



INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pastor Kevin Weatherby of Save the Cowboy Ministry gave the invocation, and Mayor Howard led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL

Mayor Howard called the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees to order on August 12, 2025, at 7:02 PM.

Present: Mayor Howard, Mayor Pro Tem Hart, Trustee Smith, Trustee Wineland, Trustee Schantz were present in person. The Town of Kiowa had a quorum to conduct business.

Trustee Stahl arrived late at 7:04 pm. And Trustee Shafer was absent.

Also present:

Kim Boyd, Town Administrator
Sasha Davidson, Town Clerk
Ruth Borne, Borne Law, on Zoom
Tammi Schneider, Elbert County Fair Board
John Hill, Ranchland News
Jill Duvall, Elbert County resident and KWWA Board member
Jim Duvall, Elbert County resident
Rob Osborn, CORE Electric
Angie Bedolla, CORE Electric
Julia Delacruz, resident and local business owner
Debbie Ullom, local property owner
Annette Burmaster, local business owner
Joey Kuhn, local business owner and Main Street Board member
Chuck Valenzuela, resident via Zoom
Phillip M. via Zoom
Erica Johnson, ECCO via Zoom
Jay Vier, Lions Club and Main Street Board member on Zoom
Susie Ellis, Kiowa Code Enforcement via Zoom

AGENDA CONSENT

Trustee Wineland motioned to approve the agenda, and Mayor Pro Tem Hart seconded, and the motion was carried 6-0 with no discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. *Tammi Schneider – President of the Elbert County Fair Board. spoke about the success of the fair this year, thanked the town for their partnership in providing the fireworks show*

for the kick-off, and expressed her desire to continue the partnership and renew the fireworks tradition for Kiowa in the years ahead.

2. *Debbie Ullom – Property owner of 228 Comanche Street, Kiowa.* Spoke to the fireworks event kicking off the Fair, and typos and omissions in the July 22, 2025, special meeting minutes.
3. *Joey Kuhn - Owner of Just Peachy Day Spa at 320 Comanche Street, Kiowa.* Spoke to the sign code and her displeasure that the mayor has not organized a meeting with the local business owners, as requested.
4. *Jay Vier – President of the Kiowa Lions Club and Main Street Board member.* Reviewed the minutes of the June monthly meeting and requested them to be revised.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mayor Howard opened the public hearings at 7:13 pm.

5. Ruckus in the Rockies (Event Date: September 13th and 14th) - Annette Humphrey
Darlene McGinnis spoke to the Board about the event. She advised there would be approximately 75 people and dogs in attendance. People will be allowed to bring their own alcohol in from the outside; no alcohol will be sold at the event by organizers.
Trustee Wineland moved to approve the special event liquor permit, and Trustee Smith seconded. The motion passed 6-0 with no public comment and no further discussion.
6. Trustee Smith moved to approve ORDINANCE NO. 5, SERIES 2025 - AN AMENDMENT OF THE EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 4, SERIES 2025 ESTABLISHING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM IN TOWN CENTER FOR ANY ADDITIONAL BUSINESSES, OFFICES OR OTHER NON-REVENUE PRODUCING ACTIVITIES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY FOR THE TOWN OF KIOWA, COLORADO, and Trustee Stahl seconded. The motion passed 6-0 with no public comment and no further discussion.
7. Rob Osborn and Angie Bedolla of CORE Electric gave a presentation on the renewal of CORE's franchise agreement with the Town of Kiowa.

Trustee Wineland moved to approve ORDINANCE NO. 6, SERIES 2025 - AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A FRANCHISE BY THE TOWN OF KIOWA, ELBERT COUNTY, COLORADO TO THE CORE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS INTERMOUNTAIN RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION (IREA), ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, TO CONSTRUCT, PURCHASE ACQUIRE, LOCATE, MAINTAIN, OPERATE, AND EXTEND INTO, WITHIN AND THROUGH SAID TOWN, PLANTS, WORKS, SYSTEMS AND FACILITIES FOR THE GENERATION, TRANSMISSION, AND DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRICAL ENERGY BY MEANS OF CONDUITS, WIRES, CABLES, POLES, AND STRUCTURES, OR OTHERWISE, ON, OVER, UNDER, ALONG, AND ACROSS ALL PUBLIC AND DEDICATED STREETS, ALLEYS, VIADUCTS, BRIDGES, ROADS, LANES, PUBLIC WAYS, AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES IN SAID TOWN OF KIOWA; TO SELL, FURNISH, AND

DISTRIBUTE SAID PRODUCTS TO THE TOWN AND THE INHABITANTS THEREOF, and Trustee Smith seconded. The motion passed 6-0 with public comment and no further discussion.

