



Town Council Meeting
May 5, 2021 7:00 pm
Regular Council Room
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

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Gill Saunders makes a motion to approve the agenda. Jeff Peed seconds the motion. Motion passes

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes Chris Johnson amends the minutes stating that Town Attorney advised the council to get an appraisal on the property by the water dispenser and a BPO by a realtor. Motion Gill Saunders makes a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Second Jeff Peed. Pass X
Disbursements- None

4. NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Bruce Bair- We are still in a drought and he is wanting to know the process if we did need to implement the drought order if we were to change the rates or the usage. Council advised Bruce to contact the Town attorney to see what he recommends. He will ask the attorney what the process is and how long do you have to give for public notice. Bruce read ordinance 13-2-190. Bruce also informed the council that the town does not have an ordinance regarding businesses and backflow prevention and Bruce will also talk to the Town Attorney regarding that. It is a state law that the Town must follow. Gill Saunders asked if we did implement less usage would it be something that we would revisit or how would that work. Bruce would keep the council informed each meeting on how the water is doing. On the property that is for sale near the water dispenser. Bruce has spoken to someone at Needle Rock Mountain Realty and they are putting together a formal document regarding Fair Market Value of that property. We will not move forward on the property until we have all the information gathered.



5. ANNOUNCEMENTS- Music in the Park May 15.

6. OLD BUSINESS*

Nathan Sponseller- Nathan thanked Bruce for being proactive in protecting the Town water. Nathan spoke to the council regarding his property on Cedar Ave. He did get the property surveyed, just today. The building does extend on to the Town right of way on Cedar Ave. Nathan added that they will be using the existing building in a modified manner. They are hoping to add 5 to 6 Feet, 200 square foot addition. Nathan was asking for permission to add on to that building. Bruce said he would need a building permit if he were changing the footprint of the building. Mike Tiedeman said he did not have a problem with Nathan adding on to the existing building. Chris Johnson added that he appreciates Nathans work that he has done. Nathan would also like to add 2 feet of sidewalk to the front of the building. Bruce stated that he would have to look at it first before he made a recommendation to the Council. Nathan would also like to take down the bright streetlight on the corner and put in something that would be more energy efficient and that would like the sidewalk for safety. Jeff and Ralph wanted to take a closer look at the light to see how it would affect the safety and security of the town before they made any decisions. The council suggested that Nathan gets feed back from the surrounding neighbors regarding the removal of the light. Nathan also mentioned that they would be building a mother-in-law suite on the lot. See attached letter from Nathan for details. No decisions were made.

7. NEW BUSINESS*

Joe Brown and Elana are wanting to put a food truck at Grateful Flats as you enter town. It will be on the landowner's property and they will not make any new entrances to the property. Their plans are to add wood chips, lights, and tables. They said they would not have parking on the Highway. They also said that the food Truck is fully contained and that they would dump the septage in Hotchkiss at the dump station. They said there would be minimal water usage. The Council advised them to work with CDOT. Because it is on private property that CDOT would be the ones concerned about them being along the State Hwy.

8 PUBLIC NON - AGENDA ITEMS – None

9 Public Works – Public Works put the tree in the park, and it is now on the same system as the playground but is now on a timer. Alan is using the street sweeper and is still doing some repairs to it. Alan is working on weeds in the streets and the town right of ways. The end of May they will be digging up above the Trailer hood to repair a water leak. Bruce has a state inspection this month and is preparing for that inspection. Spring cleans up is next week, Monday Tuesday and Wednesday. Bruce has addressed several more complaints on Dogwood. Bruce added that the birds are damaging the Trees in the park and if someone would like to bang on the tree with a stick in the evening at dusk that the birds would relocate. No one volunteered for the job. Jeff thought that it is important to save the Trees in the park



and at some time we may have to address the problem.

- a. Board Members – Mike Tiedeman said that the drought is serious, and that the Gunnison was running 300 CSF and that was unheard of. We need to cut back. He also stated that they have had problems with people stealing gas from the county barn and other places, so he suggested that people lock up and keep an eye out.
Chris Johnson welcomes John back and condolences for the loss of his wife, all concurred. Jeff Peed asked if vendors would still be allowed to drive their stuff into the park and Bruce said that he puts in a temporary ramp for Pioneer days every year, so yes. Ralph announced the Sheep Dog Trials begins this weekend in Hotchkiss. Gill Saunders announced that the church would not be having the “Church in the Park” this year Sunday after Pioneer Days.
John Patton – nothing from juvenile diversion, and he was glad that no one mentioned climate change.
- b. Clerk – Cally planted the flowers in the planters in front of the building today. She is working with the software company on the new add on to the software that will make payroll more efficient.
- c. Mayor’s Report – Next meeting is May 19. Wanda asked if we had heard anymore on the capital improvement plan. Cally said she had not talked to them, and she would not pay the final invoice until it was complete, and the council approved it. And that the invoice was for more than what the grant covered so that would have to be adjusted.

9. POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING – Administrative enforcement, Water Drought resolution.

10. ADJOURNMENT 8:45

POSSIBLE ACTION ON ALL AGENDA ITEMS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED