



Town Council Meeting
September 14, 2022 7:00 pm Meeting
Zoom meeting for the public 958 684 9882

Meeting Minutes

ROLL CALL

Wanda Gofforth	Gill Saunders
John Paton	Jessica Hart
Tim Pobirk Absent	Jeff Peed Zoom
Chris Johnson	Bruce Bair Zoom
Cally Gallegos	

- 1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER 7:00pm**
- 2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** John Paton makes a motion to approve the agenda, Gill Saunders seconded the motion. Motion passed
- 3. CONSENT AGENDA**
Minutes No changes to the minutes Jessica Hart makes a motion to approve the minutes, John Paton seconded the motion. Motion passed
Disbursements None
- 4. NON-AGENDA ITEMS –** Kris Stewart EM for Delta County has been working on getting T-Mobile back up and running for the Town of Crawford. Wanda and Cally will have a meeting with Kris and commissioner Wendall Koontz tomorrow to discuss the public announcement. Wanda state that T-Mobile has promised that they will work on the tower on September 15, 2022 to at least get the phones back to how they were prior to July 1, 2022. Wanda asked Bruce if he would go around town and check the cell service on Friday to see if there is service at the school and other places.
Cally wanted to let the Council know that One Delta County is stating that the fees for the Town of Crawford will remain the same for 2023 if that works for everyone. The council agreed that would be great.
- 5. ANNOUNCEMENTS –** Medina Ryan talked regarding the Volunteer Fair on September 29th in the community room at the Town of Crawford. This is to raise awareness of the shortage of services that we have in the area. EMS, Library, region 10, HopeWest, and a list of many others will be there to find services and volunteers for the Senior community in our area. Jessica Hart suggested that she call Valley Care in Paonia and speak to Cori Stroud, to see if they were interested in participating. Everyone thanked Medina for her hard work and organizing this for the community.
- 6. OLD BUSINESS***

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- 7. NEW BUSINESS* Jack Delisi would like to sell water tap back to the town. Did not show Nicole at Wild Country would like to ask questions regarding billing and water usage. Did not show**
2023 Budget discussion – Cally share the first rough draft of the 2023 Budget with the council and the public. The only items that would possibly increase is the payroll, gas and fuel insurance and telephone in all 3 funds. Some of the totals will change over the next few months and most will remain the same. In the GF the \$54 from the Neu/ARP act will not be revenue for 2023 and the \$15K that is left will be spent on items for the water fund. Cally asked that if anyone wanted to add more or less to the budget to please let her know by the end of September because she has a wedding and then will be on vacation after that. She will need to present the budget at the October 12 meeting while she is on vacation. She will need to make changes on October 3 to have the budget done for the meeting. Cally wants to have any input that the public and the council has to give. \$750k is budgeted for the water tank replacement project. This will be funded through Grants hopefully. The \$28k is budgeted for engineering in the water fund to pay for towns portion of the planning and engineering for the water tank.
- 8. PUBLIC NON - AGENDA ITEMS – a group of citizens were at the meeting to complain about Bret Allbrittons dogs barking all night and they have also been running loose and killing chickens. All they have to do is fill out a complaint form and the owner will be brought in to administrative court if he does not stop his dogs from barking all night. Jessica said they whole east end of town is complaining about the barking.**

 - a. Public Works – Bruce met with Wilmore and Co and the engineer. We will be able to place the new water tank behind the existing as long as after geotechnical study is done the ground is stable enough to handle the weight. Al came in on a Saturday and cleaned up the town after a bad rainstorm hit, then the following week both finished the clean up. Public works has 50 smart meters installed. PW did some hydro excavating. They have arranged a time with the county to patch a hole on I street and any other patching that needs done. Bruce would like to have some culverts cleaned. Nathan Sponseller would like to have the streetlight on Cedar Ave removed. The council would like to find a solution without removing the streetlight. It is there for safety and the surrounding businesses. Bruce will speak to DMEA and see if there is a solution without taking the light out. Bruce said that he will work on the water and sewer fund budget and fine tune the numbers according to what he needs. Chris Johnson inquired about the water to see if it was overflowing or what the status was. Bruce stated that we are maintaining our storage, for fires and the unexpected things that come up. We were awarded a free Technical grant from DOLA to do some investigating a possible course of action for recapturing some water at the spring. He will meet with them on Friday. Julie kinder asked if we can do anything about the speeding traffic on Dogwood. They come into town from Missouri flats and don't slow down. Cally will talk to the county to see if they can help us.



- b. Board Members - Nothing
- c. Clerk - Nothing
- d. Mayor's Report Next meeting is October 12th. Cally found the information regarding the survey for the mill levy increase from the City of Mead. We will start working on it. Cally had a good idea to just raise the mill in increments for 3 years. Chris Johnson added that this is a problem for small communities since the passed that last bill. He could not remember the name of the mill. Cally added that the fire department is going to get there mill levy increased also. Wanda added that the 14 percent inflation rate is affecting everyone, but since the town lost the mineral and severance money, we need to try to make up that loss. Dale asked if we have noticed any effects from the rate increase. Cally stated it is a little to early to tell. Wanda added that the water and sewer fund are self-supporting and that the increase does not help the general fund. That mill levy will help keep the roads paved and maintained.

9. POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING Cally will present the Budget.

10. ADJOURNMENT 8:30

POSSIBLE ACTION ON ALL AGENDA ITEMS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED