Internet cable failed from the basement and working on transitioning to upgrade internet, since AVNA will be obsolete in March.

Mayor Larry Sitts and Town Administrator Randy Holland arrived at 7:20 p.m.

Administrator Report. Administrator Holland reported: letter was mailed to Sheriff stating Board of Trustees' intention to let the contract end December 31, 2022 without renewal, later received a response and media announcement, Atmos has not returned calls so probably won't get streets repaired until spring, Quantum Pump & Control will be returning to replace the used VFD on the East Well and put one on the South Well. Working with JDS Hydro to convert wells to liquid chlorine rather than gas, bucket truck inspections were completed with no problems, air dryer on Digger Truck has been repaired so the air brakes will work properly, Administrator registered for full week training at annual Rural

Water Conference in April, and one day for Tysh, attended PEP meeting and was appointed Town's delegate, installed transformer and cutout at Raymond Rodriguez, will be running secondary service as soon as customer meter loop is inspected, started up generators and trucks are ready for snowy weather, Lamar Light and Power will be coming down to replace transformer rack behind Post Office which will require power off, had water and well issues around Christmas with negative degree temperatures, 4th quarter water samples completed, put away Christmas decorations, have a student working under the school's work study program, he works a couple hours per day, cleaning generators and helped put away Christmas lights, and just made a hire for full time employee to start next week. Mayor Pro-tempore Brian passed the meeting over to Mayor Sitts. Trustee Melcher motioned to approve all reports as given. Trustee Ice seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Old or Unfinished Business. None.

New Business. **Transfer of Ownership – UPOP Holdings, LLC Liquor License Transfer of Ownership Application.** Trustee Ice motioned to approve the Transfer of Ownership for UPOP Holdings at J.R.'s Country Store. Seconded by Trustee Brian. Roll call vote. Motion carried 6-0. **Rick Rigel- ARPA Net Metering.** Rick Rigel explained the net metering statutory requirements, which exempt municipal utility providers. Rigel explained ARPA's Renewable Distributed Generation Policy and that members may self-supply up to 5% of their annual energy consumption with renewables, but are capped at 22% of a rolling 3 year average. The net metering or member's customer excess kWh must be reported and will result in a credit at "avoided cost" rate or .05 cents per kWh to the member, which may be passed to the producing customer or however the Board pleases. Large installations for renewables are subject to a purchase power agreement and residential and commercial limits are consistent with state net metering statutes but could be reviewed upon an application. **Engineer Professional Services- JDS Hydro \$11,000 Well Liquid Chlorine Conversion.** Trustee Ice motioned to approve the quote from JDS Hydro not to exceed \$11,000 for the liquid chlorine conversion of the East and South Wells. Seconded by Trustee Rushton. Roll call vote. Motion carried 6-0. **Resolution 2023-1- A Resolution of the Town of Holly, Colorado Designating the Official Public Notice Location and the Official Newspaper of General Circulation.** Trustee Brian motioned to approve Resolution 2023-1. Seconded by Trustee Melcher. Roll call vote. Motion carried 6-0. **Appointments: Town Attorney – Phil Malouff, Municipal Judge – Kim Verhoeff, Finance Committee - Larry Sitts, Vance Brian, Blaine Ice.** Trustee Melcher motioned to approve the appointments as listed. Seconded by Trustee Rushton. Roll call vote. Motion carried 6-0. **Attorney Phil Malouff – Policing.** Administrator Holland explained that he and Mayor Larry Sitts, attended the Town of Granada Board of Trustee meeting, to speak to the Board and Police Dept. It was a very preliminary discussion to open communication on policing options that may help both communities. Holland suggested Trustees consider if a combined department would be beneficial for both communities. Granada Board is willing to have a conversation. Holland explained, 911-emergency calls will continue to be directed to the Prowers County Sheriff, and the Mayor has no power; he cannot enforce state or federal laws as would a police officer. The Board of Trustees opted to seek legal advice from Attorney Phil Malouff in Executive Session. **Ordinance No. 550 – An Ordinance Regulating Size and Quantity of Propane Tanks within the Town Limits of the Town of Holly, Colorado.** Tabled until completed by Attorney. **Executive Session.** Trustee Ruston motioned to enter Executive Session, according to C.R.S 24-6-402(4)(b) Attorney Client Privilege at 8:30 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Brian. Roll call vote. Motion carried 6-0. Trustee Melcher motioned to exit Executive Session at 9:15 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Ice. Roll call vote. Motion carried 6-0.

Adjournment. Trustee Rushton motioned to adjourn at 9:16 p.m.

/s/ Larry Sitts, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Megan Jara, Clerk/Treasurer