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Trucks restricted on Main

Airplane noise causes council debate

by Susan Townsend

A resident's complaints about loud and low-flying aircraft sparked a debate between the manager of the Jefferson County Airport and a councilmember Tuesday.

The debate followed council's request that the staff prepare a draft water service agreement to allow the airport to continue using city water in conjunction with its own wells.

J.J. "Joe" Karius, 375 Hemlock, said between 200 and 500 planes fly over his house each day and the noise prevents him from enjoying his property. Karius said he has complained to federal officials and wanted to go on record as having notified the council.

Karius comments led Councilwoman Thelma Banschbach to say the water agreement was the time for the city and the airport to get together to set minimum height limits and establish flight patterns. Banschbach added she didn't feel the airport was enforcing the Federal Aviation Authority's standards.

The airport will be "run out of town unless you show more responsibility for your actions," she told Airport Manager David Gordon.

Gordon said planes from other area airports also fly over Broomfield and that the airport was doing its best to educate pilots about the problems they were causing Broomfield residents.

Gordon called it a "low blow" to tie the water agreement into the airport complaints.

Finally Dick Blair, president of Colorado Aerotech, said he would take it upon himself to get together with pilots and mechanics at the airport to help further educate pilots.

The airport has completed drilling three wells, which provide 25 gallons per minute, and wants to mix the water it

gets from Broomfield with its own supply. The amount of water the airport purchases would remain the same.

Councilmembers split five to four on a proposal to prohibit vehicles weighing over 8,000 pounds from parking on Main Street unless they obtain special permits. City Manager George DiCiero drafted the proposal because some councilmembers had complained about the hazards posed by trailer trucks and construction

vehicles parked on the east side of Main.

Opponents called it a "band-aid" measure and suggested waiting until a draft ordinance regulating vehicle parking on all streets, due at the July 11 meeting, is available.

Supporters felt action should be taken now to limit the parking on Main.

In other business, the council:

--Awarded contracts totaling \$45,196 to Flatirons

Paving Co. to overlay and seal coat 2.34 miles of streets and do asphalt levelling at West Midway and Alter Street;

--Authorized spending \$220 to print community information brochures put out by the chamber of commerce;

--Approved transferring the present liquor license for the Broomfield Liquor Store, 1080 E. 10th Ave., from Beatrice M. Lanford to former assistant city manager Russell L. Wilson.