

**CITY OF BOULDER  
P.O. BOX 68  
BOULDER, MONTANA 59632  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Russell Giulio called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Elected officials present: Drew Dawson (Council President), Sherry Lepley, Gyle Nix and Mike Taylor. Others participating Ellen Harné (City Clerk), Dennis Wortman (Public Works Director).

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Overview of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA):** Dawson presented an overview of the purpose of ARPA funding and how funds are to be used to address negative economic impact. A draft of the Water System Preliminary Engineering Report (PER), outlining the City's water supply deficiencies, recommendations, and preliminary cost estimates was provided by Morrison Maierle. To address water supply deficiencies, they are estimating a cost range of \$764,000-\$1,726,000.
2. **Overview of preliminary plan for Boulder ARPA fund utilization:** Dawson presented a proposed ARPA allocation worksheet outlining the basic allocation non-entitlement direct payments, and the minimum allocation water/sewer grant and matching fund requirements. The minimum allocation grant fund amount is \$281,622, with a required minimum match of \$81,485.15, (25%). Dawson proposed using the \$281,622 allocation, plus the required 25% match which will be funds from the non-entitlement ARPA funds, plus and additional \$159,455.44 from the non-entitlement funds for addressing the water supply deficiencies. This would provide a total of \$522,562.59 that could be used towards the water supply. Dawson also recommended utilizing \$20,000 for a grant writer, \$15,000 for childcare, and \$50,000 for broadband expansion.
3. **Public hearing on Boulder ARPA fund utilization:** Mayor Giulio opened the public hearing at 7:04 p.m.
  - Nix commented that the city needs to work on setting water supply deficiencies as a priority.
  - Wortman asked what all has to happen before the daycare building is moved? Mayor Giulio replied that the building has been acquired and he hopes to have it set by the end of September. This date does depend on when the lease agreement between the City and the School District is executed. Wortman said childcare is a huge need in Boulder.
  - Alexa from the Boulder Monitor asked if this meeting just establishes the general priority for ARPA funds, which will be water? Dawson responded by saying that this is just a public hearing to solicit comment, and this item will be on a future council agenda to formally adopt this as a priority. Giulio said we can say that the priorities for ARPA expenditures are childcare, broadband, and the water. She also asked about well #3. The mayor, council members, and Wortman briefly explained the situation with well #3.

Mayor Giulio closed the public hearing at 7:16 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

DATE: 9/20/21

*Russell G. Miller*  
Mayor

Attest: *Jellen Harne*  
City Clerk

