

## TOWN OF BASIN

Regular Council Meeting – Minutes

Thursday, July 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, July 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, Joseph Keele and Stuart DesRosier.

Also present were Clerk/Treasurer Deaun Tigner, Public Works Steve VanderPloeg, Water Department Mike Dellos, Chief Kyle McClure, Town Attorney Kent Richins, Town Engineer Jesse Frisbee, Barbara Greene, John Joyce, Bill Dahlke, Heather Lawrence, T.J. VanderPloeg, Justin Powell, Merrite Powell, Brenden Powell, Cadence Powell, Sophie Powell, Theodore Powell, James Sawyer, Tamara Sawyer, Savannah Cornell, Trenton Cornell, Andrew Sawyer, Brandon Sawyer, Cash Duncan, Porter Duncan, Wyatt Daly- Patterson, Kenneth McClure, Malia McClure, and Dondee Duncan,

Town Attorney Kent Richins swore in new police officers, James Sawyer and Justin Powell.

Public Comment: Mayor Duncan read aloud a letter from a town resident regarding a shut off notice shut on their front door. The Council had a brief discussion regarding shut off notices. They do understand the seriousness of putting shut off notices on doors, but also realize the need to put the shut off notices out.

Executive Session: None at this time.

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

### **Conduct of Business:**

**Vouchers:** Councilman Olson made a motion to accept vouchers in the amount of \$99,400.84, Councilman Godfrey seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**REA Cooperative Agreement:** Town Attorney Kent Richins discussed the agreement that was proposed by the REA. It was also discussed that the materials that the Town of Basin has on hand the REA will utilize and will not charge extra. Big Horn REA brought an Emergency Service Contract to the meeting to discuss with the Council. With signing the document it should give the Town time to explore what we need to do and will also be able to extend it if we need more time. John Joyce agreed to adding “or gross negligence” to Article 5 – Indemnification of the contract with him initialing

it if the town will sign off on it tonight. Councilman DesRosier made a motion to make the change to state under Article 5 – Indemnification “Under no circumstances shall Big Horn have any liability to the Town, its officers, employees, or agents, for personal injury or property damage arising out of the work performed under this contract except in cases of willful misconduct or gross negligence, “ Councilman Godfrey seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously. The document was sign based on the Council recommendation. Provided with the contract was also the Public Service Commission of Wyoming Schedule (PSC). Bill Dahlke stated that they will straighten the inventory so the REA knows what they have to work with and will be taking some of our inventory to label and put in the REA so they have it on hand if they need something.

New Board Member for Electric Joint Powers Board: Councilman Olson made a motion to have Brent Godfrey appointed as the board member for the Electric Joint Powers Board, Councilman DesRosier seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Boundary Change: Town Attorney Kent Richins stated that the owners of the property on the boundary change would need to sign a petition and file it with the town clerk. Mayor Duncan also stated that he has a piece of property that he would like to de-annex as well. Mayor Duncan stated that he will approach the property owners.

Eagles: Town Attorney Kent Richins spoke with the attorney for the Eagles. Town Attorney Kent Richins will prepare a warranty deed from the Eagles to the Town of Basin. The Eagles will also have to pay the Town \$20,000.00. He thinks this part will be done in mid to late August. Councilman Olson recommends that we allow the modification to the contract time per the memo from Heath Overfield. The Council would like Heath to attend the next meeting and the town clerk will see if she can set that up.

AVI: No update.

Community Center Plans: The School District has given a tentative date for the town receiving the gym and the old school as November 1, 2021. Councilman Olson suggested that the Council plan a meeting to sit down and discuss what we think we need to have happen and have something drawn up. Town Engineer Jesse Frisbee will be asked to show up to that meeting as well. We also need to specifically ask the community if they want to have the town office move up to the school. Councilman Olson stated that he will visit with Gottsche and see if they will want to move up to the school or have an office there. We will add the Community Center to the agenda on August 12, 2021 to set a date for a meeting on a Saturday.

Ordinance 695 – Water Utility (2<sup>nd</sup> reading): Increase the water rates per EDU. Councilman Olson made a motion to accept the second reading of Ordinance 695, Councilman Keele seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2021-7: Councilman Olson made a motion to accept resolution 2021-7, Councilman DesRosier seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: Brent Godfrey, speaking on behalf of the Fire Department, stated they bought a new firetruck through Fremont Motors who is giving fire services a break and will hopefully make better response units.

Executive Session: Councilman Olson made a motion to go out of regular session and into executive session for discussion of contract negotiations, Councilman Keele seconded, and the motion passed unanimously 8:01 p.m. Councilman Godfrey made a motion to adjourn executive session and go into regular session at 8:22 p.m., Councilman Olson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, Councilman Olson moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting, Councilman Godfrey seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, and the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

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Town of Basin Mayor/CJ Duncan

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Deaun Tigner – Town Clerk