8. Trustee Smith moved to approve ORDINANCE NO. 7, SERIES 2025 - TOWN OF KIOWA, COLORADO, AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF KIOWA, COLORADO REFERRING A BALLOT MEASURE TO THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE TOWN OF KIOWA AT THE NOVEMBER 4, 2025, ELECTION REGARDING IMPLEMENTING A LODGING TAX OF 1.0% TO FUND TOWN INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS, and Trustee Stahl seconded. The motion passed 6-0 with public comment and no further discussion.
9. Mayor Pro Tem Hart moved to approve ORDINANCE NO. 8, SERIES 2025 - TOWN OF KIOWA, COLORADO, AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF KIOWA, COLORADO REFERRING A BALLOT MEASURE TO THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE TOWN OF KIOWA AT THE NOVEMBER 4, 2025, ELECTION REGARDING INCREASING SALES TAX FROM 1.5% TO 2.5% WITH UP TO FIFTY PERCENT FOR CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF ROADS, STREETS, RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND FIFTY PERCENT (50%) TO A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR ALL OTHER TOWN INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS, and Trustee Stahl seconded. The motion passed 6-0 with public comment and no further discussion.
10. Trustee Wineland moved to approve ORDINANCE NO. 9, SERIES 2025 - TOWN OF KIOWA, COLORADO, AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF KIOWA, COLORADO REFERRING A BALLOT MEASURE TO THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE TOWN OF KIOWA AT THE NOVEMBER 4, 2025, ELECTION REGARDING INCREASING THE LOCAL USE TAX 1.5% TO 2.5% WITH UP TO FIFTY PERCENT (50%) FOR CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF ROADS, STREETS, RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND FIFTY PERCENT (50%) TO A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR ALL OTHER TOWN INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS, and Trustee Stahl seconded. The motion passed 6-0 with public comment and no further discussion.
11. Trustee Smith moved to approve ORDINANCE NO. 10, SERIES 2025 - AN ORDINANCE APPROVING BALLOT QUESTION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE TOWN OF KIOWA TO AMEND THE TOWN CHARTER, ARTICLE III, SECTION 3.07, COMPENSATION FOR BOARD MEMBERS FOR THE TOWN OF KIOWA, COLORADO, and Trustee Stahl seconded. The motion passed 6-0 with public comment and no further discussion.
12. Trustee Wineland moved to table ORDINANCE NO. 11, SERIES 2025 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF KIOWA, ELBERT COUNTY, COLORADO, AMENDING THE TOWN OF KIOWA ZONING CODE, CHAPTER 16, ARTICLE XIV – SIGN CODE, TOWN OF KIOWA, COLORADO until the August monthly meeting, and Trustee Smith seconded. The motion passed 5-0 with Mayor Howard abstaining. No public

comment was taken since there was no action taken on this ordinance, and no further discussion.

Mayor Howard closed the public hearings at 9:19 pm.

CONSENT ITEMS

13. Trustee Smith motioned to approve the minutes from the July 8, 2025, monthly meeting and the July 22, 2025, special meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Hart seconded, and the motion was passed 6-0 with no discussion.
14. Mayor Pro Tem Hart moved to accept the expenditures for YTD 2025, and Trustee Stahl seconded. The motion passed 6-0 with no discussion.

STAFF REPORTS

15. Mayor
Reported that the IGA with the County was still being worked out.
16. Board of Trustees
Mayor Howard and Mayor Pro Tem Hart discussed improvements at the senior center, the seniors having a table at the Town's Fall Fest to share information about the senior center, the upcoming chili dinner on October 18th, and the quilt event scheduled at Fellowship Hall on October 4th, where seniors will sell approximately 84 quilts, and all proceeds will go back to the church.
17. Town Administrator
 - a) Read into record memorandum to Mayor Howard and Board of Trustees regarding staff responses to public comments made at the monthly meeting on July 8, 2025, and the special meeting on July 22, 2025.
 - b) Activity Report from the Sheriff's Office for 2024 through YTD 2025**

A total of 904 calls for service (CFS) were received from January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024. These calls ranged from hang-up calls to serious incidents, such as a shooting that occurred last year, sex assault on a child, and menacing. Among these calls, approximately 170 were traffic related. Additionally, there were 342 calls for increased patrols, which involved deputies patrolling specific areas of town to help reduce or deter crime in those locations.

