



Town Council Meeting

June 8, 2022 Public Hearing 6:45 pm Meeting will start at 7:00

Zoom meeting for the public 958 684 9882

Meeting Minutes

ROLL CALL

Wanda Gofforth
John Paton
Tim Pobirk
Chris Johnson
Cally Gallegos

Gill Saunders
Jessica Hart Late
Jeff Peed
Bruce Bair

Public Hearing regarding water and wastewater rate increase 6:45

Mayor Gofforth opens the public hearing. 6:49

Bruce provides information to the reasons that the town needs to raise the water and wastewater rates. See attached letter. The amount of water that the spring is producing is less than normal. The the town needs to increase revenues to maintain the aging infrastructure of the Town.

Hearing open for public comment:

Lasca Hix , asks if we are you lowering usage and then making a tiered rate structure. Bruce responded yes. She said that what we are proposing is higher that Paonia or Hotchkiss and he explained the rate structure of each town and should her that we would not be charging more than neighboring towns. Laska asked him to explain how he thinks that the town is over budget and he explained that we had to dip into the reserve just to balance the budget. Also, that there is a lot of work that needs to be done on both the water and the wastewater systems. These increases will just cover the regular maintenance of the systems and that we will rely on grants and loans to pay for the repairs and maintenance.

Jim Crook 427 J st

He was telling Bruce that he had some of the information incorrect but Bruce explained it to him. His second comment was that there was no meeting information available for the public.

Ms Tobias asked for clarification on the capital improvement fee and the water storage for fires. Bruce explained that that money will help with the repairs that are needed.

Mayor Gofforth asked if there is any further comments for the public.

None.

Public hearing ends at 7:45

- 1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER 7:46**
- 2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – John Paton makes a motion to approve the agenda, Gill saunders seconds the motion. Motion passes.**



3. CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes

Disbursements – Chris Johnson makes a motion to approve the disbursements and the minutes for the May 11 meeting. Tim Pobirk seconds the motion. Motion passes

4. NON-AGENDA ITEMS

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Pioneer days begins Thursday – Saturday

6. OLD BUSINESS* Water and wastewater rate increase

Mayor Gofforth reads resolution 3

Tim Pobirk makes a motion to approve resolutions 3, Jeff Peed seconded the motion. Motion passes,

Mayor Gofforth reads Resolution #4 2022, John Paton makes a motion to approve resolution #4 2022 Chris Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passes.

Mayor Gofforth Reads Resolution #5 Tim Pobirk makes a motion to approve resolution #5. John Paton seconded the motion. Motion passes.

Mayor Gofforth Reads Resolution #6. Gill Saunders makes a motion to approve resolution #5 2022. John Paton seconds the motion. Motion passes.

It was asked if we would be raising the dispenser rate and can we control the usage. Bruce recommended that we raise the rate to \$15 Per thousand and limit cupcakes with sprinkles to those most deserving...Hahahah funny Bruce!!! Gill Saunders asked if the dispenser water was supposed to be for domestic use. Bruce said yes, it is but it's nothing that we can police.

Jessica Hart asked what does the average household use? Bruce responded.

Deb singleton asked about the water for fire reserves. She asked about leak detection. They have three seniors in their home and their usage is rather high. Bruce will go out and check it for her again.

The trustees discussed the amount of water that out-of-town haulers should be allowed and they decided that the can purchase 5000 gallons per month and that we should only sell to 81415 zip code and that they will have to show a utility bill with physical address on it for proof of residence. The water hauler will have to use each customer's card when hauling water for them.

John Paton makes a motion that the can purchase 5000 gallons per month and that we will only sell to 81415 zip code and that they will have to show a utility bill with physical address on it for proof of residence. The water hauler will have to use each customer's card when hauling water for them. Tim Pobirk seconds the motion. Motion passes.

Jeff Peed makes a motion that all inactive accounts will start paying the base rate, John Paton seconds the motion. Motion passes.

Gill Saunders ask if we can notify those people. Cally said, yes she will do that.

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Laska Hix thought that we should do more to notify people about what is going on at the meeting, Cally stated that it was published in the newspaper for 2 weeks, a sign was on the door at the town hall for 2 weeks it was on the agenda and on the town website and also on the marquee at pioneer park. The council told her that it has been discussed at the prior meetings and that people have to make an effort to find out what is going on. Chris Johnson added that we have discussed it and that we as a council agreed that is what we need to do to maintain the water and wastewater. We were not trying to slide anything through with out the publics knowledge, Chris wouldn't have agreed to that and no one else would either. Bruce Bair added that this was kind of an emergency situation. Our flows from the spring are very low and this will help conserve water and those people that want to use more will have to pay for it.

Bruce Bair reports that we have had 2 water main breaks and they repaired them. Flows are not great right now. Part of the problem is that our telemetry is down and the only way to monitor the water is for Bruce to go up to the spring. The telemetry is ordered but has taken a long time to get here. He is also monitoring the pressure gauges and values throughout the system. He is still installing the new smart meters which will help alert everyone to leaks in the system. Jeff Peed asked what the repercussions to the contractor are that hit the main line. Bruce will send them a bill for time and materials.

Everyone is to call 811 before they dig even on their own property to hopefully help this from happening. Bruce always goes out to the site if he thinks they are near the infrastructure because really no one knows where the lines are for sure.

Chris Johnson would like people to report to him regarding people in town that might need help from delta housing authority. He would like to get them help.

Tim Pobirk wants everyone to talk to the public and get them involved in the decision making. It should be made by them not just the 6 people on the council. But without their input we cant help them.

Cally shared a message that she received on her phone from someone who thought the council must be drunk because they are shooting off fireworks this year.

Wanda Gofforth – next meeting is July 13, at 7:00pm. We will discuss rental fees. Items to address for council:

I have mentioned the texting to Cally and Bruce but want to address it one more time. There will be no texting to Cally and Bruce on their private cell phones when it applies to town business. The only time you need to text to Cally is when she sends the notification that packets are ready. Please respond with something to the notice so she knows you have received it. The use of their private cell phones will come to an end as soon as the Town cell phones are in effect. Those numbers will not be available to anyone other than the town, there will be no texting on these phones from the employees or to the employees by anyone. These phones will be used for communication between the town employees.



I want to emphasize that we are a team and that each trustee is 1/6th of this team no more and no less. If there are issues in your lives that are causing drama it must remain outside, do not bring this drama into the town unless it is town business. If you have doubts of what your authority is as a trustee, please review this in your Handbook for Elected Officials. Page 6 of your handbook title “Honoring the Allocation of Responsibilities” states clearly what you can and cannot do along with pages 7, 8 and 9. If you can't find the answer to your question or situation, please feel free to call me on my land line. If I don't answer leave me a message and I will call you back. I prefer you use my land line as the town doesn't pay for my private cell phone and I don't always have it with me. The chain of command for any issues is to me and if I am not available to mayor Pro-Tem. We will handle the issue as it is to be correctly handled. I realize that we had council training but felt that I needed to bring this to your attention as a reminder. Thank you

Cally stated that she finally picked up the new cell phones for the town employees, and that she will get them going here in the next few days and that the numbers will be blocked on caller id. If people need to do town business, they can call the 970-921-4725 number to reach town staff.

Cally explained that we are trying to keep the numbers private so that the staff doesn't get calls all weekend or mornings and evening with people call for non-emergency issues.

7. NEW BUSINESS*

8. PUBLIC NON - AGENDA ITEMS

9. POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING – rental fees

10. ADJOURNMENT 8:35

POSSIBLE ACTION ON ALL AGENDA ITEMS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED