

## TOWN OF BASIN

Regular Council Meeting – Minutes

Thursday, April 22, 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 22, 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 Kyle McClure, Town Engineer Jesse Frisbee, Town Attorney Kent Richins, Dondee Duncan, Steve Naso, and Barbara Greene.

Public Comment: Steve Naso attended the council meeting in support of the chicken ordinance and has questions on the process in order to apply for chickens on property and what type of information the town will be requesting on the permit application.

Building Permits: Jim Thomas – 809 South 7<sup>th</sup>: Build Garage & 6’ fence around back side and both sides, gravel front parking: Councilman Olson made a motion to approve this building permit pending P & Z approval, Councilman Godfrey seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session: None at this time.

**Approve Consent Agenda/Additions/Deletions:** Councilman Olson made a motion to accept the agenda, Councilman Keele seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Conduct of Business:**

Vouchers: Councilman Godfrey made a motion to approve vouchers in the amount of \$10,566.74, Councilman DesRosier seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Eagles: Mayor Duncan read the update in a memo sent from Heath Overfield. Updates included the notice of final payment for the asbestos abatement had been advertised. TNT mobilized to the project site and is currently removing the roof of the Eagles building. They have removed most of the sheeting and are now getting into the wood underlayment. TNT submitted a traffic plan to WYDOT that was reviewed and approved. They are now working on the final paperwork for their encroachment permit.

Swimming Pool: Town Engineer Jesse Frisbee reported that they have poured the deck around gutters and should be putting a liner on shortly. Mayor Duncan asked Jesse if he knew that he needed to plant grass on the area that he has been parking on. Jesse Frisbee stated that he will talk to him and do a punch list at the end.

Peddlers, Itinerant Vendors and Itinerant Merchants: The Council reviewed the ordinance for vendors for Worland and compared it to the ordinance that the Town currently has. Councilman Godfrey made a motion to repeal our entire ordinance and replace it with the new ordinance, Councilman DesRosier seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Use of City Property: Town Attorney Kent Richins discussed that the safest route would be a long-term lease. Councilman Keele made a motion to have Councilman Olson and DesRosier to the committee to oversee the church issues, Councilman Godfrey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

EDU/Garbage Rates: The Town is going to have a rate increase from the company that we purchase our water from and sell to the residents in Basin. There is a guaranteed rate increase of \$1.26 and a possible increase from the Water District of \$2.00. Their bulk water rate is going up but will not affect the Town, the only thing that it will affect is the EDU. In 2019, the Town had increased the rates in anticipation of this, but it will not cover our prices as it is right now. The current question is does the town want to raise \$2.00 and not the extra \$1.26. We are not for sure that the \$2.00 raise is coming, but there is anticipation that it is. Councilman DesRosier stated that we should not charge for the \$1.26 as this is why we raised the rates in 2019. Councilman Olson also agreed with Councilman DesRosier.

In going through the budget we are seeing that the garbage is not paying for itself. One option is going back to only dumping the dumpsters once a week no matter what and if there is an extra pickup then we will charge an extra fee, but because of convenience we really try to keep the dumpsters open and empty as we are pushing really hard to get people to take care of their properties. Another option is going to be discussed in executive session as it also deals with personnel issues. Councilman DesRosier made a motion to table this issue until the first meeting in May, Councilman Olson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance 691 – 2021-2022 Budget (1<sup>st</sup> reading): Mayor Duncan stated that we are staying with 3 officers and an SRO in the budget. Councilman Olson made a motion to approve the budget on the first reading, Councilman Keele seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance 692 – Chickens in Town Limits: Councilman DesRosier made a motion to accept ordinance 692 – Chickens in Town Limits, Councilman Keele seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2021-2: Increasing funds in sewer improvement to repair. Councilman Keele made a motion to approve this resolution, Councilman Olson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2021 – 3: Rededication of a portion of B street to the Town of Basin: Councilman DesRosier made a motion to approve this resolution, Councilman Godfrey seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2021-4: Rededication of the Public Right-A-Way. There was a public right-a-way and a couple of the easements tied into it. Councilman Godfrey made a motion to approve this resolution, Councilman DesRosier seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Russell Access Road Easements: Councilman Olson made a motion to approve the Russell Access Road Easements, Councilman Godfrey seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Town Attorney Kent Richins wanted to clarify what we are charging for this easement and he was told we were just charging for the access to her easements.

Public Comments; None at this time.

Executive session: Councilman DesRosier made a motion to go into executive session for personnel at 7:33 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 8:10 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 8:11 p.m.

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Town of Basin Mayor/CJ Duncan

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Deaun Tigner – Town Clerk