

TOWN OF BASIN

Council Meeting – Special Minutes

Thursday, May 28, 2020

Basin City Arts Center at 7:00 PM

Call to Order Regular Session

Pledge of Allegiance

A Special Meeting of the Town of Basin Council was held at the Basin City Arts Center in Basin, Wyoming on Thursday, May 28, 2020 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 of Police Chris Kampbell, Town Attorney Kent Richins, Town Engineer Jesse Frisbee, Linda Weeks, Charlie Weeks, and Timothy Graham.

Approve Consent Agenda/Additions/Deletions: Councilman Olson made a motion to accept the agenda with the changes of moving E to B, moving the budget to the bottom of the meeting, and adding a line item of purchase agreement for the property next to the Town Hall, Councilman Godfrey seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Conduct of Business:

Linda Weeks is running for State Senate and wanted to give a brief introduction of herself to the Council and Mayor.

Green waste by sewer lagoon/Clean up Town: Timothy Graham attended the meeting to discuss the location of the brush dumping at the sewer lagoon instead of being at the Cemetery. He was explained by the Council that one of the biggest issue we have is how big the fire gets when the Town tries to burn it and also that there are a lot of people that take advantage of the dump location and will dump stuff that shouldn't be there. Mr. Graham also stated that he was worried that the location might not be the best idea as it is the entrance to the Town of Basin and over time may not look very well. One of his biggest concerns is keeping the Town cleaned up. The Town will start putting signs up so that there is more direction at the new green waste site. The Town will chip up what they can and use it as compost. The material is free to anyone that wants to come and use it.

Garbage in the Green Dumpsters: Public Works Steve VanderPloeg discussed having an issue with some residents putting their trash in the green dumpsters. There was a discussion about removing the green dumpsters from those residences until they no longer use the green dumpsters to empty their trash in them. If anyone in the future empties their garbage in the green waste dumpsters they will be given a citation for littering.

Hiring of a Streets and Alleys Employee: Public Works Steve VanderPloeg discussed with the Council about hiring another employee. The Council asked what would be improved upon if we hired another employee. Steve VanderPloeg stated that we are currently just barely staying on top of the work we have but have no time or staffing to work on anything else.

Purchase Agreement for the Annex Building: The purchase agreement was signed for the property at 211 South 4th Street. Town Attorney Kent Richins will get the title insurance and take care of this.

Ordinance 682 – Supreme Court Fees: Councilman Godfrey made a motion to pass ordinance 682 on the second reading, Councilman DesRosier seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously.

Budget 2020-2021/Insurance: Councilman Olson made a motion to leave the insurance as it currently is with the intention to take a serious look at it in the future, Councilman DesRosier seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Olson made a motion to allocate the money from the sale of the annex building to the Community Center, Councilman Godfrey seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Chief of Police Chris Kampbell would like the benefits line item full funded for all officers in the department. Currently there is one employee that does not utilize the health insurance the Town offers, however he would like it added to the benefits line item.

Executive Session: Councilman Godfrey made a motion to go out of the regular meeting and move into executive session for personnel reasons at 7:34 p.m., Councilman Olson seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously.

Councilman Godfrey made a motion to adjourn executive session and return to the regular meeting at 8:10, Councilman Keele seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously.

Councilman Olson made a motion to have Public Works Steve VanderPloeg start the application process to hire another employee, Councilman Godfrey seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously.

Councilman Olson made a motion to visit with Public Works Steve VanderPloeg about offering a benefit to an employee, Councilman Godfrey seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, Councilman Godfrey moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting, Councilman DesRosier seconded, motion passed unanimously, and the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

CJ Duncan - Mayor

Deaun Tigner – Town Clerk