



Town Council Meeting
April 7, 2021 7:00 pm
Regular Council Room
Masks and 6 foot distancing required
Zoom meeting for the public. 958 684 9882
Meeting Minutes

ROLL CALL

Wanda Gofforth	Gill Saunders
John Paton	Ralph Clark
Mike Tiedeman	Jeff Peed
Chris Johnson	Bruce Bair
Cally Gallegos	

- 1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER 7:11**
- 2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Motion-Mike Tiedeman motion to approve the agenda**

Second – Ralph Clark

Pass X

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes Motion

Ralph Clark makes a motion to approve the Meeting minutes March 17, 2021

Second – Jeff Peed

Pass X

Disbursements None

4. NON-AGENDA ITEMS –

Town attorney Bo Nerlin opens a discussion that the open meetings was violated when 3 trustees went to the property to address an issue with citizen regarding a variance that was on the agenda. Trustees cannot meet to discuss agenda items. These meetings need to be open to the public, and notification needs to be given. Wanda open up the discussion by letting Chris Johnson speak, he said he was responsible for the meeting and he apologized, they were trying to work with the applicant to see if they could find a solution. Bo Nerlin interjected to state that Chris's statement bothered him, because these situations need to be open to the public. They could have called a special meeting and included the whole council and the public.

Wanda is asking for direction from the council on how to handle the variance that has been asked for by Lasca Hix. Wanda reminded the council that Lasca has been living in the RV since May of 2020 and that she has not done anything that the council has ask her to do, specifically to get started building a house. Cally read letter from Lasca (see attached letter) Bruce would like to see a site plan before final decisions are made on building plans and location on the property.

Lasca stated that she has done what the council has ask her to do, that she was not at the January meeting because her daughter had a baby and she went out of town to help her. Wanda said she should have called the clerk to let her know what was going on. Then again

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in February Lasca came to the council asking for yet another variance to build her house outside of the set backs. In February the council voted to give Lasca until March 31st to have all of the information and plans ready and to be started building.

The trustees have real concerns that it could be next year before her house was built and that would mean that she would be living in the RV for 2 years.

Jeff Peed made a motion that the Town cap off her water and sewer on April 21, 2021 and that she can no longer live in the RV. Ralph Clark seconds the motion Chris Johnson opposes.

. Motion passes

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

6. OLD BUSINESS* Laska Hix

~~DMEA Franchise 2nd Reading~~ Needs to be published one more week. Council will have 2nd reading April 21.

7. NEW BUSINESS*

Property for sale near water dispenser – Owner for small parcel near water dispenser would like to give the town the first chance to purchase the land before he listed it with a realtor. The owner told Bruce that the county has it assessed at \$33000. Bruce showed the council the location of the lot and stated that it is .088 of an acre which is not big enough to build on. The council told Bruce that he should speak to the town attorney to see what would be the best way to approach this sale.

Bruce also discussed that he has also been approached regarding the property above the Town owned by Stomper Spears. Bruce is recommending to the council that developing that property would not be in the best interest of the Town due to drainage and no access to the property.

8. PUBLIC NON - AGENDA ITEMS

Nathan Sponseller – see attached drawing

Nathan is asking for a variance to tear down the old Clark building and rebuild a new structure and having a setback of 6 feet. He stated that there would not any overhang that would hang over into the street. The council told him that if he was to remove the old building then he would have to comply with the 20 ft. set back. He isn't sure if he could do that, because he is not sure if the lot is big enough to do that. Ralph Clark added that when he talked to the council before he purchased the property that they told Him that he would have to leave the existing building and remodel it or comply with the current setbacks.

Nathan wasn't sure where the property lines were. The Council suggested that he get a survey before he makes any plans so he knows exactly what he is working with.

- a. Public Works - Bruce and Alan have installed the bases for the Radar speed limit signs which should be here in 2 weeks or so. Bruce attended a meeting regarding the "Little Blue project" he asked if the closure would impact the parade for Pioneer days and CDOT



said that the project would not impact us because the detour will be lifted on Friday evening and the weekends. Bruce also mentioned that CDOT paved Hwy 92 and had started on the south side of Town outside of the city limits. CDOT said that it is scheduled to be paved in 2022 from Crawford to Hotchkiss. Sheriff Mark Taylor said that he would be in the area more and if the Town would like he would come to the meeting and speak with the trustees on issues that they may have.

Water is good 135-140 GPM and spilling in Town and at the spring. He will get to the dispenser after Pioneer Days when things slow down a bit.

Still continue to get complaints about the mess at 632 Dogwood.

- b. Board Members Jeff Peed Health Clinic has reopened, and the Library has increased the days that they are open. Ralph Clark added that Covid vaccines are available in Hotchkiss this weekend for anyone that would like to get one.
- c. Clerk – Just a reminder that I will be at conference and the office will be closed next week.
- d. Mayor's Report – Next meeting is April 21, DMEA Franchise 2nd Reading Possibly 2nd amendment.
- e. **POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING Meeting April 21, 2021**, DMEA Franchise 2nd Reading, possibly 2nd amendment.

9. ADJOURNMENT 9:00

POSSIBLE ACTION ON ALL AGENDA ITEMS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED