

**Collbran Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, July 13, 2017**  
**Special Meeting**  
**6:00 PM Collbran Town Hall**

Mayor Sturm called the Special Meeting of July 13, 2017 of the Collbran Board of Trustees to order at 6:00pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**PRESENT ON ROLL CALL:** Trustees Evans, Pell, P. Sturm, Schowalter, and Mayor V. Sturm.

**ABSENT:** none

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Administrator Farrar, Town Clerk/Treasurer Phillips, and Marshal Appelhanz.

**ORDINANCE NO. 3, SERIES 2017 – AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF COLLBRAN, COLORADO, AMENDING SECTION 9.03.010(a) OF THE COLLBRAN MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING IN-TOWN AND OUT OF TOWN WATER AND SEWER RATES AND FEES**

Mayor V. Sturm explained that the staff prepared new versions of the utility rate ordinance which reduce the previously approved user fees primarily by funding depreciation for the water and sewer funds at 70%, and at 50%. Trustee Evans said he supports the ordinance funding depreciation at 50% and the Trustees should re-address it in one year to consider another increase to fund depreciation at 70%. Admin. Farrar said that the 50% depreciation ordinance has a base charge for water of \$10.00, Tier 1 is \$5.50 per thousand gallons for the first 6,000 gallons per unit, Tier 2 is \$6.20 per thousand gallons for the next 6,000 gallons used, and Tier 3 is \$7.15 per thousand gallons for the next 6,000 gallons or more. Trustee Schowalter agreed with the 50% funding of depreciation version, but would like to address alternatives during budget time, so if a change is made, it could be completed in the winter when use is low and it would not affect customers as significantly. She proposed raising the base charge by \$2.00 each January to increase revenue, but also to prevent it from impacting customers as much as an increase to the tiered rate structure. Trustees P. Sturm and Pell agreed to address the rates again sooner than one year from now. Trustee Pell said he supports the tier structure. He suggested that when it is necessary to raise rates, the Trustees do so by raising the tiers by a percentage, not just increase the base rate. He stated that he supports the ordinance funding 50% of depreciation version. Trustee Evans said that he agrees to look at the rates during budget time.

**MOTION:** Trustee Evans moved to approve Ordinance No. 3, Series 2017 using the \$10.00 base charge for water, \$5.50 Tier 1 charge per thousand gallons, \$6.24 Tier 2 charge per thousand gallons, \$7.15 Tier 3 charge per thousand gallons, and each tier increment should be 6,000 gallons per the ordinance; seconded by Trustee P. Sturm.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** 5 Yes votes – Pell, P. Sturm, Schowalter, Evans, and V. Sturm. 0 No votes. Motion passed.

**ADJOURN**

**MOTION:** Mayor V. Sturm moved to adjourn the Town of Collbran Board of Trustees Special Meeting of July 13, 2017; seconded by Trustee P. Sturm.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** 5 Yes votes – P. Sturm, Schowalter, Evans, Pell, and V. Sturm. 0 No votes. Motion passed.

The Special Meeting adjourned at 6:07pm.

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Approved

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Attest