

TOWN OF BASIN

Regular Council Meeting – Minutes

Thursday, August 26, 2021

Town of Basin 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, August 26, 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, Heath Overfield, Town Attorney Kent Richins, Town Engineer Jesse Frisbee, Jess Robinson, and Gene Grose.

Public Comment: Gene Grose spoke to the Council about not wanting flood irrigation in town as he has damage to his property because of it. He is across the street from one of the areas that gets flood irrigated at times for up to 70 hours. We wouldn't be depriving them of the right to irrigation, but change how they need to do it. He has tried to work with the owners and their response was that it has to be irrigated. The flood irrigation is causing him problems and he would like it to stop.

Executive Session: None at this time.

Approve Consent Agenda/Additions/Deletions: Councilman Olson made a motion to add a discussion item of REA after AVI on the agenda, Councilman DesRosier seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Conduct of Business:

Flood Irrigation/Sewer: Town Attorney Kent Richins stated we do have rules on flood irrigation, everyone in the town is required to hook onto the raw water system if available. The raw water is available to those properties. Town Engineer Jesse Frisbee stated when the town first put in the raw water pond they removed some of the head gates, but not all of them. They left six open and the owners can still use them. Town Engineer Jesse Frisbee recommended measuring the headgates. The Council agreed to measure the flow rates shown in the exhibits Jesse provided so we could measure how much is coming out. Town Attorney Kent Richins was directed by the Council to write a letter to the owners of the properties involved stating that the water infiltration is a problem. The Council also discussed installing weirs to the headgates as well. Town Engineer Jesse Frisbee will look at finding some weirs.

Crosswalks: Mayor Duncan rediscussed crosswalks with Councilman Keele as he did not attend the last meeting. Councilman Keele stated that the Highway Department would have to set up a study. Councilman Keele said he will bring it up at the Highway Department.

Community Center Plans: The Council is continuing to work on plans/ideas for the Community Center.

Inflation: Mayor Duncan had a brief discussion with the Council about a conversation he had with our auditor, Jim Reilly, about inflation and asked the Council to start looking at ways we are going to prepare for inflation.

2nd meeting of the month: The Council discussed having the second meetings of the month. They want to continue to keep the meetings the way they are with canceling meetings if we do not have any business to discuss.

Eagles: Heath Overfield discussed that we crossed the big hurdles. TNT did text Heath this afternoon and stated they did pour more on the east end and will finish the top of the wall off. Heath did discuss with the Council that we have a report to fill out on the Wyoming Business Council website that was an end of project report. The grant agreement stated that we should be done. Heath reminded the WBC that we brought it up last year. He was told that it was not a big deal but asked the town to submit a formal request for the grant agreement timeline. Heath suggested we extend it for a year so that it will give us a chance to finish the community needs assessment over the winter and finish the annex. Councilman Olson made a motion to approve the letter, Councilman Godfrey seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. At the first meeting in September Heath will have more information.

Town Attorney Kent Richins reported that he delivered to the Mayor the deeds on both parcels of the properties and the check for \$20,000 with the recommendation to hold off until the next meeting to file deeds.

AVI: Councilman Olson made a motion to move forward with the planned tentative dates, moving the special meeting to October 6, Councilman Godfrey seconded, and motion passed unanimously.

REA: Mayor Duncan stated that he has spoken with the REA. They are looking at an O & M contract for the near future. They have asked if we would have a problem with them doing an inventory of the town so they would know what kind of transformers, equipment, and materials was out there, poles, age, what has been tested, which will also give the town valuable information as well. They would like to schedule a meeting with Mayor Duncan and Councilman DesRosier soon.

Public Comments: None.

Executive Session: Councilman Olson made a motion to go out of regular session and into executive session for potential litigation, Councilman Keele seconded, and the motion passed unanimously 7:49 p.m. Councilman Godfrey made a motion to adjourn executive session and go into regular session at 7:58 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 7:59 p.m.

Town of Basin Mayor/CJ Duncan

Deaun Tigner – Town Clerk