

## TOWN OF BASIN

Regular Council Meeting – Minutes

Thursday, September 28, 2023

Town Hall 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, September 28, 2023 at 7:00 PM. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Council Members Present: CJ Duncan, Brent Godfrey, and Carl Olson. Absent: Stuart DesRosier and Chuck Hopkin.

Also present were Clerk/Treasurer Deaun Tigner, Chief McClure, Bill Dahlke, Jesse Frisbee, Kent Richins, Kimberly Hiday, MauRena Scott, Daniel Scott, Loren Alberts, and Linda Goller.

Public Comment: MauRena Scott has a massage clinic in town and is looking for a bigger building and wanted to know about the old city building, if we were renting it, etc. Mayor Duncan said we were exploring that option as we have had some people with some interest, so we had been working on a basic agreement. He said right now the back portion we still utilize for storage and parking for some of the equipment and so we would want to maintain some of that. She said she would only want the office area. Councilman Olson also said the town has the annex building on the corner next to what was the old Eagles building available to rent. Councilman Olson said he would be willing to show them the buildings. MauRena discussed that she has two businesses and would be interested in viewing both places. Councilman Olson said he would show them both buildings.

Kimberly Hiday said she is trying to fix the water issue at her shop that is located next to the public works shop. She said she has been doing everything she can to seal the building and she has been talking to Councilman Olson about making a drain field on the other side. She had Bob Acton working with her digging and trying to help her do the north side. She said Mike Dellos has been a great help as well. They are trying to get all of the water to drain as every time the water comes out it comes from the bank and goes to her building. Councilman Olson would like to help and knows that he does not want it on our parking area either. He thought maybe we could have Jesse come help and look at it and come up with a

plan. He said he thinks the north side is good but we need to take it more north. Mayor Duncan thought we should include the bank in the conversation as well. Councilman Olson said he would agree with that. They are willing to work with Kimberly Hiday to fix one side, but on the other side it would be up to her. Councilman Olson stated that according to the rules we cannot make any decisions but we can discuss it.

Loren Alberts reported that he heard there was a problem in the police break room involving the use of town funds to purchase supplies. He brought supplies for the police so that they wouldn't have to pay for it out of pocket because he wants them in town and he wants the police to be able to eat whenever they want. Further, he promised to provide supplies for at least the next year, if not longer. Mayor Duncan stated that he was not being critical but explained that none of the offices could provide anything for their breakrooms and supplied coffee, etc. themselves. Mr. Alberts said that was fine, but that the police department was the only one that couldn't leave, so he wanted to make sure that they had everything they needed for interrogations and in the office.

Building/Demolition Permits: Mayor Duncan and the Council all stated that there are two of the three building permits that are being built right at this moment, but they would like to not continue to see this. Councilman Godfrey stated that he wanted to make sure that Mike was telling the residents that they need to wait until Council approval before they build. Councilman Godfrey made a motion to approve all three building permits and in the future residents will not be allowed to build until they have the building permit posted like they need to be, Councilman Olson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Chicken Permits: None.

Executive Session: None at this time.

Approve Consent Agenda/Additions/Deletions: Councilman Olson made a motion to add crosswalks to the agenda, Councilman Godfrey seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Conduct of Business:

Crosswalk: Town Attorney Kent Richins spoke about sending a letter to WYDOT about crosswalks and he did receive a letter back from them stating that they are doing a crosswalk study and once they have the results they will be in contact with us. Councilman Olson said he has a problem with the study. He said they are testing it in a little 8 foot corner on the corner where people do not walk. Mayor Duncan agreed that they need to move the study area or widen it out to make sure they can count the people who are

walking through there. Mayor Duncan suggested we follow up with them on that. Councilman Olson said Joe Keele is running the study and he thought we should get ahold of him and talk to him about this. The Council directed Kent to contact WyDot about expanding their study.

Department of Revenue Letter: The Department of Revenue sent a letter to the town stating that they are in receipt of an appealed audit assessment that will reduce future sales and use tax distributions to the town by \$17,125.72 based on a period from February 1, 2017 to January 31, 2020. It was decided that 49.4% of electrical usage at well sites was exempt from sales taxation as a transportation-related expense. According to the letter, to ease the burden on local partners and comply with the Board's decision, the Department will spread out the fiscal impact over the next few months rather than our next immediate distribution. It was a mistake on the part of the Department of Audit, Mayor Duncan emphasized, and the town had been basing its budget projections on the numbers given to us.

F-66 Annual survey: This report is annual and must be submitted by the Town. Councilman Olson made a motion to sign and approve this, Councilman Godfrey seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Special Events Permit: Riverside Middle High School Homecoming Parade: As the special events permit was not submitted in time for the meeting, Mayor Duncan stated that there was a text vote that was sent out that included all Councilman and Clerk Tigner, and all four Councilmen voted yes to allow the special events permit. Councilman Olson made a motion to ratify the vote on the parade, Councilman Godfrey seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

MEAN: Mayor Duncan said last year we spent a lot of time talking with Carol Brehm, who is the representative from MEAN, which is where we purchase our bulk power. We discussed with them last year how the contract was being handled. They did make a change that if we ever wanted to we could opt out or cancel our contract with MEAN. Basically in 5 years we will have an option to opt out and after that happens it would be a 20-year process to be out. Their reasoning behind that is because they are purchasing future power that far out and there is a debt that they want to pay off. The debt that we as a town are part of will be paid off at the end of the next fiscal year. They have different levels, schedule M, etc.. The option to opt out will come around every 5 years. This is something the Council will need to continue to discuss to determine which direction they would like to go.

Basin Housing Subdivision: As there was nothing for this discussion, it was struck from the conversation.

Senior Room Welcome: Mayor Duncan asked Councilman Godfrey if there was a date and time he and Councilman Hopkin could host a gathering in the senior room. He also offered to attend if they held it in the evening. Councilman Godfrey will coordinate with Councilman Hopkin and pick a date and time. Councilman Olson said if it was in the evening or on weekends he would also be able to attend.

Executive session: Councilman Olson made a motion to go into executive session at 7:36 p.m. for potential litigation and personnel, Councilman Godfrey seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Olson made a motion to come out of executive session and into the regular meeting at 8:06 p.m., Councilman Godfrey seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Olson stated that at the last meeting we had discussed the culvert and there were two proposals, one from Jack Naumann and one from Sean Stoffers, the lesser of the two proposals was Sean Stoffers and he proposed that we accept his proposal, Councilman Godfrey seconded in replacing the culvert down on East B street going to the boat dock area, the motion passed unanimously.

As there was nothing further to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

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Town of Basin Mayor/CJ Duncan

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Deaun Tigner – Town Clerk