

**TOWN OF AULT, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF
AULT, COLORADO. MEETING HELD IN THE TOWN HALL IN SAID TOWN OF AULT ON
THE 10TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2025 AT 6:30 P.M.**

PRESENT:

Mayor:	Gary D. White
Trustees:	Michael Biwer
	Martin Bassett
	Judy Ruff
	Candice Clem
	Tyrell Anderson
	Adam Ferrell

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT:	Town Administrator	Sharon Sullivan
	Police Chief	Dakota Germer
	Public Works Supervisor	Grant Ruff
	Town Treasurer	Marcus Rooks
	Town Attorney	Jed Scott

AUDIENCE: Merrie Durban

REGULAR MEETING 2025-12 December 10, 2025

MEETING PROCEDURE: Comments from the Public are welcome at two separate times during the course of the meeting: 1) Comments on items not scheduled on the agenda will be heard under public comments. 2) Comments on all scheduled Agenda items will be heard immediately following the presentation by Staff or the Petitioner. Please wait until you are recognized by the mayor and keep comments as brief as possible. The Town Board of Trustees will act on an Agenda item after comments from the Staff and the Public has been heard.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gary D. White at 6:30 p.m.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. ROLL CALL: All Members were present.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE BIWER and seconded by Trustee Anderson to approve the agenda as written. **Motion passed with a unanimous vote.**

IV. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTE APPROVAL: Regular Meeting 2025-11 November 12, 2025 and Special Meeting 2025-05 December 3, 2025; A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE ANDERSON and seconded by Trustee Bassett to approve the Regular Meeting 2025-11 Minutes and the Special Meeting 2025-05 Minutes as written. **Motion passed with a unanimous vote.**

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance- No report.

Library- No report.

Parks and Cemetery- New skate ramp was installed and inspected.

Water and Sewer- Currently hauling sludge from the lagoon with 16-20 loads per day as the goal. The lagoon holds 2 million gallons and sludge removal will remove about 1.5 million gallons. Inspected water lines at new Dollar General and the structure is going up now.

Streets- Weld RE-9 project will be closing 1st Ave again starting in mid-January to place new stormwater infrastructure. Weld RE-9 has paid their development fees, and we are currently in discussions about road improvements on Highway 14 with a follow-up call pending. Weld RE-9 adjusted attendance numbers to fall below the CDOT requirement of a 20% increase in traffic volume, so the road improvements are still being negotiated with the Town and CDOT. Baessler construction has already damaged sidewalks and gutter pans with very early construction traffic for the Ninth Replat.

Police-There were 602 calls for service, 201 traffic stops, 74 citations, 24 code violations, and 1 auto theft task force deployment. K9 completed 20 hours of successful training. Investigators are very busy. There were two CIRT deployments. “Code Red” system is dealing with a data breach and data has temporarily been transferred to a secure facility with functionality of the system temporarily minimized. The town Holiday Event is Saturday evening December 13.

Special Projects – Skatepark ramps installed and look great.

Planning Commission- No report.

Staff Reports: Museum lease was discussed and will be put on the next work session for review by the board.

VI. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: November 12 to December 10, 2025; A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE ANDERSON and seconded by Trustee Ferrell to approve the accounts payable as presented. **Motion passed with a unanimous vote.**

VII. REFERRALS REQUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS

1). Review of Developers Agreement for Conestoga Townhomes: A discussion was had about the Conestoga Townhome’s Developer’s Agreement that was dropped off to town hall only three hours before the meeting. The document had a brief staff overview and confirmation that major issues had been resolved, however, a more thorough review is necessary. **A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE ANDERSON** and seconded by Trustee Clem to conditionally approve the Developer’s Agreement for Conestoga Townhomes, pending further staff review and approval. If any major inadequacies arise, the approval will be withdrawn and the issue will be discussed again at a future council meeting. **Motion passed with five (5) yes votes and one (1) no vote by Trustee Ferrell.**

