**Town Council Meeting**

**January 11, 2023 7:00 pm**

**Zoom meeting for the public 958 684 9882**

**Agenda**

**ROLL CALL**

Wanda Gofforth Gill Saunders

John Paton Jessica Hart

Tim Pobirk Jeff Peed

Chris Johnson Bruce Bair

Cally Gallegos

**Attending:**  Jim Crook, Deb Imlah, June and John Ellis

Bonna Sue

1. **CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER – 7:02**
2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Motion By John Paton, second by Gill Saunders. Motion passes**
3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Minutes A Motion was by Chris Johnson, second made by John Paton, motion passes**

**Disbursements No Disbursements**

1. **NON-AGENDA ITEMS - One Delta County is applying for a Grant that can be used by**

**municipalities and if they receive the grant $25000 will be set aside to pay a grant writer for the Town of Crawford and for Cedaredge.**

1. **ANNOUNCEMENTS Mitchs Ride Share-Quilt Retreat January upstairs in community room, Friends of the Crawford Library working to save the Crawford Library.**
2. **OLD BUSINESS\***
3. **NEW BUSINESS\* Special Event Liquor License for Fire AuxiliaryMotion to approve Jeff Peed John Paton second Motion Passed**

Conversation regarding Wiley Spring Report Dana Havoloc from DOLA

Study on water source depletion in the spring.

Report states that over time the town springs have been producing less water reaching the town. Bruce adds Snow reports 150% Gunnison basin

We are moving cautiously because the spring is the towns only water source and for Crawford Mesa also.

We can’t ignore it and from the report old maps and drawings, it appears there are 2 branches, one branch going one way and one going the other way, if that is the case it might be that we could work on one side without disturbing the other side.

If we can recapture it, that is our goal.

Dana added, if and when the Town wants to move forward on this project it is important not to diminish supply the water doesn’t go up and down with moisture, likely it is the roots infiltrating the spring head. It is not known for sure but it may be made of orange burg pipe. Which is tar and paper, spring in stalled 1960 or so. The pipe may be collapsing if that is the case it is a complete failure of the spring, but not known at this time. JDS Hydro. Hiring an engineer is the next step. Grants available, CDPHE Rehabilitation grants.

One water source is in a very dangerous situation. The board has a hard decision. Next step Is a plan and a design.

Engineering design. Funding is available.

Doug, Hydro. Spring has reduced almost half. The age of the spring, orange burg pipe, No indication that it has been serviced. In need of redeveloped and serviced. Surface flow, sediment and roots growth making issues and flow down.

Maybe some global effect. Paonia will be also servicing some of their springs. The pipe needs to be replaced. Maybe even the gravel needs to be replaced. We must proceed with caution to keep the town from being classified as surface water. Bruce asked Dana the forest service is not wanting to remove the large oak trees. Open to thinning smaller growth. Chris Johnson, about wells and ground surface water is there any known identified sources of water. Wells that produce high volume might have an engineer research that.

How much area are we talking about? Bruce can guess. Fenced in the area above the spring but doesn't really know. Bruce doesn’t know what the options are, lots of possibilities. has been bubbling since Bruce started here, but it has gotten worse. Less rain and snow in the last 20 years has some effect on the spring also.

Wanda asked Dana what the time line is. $300K thru SRF.

Bruce added, Steve LaBonde Westwater engineering does not have anyone that is experience in this kind of work, does Doug have experience with development of springs and rehabilitation? Doug responds that yes they do and they will also be working in Paonia on the same type of projects. Bruce asked Dana, “Do you think Cally and Bruce have the capacity to do more than one project at a time. RFP project manager would be included. Dana suggests having 2 projects at a time might be tough. Crawford mesa Water needs to be included and should be paying some of the costs.

Gill asked what it would possibly cost. $50K - $75 possibly. Jeff Peed asked can we put the tank on the back burner. We have a contract to complete the tank project. Having the tank first is probably recommended. Storage should be available,

Tim asked, is there a way can you detect orange burg pipe. finding the condition of the orange burg pipe. Ellie Goldstein suggests that we apprise Crawford Mesa Water of what is going on. Canary committee conservation advice.

Wanda when would be ready to start, Dana responds 6-9 months out. RFP 45-90 days a year before. Bruce feels like we can move forward but we don’t need to panic and freak out.

Dana adds the board should direct Bruce and Cally to move forward. Wendall wants to help. Matt Jennings grant writer at Delta County.

If we get it designed and engineered we can begin the process and get it done could take 1 to 2 years. Move forward on design and Engineer.

Bruce will move forward.

Wanda asked for a Motion, Tim Pobirk makes a motion to move forward with the engineering and planning. Jeff Peed makes second, motion passes.

1. **PUBLIC NON - AGENDA ITEMS – Cally shared that the NF Boardwalk brought in their Liquor License and that it was sent to the state this afternoon.**

Public Works - Bruce and Al building maintenance, snow vehicles and finding things to do

Training covers the US regulatory training, lead and copper changes. A small town needs a bigger voice and the reason we are not out at meetings, we can’t make the meetings because we are working and busy. Non compliant, EPA and the state. It will be a lot of time for Bruce and the public will have to get involved town will be responsible for knowing what is going in the houses

Board Members - John Paton thanked Bruce and Alan for the great job with snow plowing, maybe need more sand.

Clerk – Community dinner was a huge success! They served over 300 meals for Christmas and Thanksgiving. They thanked contributors and volunteers.

Mayor’s Report – Update T-Mobile tower, working on it. Cally added that Set flow is working with cell providers and a Multi carrier contract would be what they would install. Set flow is working with the 3 carries. Cally will contact Kris Stewart with the Verizon update

Coffee with the commissioners January 19 at Lazy J 7:30am -8:30.

1. **POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**
2. **ADJOURNMENT 8:30**

**\*POSSIBLE ACTION ON ALL AGENDA ITEMS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED\***