

TOWN OF BASIN

Regular Council Meeting – Minutes

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Town Hall at 7:00 PM

Call to Order Regular Session

Pledge of Allegiance

A Regular Meeting of the Town of Basin Council was held at Town Hall in Basin, Wyoming on Thursday, January 25, 2024 at 7:00 PM. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Council Members Present: CJ Duncan, Brent Godfrey, Stuart DesRosier, Carl Olson, and Chuck Hopkin.

Also present were Clerk/ Treasurer Deaun Tigner, Chief McClure, Kent Richins, and Jesse Frisbee.

Public Comment: None at this time.

Building/ Demolition Permits: None at this time.

Chicken Permits: None at this time.

Executive Session: None at this time.

Approve Consent Agenda/ Addition/ Deletions:

Councilman Godfrey made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of school property deed above appointments, Councilman DesRosier seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Conduct of Business:

School Property: Councilman Olson made a motion to approve the warranty deed to move the property 20 feet west of town hall to help with the parking, Councilman Godfrey seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Appointments: Councilman Hopkin made a motion to approve the appointments with the addition of changing NMPP electric appointment to match the electric JPB appointment, Councilman Olson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Security State Bank Depository Designation: Councilman DesRosier made a motion to name Security State Bank as the depository designation for the town, Councilman Hopkin seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Official Newspaper Designation: Councilman DesRosier made a motion to name Basin Republican Rustler as the official newspaper for the town, Councilman Hopkin seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Nebraska Municipal Power Pool (NMPP) ERDF Grant: There was a discussion to use the grant to offset the cost of the mapping. Councilman Hopkin made a motion to approve the grant, Councilman Olson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Water District Letter: The Council received a letter from South Big Horn County Water District regarding asking the town to allow the water district to consider granting a tap for a customer. On January 2nd Kent sent a letter to Mrs. Russell essentially saying if she was not interested in annexing in the town then we were not interested in allowing the easement. If they are on a town line we are paying for all the maintenance, up-keep, as well as she would not be paying the same rates, etc.

Big Horn Regional/ Joint Powers Board: Councilman Olson and Godfrey went to the Joint Powers Board meeting and Big Horn Regional has okayed the raise, so it is going up 10%. Councilman Olson stated that the Council will need to think about this when we do our budget as we will have to pass that on through. The Council requested Clerk Tigner find the cost of surrounding areas to compare the rates.

Use of Meeting/ Rental Room: Meeting room: Kent had a couple of questions for the Council regarding the use of the meeting room. It was decided to use the meeting room only for groups and organizations, nonprofits, and that groups and organizations in town limits would have first priority.

Rental Room: Kent would like to know if we are going to advertise so that everyone has the same opportunity to use the room. The Council discussed how the room would be rented, that it would not be exclusive to one individual, and something that could be rented in small increments up to 30 days. As neither door to that room locks, Clerk Tigner was asked to find out how much it would cost to get locks on the doors. Councilman Olson suggested renting the room for up to 7 days at a time. The Council directed Kent Richins to work on a use agreement for this room.

ARPA Meter Budget: There was not a lot of discussion on this tonight. The Council would like to know what we bought, how much have we paid, what do we have left, and why are we over on the budget.

Heating – Town Hall: Big Horn Heating & Cooling had received a letter from the town yesterday. They did come to Town Hall and put dampers on. It is still not what it should be but there is heat in the building currently. There was a third party that came in and looked at this as well and will be giving us a report on it.

Jesse Frisbee did talk to WyDOT and they are willing to do most of the traffic control with Wilson Bros., but they need a heads up on when they will need to do it. Jesse is going to send out a mass email with WyDOT, the council, and Wilson Bros. all together, but he would like to see what the town is willing to help out for the rest of this. He thought the town could provide the pit run so they would not have to haul that. Beyond that, there would be about 26k left. Traffic control would have been about 15k. He would like to know what the town is willing to help out with. Councilman Olson asked if Wilson would haul it if we did the pit run because we only have the little trucks and he was told yes.

AVI: AVI mailed a revised environmental report with contact letters to the Town. Jesse asked Bruce Perryman to see if he could do this because the property that was next to the lagoon was not in the environmental report back in 2017, so it is just updating that for RUS.

Public Comment: Fire Chief Brent Godfrey said they are trying to get the ball rolling for the new fire hall and they would like to know what they have for water, power, and what they would be looking at cost-wise because they are going to want to know for the grant. Right now there are 3 water taps adjacent to the water building, but they are either 1” taps or ¾” taps. Brent will work with Jesse on this.

Executive Session: Councilman Hopkin made a motion to move into executive session at 8:10 p.m. for personnel, Councilman Godfrey seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Councilman Hopkin made a motion to adjourn executive session and move into regular session at 8:50 p.m., Councilman DesRosier seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Town of Basin Mayor/ CJ Duncan

Deaun Tigner – Town Clerk