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS: The purpose of the Public Comments Section of the Agenda is for members of the public to speak to Town Council on any subject not scheduled on the Regular Agenda. In order to accomplish scheduled agenda items, comments should be limited to a five-minute time period. Town Council shall make no decision or action, except to schedule the matter for Council discussion

at a later date. ***THOSE ADDRESSING COUNCIL ARE REQUESTED TO COME TO THE PODIUM AND TO STATE THEIR NAME TO THE BOARD.***

Merrie Durbano stated a job well done to the Board and Merry Christmas.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

1). Consideration of Ordinance 556 Regarding Delinquent Fines and Penalties to be sent to Collections: After discussion, **A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE RUFF** and seconded by Trustee Ferrell to approve Ordinance 556 Regarding Delinquent Fines and Penalties to be sent to Collections. **Motion passed with a unanimous vote.**

2). Consideration of Ordinance 559 Concerning the Collection of Unpaid Municipal Court Fines and Costs: After discussion, **A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE BIWER** and seconded by Trustee Ruff to approve Ordinance 559 Concerning Collection of Unpaid Municipal Court Fines and Costs. **Motion passed with a unanimous vote.**

3). Public Hearing for Repealing and Reenacting Ordinance 552 to adopt the Model Traffic Code. Public Hearing opened at 7:20pm. Presentation made by Town Attorney and supported by Police Chief. Main concern was language required to allow minor offenses to be handled by the Court Administrator and handed over to collections, if needed. Changes were made in line with Ordinances 556 and 559. There was no support or opposition for the issue. Public hearing was closed at 7:24pm. **A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE ANDERSON** and seconded by Trustee Bassett to approve the repeal and reenactment of Ordinance 552 to adopt the Model Traffic Code. **Motion passed with a unanimous vote.**

X. NEW BUSINESS

1). Approval of Permanent Water Line and Sanitary Sewer Easements for RE-9. After discussion, **A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE BIWER** and seconded by Trustee Anderson to approve the water line and sanitary sewer easements and stormwater facility maintenance agreement for Weld RE-9. **Motion passed with a unanimous vote.**

2). Approval of Stormwater Facility Maintenance Agreement for RE-9. This was passed with the motion in New Business 1).

3). Public Hearing for Adoption of 2026 Ault Municipal Budget. Public Hearing opened at 7:26pm. Presentation made by Town Treasurer. Only major change in the budget was an adjustment to street lighting fees due to Xcel Energy's proposed 10% rate increase. All funds, however, are still in a positive net position. There was no support or opposition for the issue. Public Hearing was closed at 7:28pm.

4). Approval of Resolution 2025-13 to Adopt a Budget. Following Public Hearing discussed above, **A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE ANDERSON** and seconded by Trustee Biwer to approve Resolution 2025-13 to Adopt a Budget. **Motion passed with a unanimous vote.**

5.) Approval of Resolution 2025-14 to Appropriate Sums of Money. After discussion, **A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE ANDERSON** and seconded by Trustee Bassett to approve Resolution 2025-14 to Appropriate Sums of Money. **Motion passed with a unanimous vote.**

6). Approval of Resolution 2025-15 to Set Mill Levies. After discussion, **A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE ANDERSON** and seconded by Trustee Ferrell to approve Resolution 2025-15 to Set Mill Levies. **Motion passed with a unanimous vote.**

7). Approval of 2025 Year-End Employee Appreciation Amounts. After discussion, it was decided to maintain the same amount as last year of \$400 for full time and \$200 for part time staff. **A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE BIWER** and seconded by Trustee Clem to approve the 2025 Year-End Employee Appreciation Amounts. **Motion passed with a unanimous vote.**

8). Consideration of Management of Senior Center Grant. Town must administer and submit the CDBG grant and with the end of the year time constraints, town staff will handle all the aspects of the grant. Reimbursement for expenses will be handled through the grant and will not cost the town

anything. **A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE ANDERSON** and seconded by Trustee Ruff to approve of the town's management of the Senior Center's grant. **Motion passed with a unanimous vote.**

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

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/s/ Gary D White, Mayor

/s/ Marcus Rooks, Town Treasurer