

TOWN OF BASIN

Regular Council Meeting – Minutes

Thursday, April 8, 2021

Basin City Arts Center at 7:00 PM

Call to Order Regular Session

Pledge of Allegiance

A Regular Meeting of the Town of Basin Council was held at the Basin City Arts Center in Basin, Wyoming on Thursday, March April 8, 2021 at 7:00 PM. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

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

Also present were Clerk/Treasurer Deaun Tigner, Chief McClure, Town Engineer Jesse Frisbee, Town Attorney Kent Richins, Lester Freisen, Tammy Keele, Travis Schriener, Aaron Gesch, Brett Suiter, and Barbara Greene.

Public Comment: None at this time.

Department Head Reports:

Public Works: Steve Vanderploeg submitted his DSR to the Council, but did not attend the meeting.

Electric Utility: Stacey Leshner did not submit his DSR to the Council.

Water Department: Mike Dellos submitted his DSR to the Council.

Administrative: Deaun Tigner reviewed her DSR with the Council. Delinquent/Aging Report: 30 days is \$1,175.00, down \$589.33, 60 days up \$21,342.19, which is down \$1128.94 as of April 8, 2021.

Municipal Court/Mount View Cemetery: Deaun Tigner reviewed the DSR with the Council.

Police Department: Chief McClure reviewed his DSR with the Council. The Council recommended to have Chief McClure get two new tasers.

Committees/Commissions/Departments:

Planning & Zoning: Councilman Olson reviewed the minutes for Planning and Zoning.

Rec District: Mayor Duncan stated that the tentative date to pour the concrete patch is April 19th. They did hire a pool/activity director as Amanda Otto. The Rec Department is currently hiring staff for lifeguard and activities.

Activity Committee: Town Clean up is April 24, 2021, and they are looking for volunteers, trailers, pickups, etc. Volunteers will not go into a residential home to take stuff out, but anything outside the volunteers can help with. Councilman Godfrey stated that he would volunteer to go around and help. The Town of Basin would like to sponsor a canoe trip from Manderson to Basin through BBORC to develop the Big Horn river as the blue way trail on July 17, 2021.

Public Comments: None at this time.

Building Permits:

Ryan & Lindsay Julson – 303 Crescent Dr. – Kitchen remodel & small addition for bath and laundry.

Eagles Building (TNT Contractors): 103 South 4th Street: Demolition of existing block building.

Councilman Olson made a motion to approve both building permits, Councilman DesRosier seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Variance Request – Lester Freisen – 519 Holdrege: Demolish old house, build new. Councilman Olson discussed the variance request. Councilman Godfrey made a motion to approve the variance, Councilman DesRosier seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Mayor Duncan stated he thinks it is our responsibility to be as helpful as we can in situations like this. Councilman Godfrey made a motion to waive the \$300.00 fee, with the porch as a discussion for the future, Councilman DesRosier seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session: None requested at this time.

Approve Consent Agenda/Additions/Deletions: Councilman Olson made a motion to accept the agenda with Property Sale changed to Questions on use of City property, and resolution 2021-2 changed to large garbage pickup discussion, Councilman Keele seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Conduct of Business:

Councilman Godfrey made a motion to accept the regular meeting minutes from March 11, 2021, budget workshop March 18, 2021, and Regular Meeting March 25, 2021, Councilman Keele seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Vouchers: Councilman Olson made a motion to approve the vouchers (\$203,489.46) and payroll (\$50,643.21), for a grand total of \$254,132.67, Councilman Godfrey seconded, and the motion carried.

Use of City Property: Aaron Gesh expressed interest in the vacant property just to the west of the Baptist Church. He came to the council meeting to explore what options might be available and if the town is interested in working with the church regarding that piece of property. Ultimately, they would like to own the property as an opportunity to beautify the west side of their property and have parking expansion. Town Attorney Kent Richins stated that if the Town wants to sell the property typically we would put it up for bid and it would go to the highest bidder, but there is an exception in the statutes that if they provided information that it would support economic development for the town that we could sell it without going through the bidding process. Another alternative would be talking about doing a long-term lease/memorandum of understanding. Town Engineer Jesse Frisbee stated that if we were to split it off it could create subdivision requirements because it is less than 35 acres. Councilman Olson made a motion to have Kent Richins look into seeing how we can gift it to them, lease agreement options, easements maintained, etc., Councilman Godfrey seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Eagles: Mayors Duncan reported the update on the Eagles building.

AVI: Nothing to report.

Swimming Pool: Town Engineer Jesse Frisbee stated that April 19th is when they will do the concrete, all the piping has been installed.

Peddler's, Itinerant Vendor's and Itinerant Merchants: Councilman DesRosier made a motion to table this until next meeting, Councilman Godfrey seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor's Proclamation: Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month: Councilman Godfrey made a motion to have Mayor Duncan sign the proclamation, Councilman Keele seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Second Amendment Sanctuary: Mayor Duncan brought this discussion up at the Mayor's meeting with two of the County Commissioners present. They have not done anything with it. Their major concern was that funding would be withheld if they took a stance on it. Mayor Duncan's concern was that they are not protecting our freedoms because they are going to lose funding, our freedoms are worth more than that. Governor Gordon just signed a bill in support of our sovereign rights. At the Mayor's meeting the commissioners did say if there was enough support they would talk about being a sanctuary county.

Rededication of B street/Russell Easements: Town Attorney Kent Richins will have at the next meeting two resolutions; one on B street and one on Lot 11, one easement to the Russell property that would go with the land and would not be public easements.

Ordinance 690 – Inactive Tap Fees (3rd Reading): Councilman Godfrey made a motion to accept ordinance 690 on the third reading, Councilman DesRosier seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Councilman Olson also directed the Town Clerk to notify anyone with an inactive balance of \$250.00 as of April 19 a letter by certified mail.

Ordinance 692 – Chickens in Town Limits (1st Reading): Councilman Keele made a motion to accept ordinance 692 on the first reading as written, Councilman Olson seconded, and the motion carried. Councilman Godfrey was opposed. The Council is satisfied with the distance of 25 feet.

Large Garbage Pickup: Mayor Duncan discussed the large appliances that have been left next to the dumpsters, couches, chairs, pianos, etc. The sanitation employee who picks up the garbage has been told to stop lifting the large appliances for safety reasons as he is working on his own all the time. Mayor Duncan suggested charging a few more dollars a month and then having our crew going by once or twice a week and removing the items on a trailer and disposing them as it would be a way to continue to serve the community as there are elderly people who are not able to remove the items themselves. Councilman Godfrey asked why we would penalize everyone when it is only a few people who are doing it. Councilman Keele suggested doing a cleanup twice a year. It was recommended by the Council to send a letter to all of

the people in the neighborhood of where we have problems with garbage explaining to them what they can and cannot include in the dumpster and that there may or may not be citations handed out in the future.

Public Comment: Travis Schriener discussed that he did not like the thought of having to pay more to have the town crew pick up the large appliances etc., as he thinks a lot of people would abuse it.

Brent Godfrey officially informed the Town Council that the Fire Department has maintained their ISO.

Executive Session: Councilman DesRosier made a motion to go into executive session for personnel at 8:23 p.m., Councilman Olson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Councilman Godfrey made a motion to adjourn executive session and go into regular session at 8:51 p.m., Councilman Keele seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, Councilman Olson moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting, Councilman Godfrey seconded, the motion passed unanimously, and the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Town of Basin Mayor/CJ Duncan

Deaun Tigner – Town Clerk