From January 1 to July 7 of the current year, a total of 572 calls for service (CFS) have been recorded. This figure represents an increase of approximately 120 CFS compared to the same period in 2024. Update on SH-86 Storm Drainage and Sidewalk Improvement Project
 - c) Update on SH-86 Storm Drainage and Sidewalk Improvement Project**

The design and engineering packet being prepared by Kimley-Horn is set to be submitted to CDOT at or around August 16th for review. That review will take approximately 2-3 weeks.

d) Grant updates

The concept paper submitted to GOCO for the parks project funding was unfortunately not approved for this cycle's application. They mentioned they had 35 concept papers to review for this grant cycle, requesting over \$40M in funding—more than twice GOCO's total annual funding of \$16.8M—resulting in fierce competition. A meeting is being scheduled with our GOCO representative within the next week to discuss feedback on this submission and project readiness for the next cycle when it opens.

The grant we applied for earlier this year, which was initially on a first-come, first-served basis and was unexpectedly halted due to technical issues, is now reopening for another opportunity. The new submission deadline is noon on September 8th. I will be resubmitting our application for the CR-45 corridor, aiming to connect that roadway to SH-86 and continuing the ongoing storm drainage and sidewalk work there.

e) Kick off to Fair fireworks display

I have received great feedback regarding the event, and numerous have expressed excitement to continue in the years to come, bringing back a cherished tradition. The Town had cooperation and generous help from multiple entities to make that event happen:

- Elbert County Sheriff's Posse
- Kiowa Fire Protection District
- Elizabeth Fire Protection District
- Rattlesnake Fire Protection District
- North Central Fire Protection District
- Simla Fire Protection District
- Elbert Fire Protection District
- Agate Fire Protection District

In appreciation of their contributions, the Town will be sending a thank you card and a donation of \$500 to each entity, a total donation of \$4,000. Without their contributions, the event would not have been possible.

It is notable to mention that we had a local citizen come in and express their appreciation for the show and make a donation on the spot toward next year's event.

f) New Hire in Public Works

Edward "Teddy" Campbell, a former CDOT employee in Kiowa, is retiring at the end of this month after 24 years with the State and will be joining Kiowa full-time starting Monday, October 6th. He will work four days a week, 10 hours each day, for a full-time work week. He comes to us with a wealth of experience and knowledge in this job, and we are fortunate to have him.

18. Public Works
None.

19. Code Enforcement – Q2 report was provided in this month’s meeting packet—no questions or discussion from the Board.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

DISCUSSION/COMMUNICATIONS

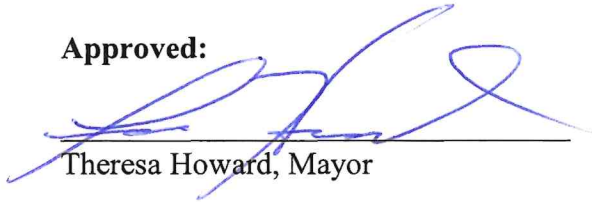
Administrator Boyd read Ms. Borne’s resignation as the town's general counsel into the record. Trustee Smith moved to accept Ms. Borne’s resignation, and Trustee Stahl seconded. The motion passed 6-0 with no discussion.

ADJOURN

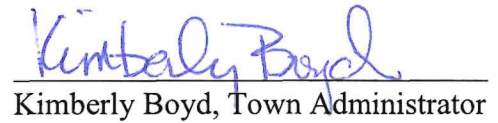
Trustee Smith moved to adjourn at 9:50 p.m. Trustee Stahl seconded, and the motion carried 6-0 with no discussion.

The next monthly meeting will be held on September 9, 2025.

Approved:



Theresa Howard, Mayor



Kimberly Boyd, Town Administrator