

TOWN OF BASIN

Special Council Meeting – Minutes

Thursday, September 1, 2022

Town Hall at 8:30 PM

Call to Order Regular Session

Pledge of Allegiance

A Special Meeting of the Town of Basin Council was held at Town Hall in Basin, Wyoming on Thursday, September 1, 2022 at 8:30 PM. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 PM.

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

Also present were Clerk/Treasurer Deaun Tigner, Jackie Wilson, Barbara Anne Greene, Julie Dunlap, Carter Dunlap, Travis Schriener, Aileen Schriener, and Brice George.

Public Comment: Carter Dunlap read a letter he wrote to the Council and Mayor. Jackie Wilson suggested the idea of cow bells and car horns. Brice George did discuss with the Council that it will profit him nothing. He did think the town could use some school spirit. He has the ability to do this to support and develop some school spirit, community involvement, and will donate this to them. Barbara Greene asked Brice to clarify if he was donating them and the school was not buying them and he said he is donating the fireworks and the school is not paying for anything. Travis Schriener did not see the issue so much and stated if it bothered him he would make arrangements to leave town. He also stated that we get thunderstorms in town and they can last all night long, so the anxiety of the sound for the dogs could do the same thing.

There are four home games, maybe five. Councilman Olson asked if they were planning on shooting them off during the afternoon games as well and Brice said yes. He also asked if the band was planning on playing as well. Brice said they did have a band, but they don't have that many kids that would be able to do it. Jackie was also concerned about the little children that are scared of the fireworks as well. Barbara Greene said another suggestion is to have fire trucks there and have them play sirens. Travis Schriener said when he was in high school the National Guard would come out and light cannons. They did discuss lighting fireworks off years ago. Councilman DesRosier asked how many touchdowns they had last year

and they thought there were less than 10 last year. Jackie asked if the fireworks need to be that big and asked if could they go with something smaller. The fireworks have already been donated. Councilman Godfrey said the fireworks that are being proposed are not even close to some of the fireworks that could be used, doubting that they are even as loud as the cannons that would go off.

Mayor Duncan read the letter from Ken Fink which had concerns about where they would be lit off. Councilman Godfrey thought that Mr. Fink took the statutes out of context and didn't see the one above that said the town could issue permits on special occasions. Mayor Duncan also read the letter from Vicki Davis as well. Mayor Duncan said there were 21 yes votes and struck a few that were out of town. Councilman Godfrey had an issue with some of the names being struck out because they had students or grandchildren in town. Mayor Duncan also went over the petition and crossed off the out-of-town residents and students, although stated they should have a voice. He also crossed the ones out that he couldn't read.

Councilman Desrosier addressed that he is an employee of the School District; however, he is in favor of fireworks. Councilman Olson has mixed feelings as we do have a lot of no votes. He stated Councilman Keele said he had community members that were opposed. Councilman Olson was concerned about it as he doesn't want people to not feel like they do not have a voice and feels that we need to have some compassion towards others. Councilman Godfrey thought we showed compassion when we delayed the decision a week for those that do not want it to gather the majority or the backing to stop it and in a democratic society the majority rules. There were 18 no votes to 46 yes votes (18 no to 21 yes if you don't count the petition).

Councilman Godfrey made a motion to approve the fireworks for home games that was asked by the school, Councilman DesRosier seconded. Councilman Olson was opposed. Councilman Olson said we should look at some alternative ways without causing issues. Councilman Olson did state he was all for the kids but was worried about the direct people around the area that are not in favor of it. Mayor Duncan did agree that that does make a difference and that the Council has been accused of not being open to new businesses, not being open to attracting young people to town and when we try we get a lot of pushback.

Brice was informed the school will need a special use permit and to make sure to find out what their liability insurance will allow.

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Town of Basin Mayor/CJ Duncan

Deaun Tigner – Town Clerk