

TOWN OF BASIN

Public Hearing – Proposed Chicken Ordinance– Minutes

Thursday, February 25, 2021

Basin City Arts Center at 6:30 PM

Call to Order Special Meeting Session

A Public Hearing on the Proposed Chicken Ordinance of the Town of Basin Council was held at the Basin City Arts Center in Basin, Wyoming on Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 6:30 PM. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

Council Members Present: Mayor CJ Duncan, Brent Godfrey, Carl Olson, Stuart DesRosier., and Joseph Keele.

Also present were Clerk/Treasurer Deaun Tigner, Sergeant Greg Hess, Town Engineer Jesse Frisbee, and Town Attorney Kent Richins, Reg Henderson, Heath Overfield, Alice Davidson, Carmen Olson, Rowan Hartman, Greg Kuhnke, Deanna Jensen, Donna Jennings, Linda Weeks, Charlie Weeks, and Barbara Greene.

Conduct of Business:

Public Hearing on Chickens in Town Limits:

Public Comment: There were quite a few Basin residents in attendance at the public hearing for the proposed chicken ordinance. Everyone in attendance was given a chance to speak regarding whether they want chickens in town limits or not.

Mayor Duncan discussed the pros and cons of having chickens with what he was hearing from the public. For people to be able to take care of themselves is especially important. There was also a discussion on whether or not there needs to be an application fee that would go along with having chickens. Councilman Godfrey stated he was against it as they had gone through a similar problem with having horses in town limits for 4-H years before or having rabbits in town to be raised for food or pets and then people would turn them loose in town, leaving the Police Department tasked with the enforcement. Councilman Keele stated that all the municipalities he has talked to has had zero issues with predators.

Councilman DesRosier likes the idea of people being free to do what they want on their property, but also sees the issue on enforcement. Councilman Olson thought everyone should have a right to be able to have chickens if they would like to.

There being no further business to discuss, Councilman Olson moved to adjourn the Special Meeting, Councilman Keele seconded, the motion passed unanimously, and the Special Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Town of Basin Mayor/CJ Duncan

Deaun Tigner – Town Clerk