

**MINUTES**  
**THE REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17th, 2021 AT 6:30 P.M.**

Council Members Present: Mayor Duncan and Council Members: Gibson, Hill, Holland and O'Brien.

Absent: None

Others Present: Ron Drake, Colleen Thompson, John Groo, Ryan Anderson, Laurie Simonson, Jessica Maw, Laura Cameron, Scott Barnhart, Norman and Peggy Llewellyn.

Clerk: Jocelyn Buck

**Regular Town Meeting**

M Duncan called the Meeting to Order at 6:30 PM and delivered the Electronic Meeting Determination  
Buck called roll.

1. Open Public Comment: Laura Cameron thanked the Council for the changes to the Fire Ordinance.

2. Approval of Minutes: Regular Town Council Meeting October 20th, 2021.

CM Gibson motioned to approve the Minutes from September 15, 2021; CM Holland seconded motion passed unanimously.

3. Executive Reports:

**\*Water Agent and Water Committee Report - John Groo**

Groo reported on his meeting with the CV Fire District Commission discussion on the Town providing non potable water from the well on Lot 13 to resident's cisterns. The Commission was open to the idea but there is still a lot to work out. Groo asked what was the current financial arrangement is between the Town and the Fire District. Buck will forward that MOU to Groo. There may need to be amendments to the current arrangement in order cover costs of maintaining the pump. Groo added there would need to some kind of release from residents reflecting that the water is not potable and releasing the Town from any misuse of the water. CM Hill asked if this would help the Town demonstrate it is a municipal water provider status with the State Division of Water Rights. Groo agreed this would add another "use" to the Town municipal water rights. CM Holland asked what the water quality was like at that well. Groo did not know but he has plans to have the water tested soon. CM Holland asked if would be a self-serve situation and Groo said the well will not be open to the public. The Town would take orders and collect payments and then Road Department would do the deliveries. There is still a lot to be worked out.

M Duncan reported Castle Valley Ditch Company are considering applying for a grant for the Utah Forestry Land and Fire ( Duncan Fuchise)to do some clearing/ fire mitigation work down in the Green belt at the end of Rim Shadow where the irrigation gate is located. CM O'Brien reported on a field trip they all took down there to access the situation. The Ditch Company is worried that the Russian olive overgrowth is impeding their access as well as taking too much water from the springs. CM O'Brien added that the newer well over at the Castle Rock ranch is pumping a lot of water onto the hay fields and that may also be affecting the water volume from the springs. Treatment of Russian olive stumps with herbicides has been very controversial in previous Town Council discussions. M Duncan asked for formal request from the Ditch Company explaining their rational for the work to help the Council to decide to allow the work in the Town green belt and support Duncan Fuchise application for the State grant. It is ultimately up to the Town to access risk of fire danger and water contamination from potential herbicide use. CM O'Brien continued that the peer review of our Water Study may be done by USU in conjunction with reviews of studies done in Moab and Kanab.

**\*Roads Committee-** Reports provided. M Duncan reported that Dorje Honer has officially transitioned to Road Manager. Gritts did provide a quote for 396 ton of gravel/ \$10,000.00. We may spend /get less in order to pay for some cold patch material to patch the disintegrating asphalt along the edges of Castle Valley Dr. Honer will be working with Emery regarding our requested restoration work.

\*Planning & Land Use Commission-Minutes provided. Thompson responded to the Council's concerns about the overweight square footage of the building plans on Lot 37 apparently new plans have been submitted that are within the Ordinance specifications.

\* Community Renewable Energy Program(C-REP) CM Gibson reported the C-REP Board has extended the deadline for Communities to join until the end of March. The Low Income Committee continues to work on program options. They are looking into using the RMP generated solar excess revenue to help fund low income Communities. Our second anchor payment is due at the end of this month

\*Solid Waste District- Diana Ackerman- not present, no report.

\*EMS District- Ed Weeks- not present no report.

\*Fire District-Chief Drake announced the Fire District's Christmas Light Parade will be December 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30PM and it will run from Miller Lane to the Town Building. The Valley has had some disruptions in 911 service, the calls were being routed to Washington County instead of Grand County. This problem has since been resolved. So far the Fire Truck fundraising campaign has received approximately \$46,000.00 in donations and at the last Fire Commissioner's meeting Mitchel and Jayne May donated \$50,000! So between the donations and some money the Fire District had set aside in a capitol fund they will have enough money to buy a new wildland fire truck. Drake and the Council thanked the Mays, the other donors and Linda Skogrand for all her diligence in getting donations.

\*Housing Task Force- M Duncan- no report.

\*County Economic Advisory Board-M Duncan reported the Board will meet this week and will be brainstorming of potential uses for part B of their Grant.

\* Dark Sky Team - Buck reported the Team will be concentrating on the IDA Application that they hope have done by the end of the year.

4. Correspondence: None

5. Administrative Matters & Procedures: Town letters: CM Holland reported that the second phase of the fire mitigation plan up on the BLM north east of Round Mountain has started. He thought it would be good to send the State Division of Forestry, Land and Fire a letter reiterating the agreed upon criteria from phase one. Council agreed a reminder was a good idea. CM Holland will also send an email out to residents to let them know what is going on with the project. CM Holland will also be working on comments for the Grand County Public Lands proposal. The Council discussed the different options changing from Frontier to Emery Service to Town Building and as bundling phone and internet is always cheaper it was decided to switch completely to Emery. We may also look into a bigger battery backup system that last longer than the residential 3 hour back up. Buck reported we received a \$2400 grant from Deb Dull of RMP to be used on the Town Community Lot. Some of that grant will be used for painting a pickle ball court on the basketball court and more bark mulch for the playground. Buck continued discussion on the Town website which seems adequate but we really need to look into a new email provider Smarter Mail overages are getting ridiculous. CM Holland's son will work up some options for the Town. M Duncan explained that we need to make an administrative change to the Ordinance 2008-3 Establishing the Road Committee because a quorum for a 4 person Committee is 3 not 2. Council agreed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

6. Discussion and Possible Action re: Approval of 2022 Meeting Dates.

M Duncan reported the Road Committee has agreed to meet quarterly in 2022 and the PLUC has already approved their Meeting dates

CM Hill motioned to approve the 2022 Town Council Meeting dates; CM O'Brien seconded the motion passed unanimously.

7. Discussion and Possible Action re: Amendments to Fire Ordinance 2021-4(to supersede Ordinance2007-6).

M Duncan explained the Fire District Commission had requested Item E be excluded.

CM Hill motioned to approve the change to Ordinance 2021-4; CM O'Brien seconded motion passed unanimously.

**8. Discussion and Possible Action re: Amendments to Ordinance 95-6 Building Permit and other Land Use Processes.**

M Duncan explained there are couple administrative changes and additions to update the Ordinance to include the permit processes for Internal Accessory Dwelling Units recently adopted into Ordinance 85-3.

CM O'Brien motioned to adopt the changes to Ordinance 95-6, CM Hill seconded motion passed unanimously.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS- None**

**9. Closed Meeting (If necessary)**

**10. Payment of the bills.**

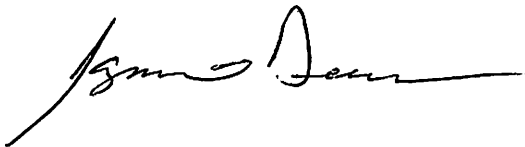
CM Gibson motioned to pay the bills to included payment of the second C-REP anchor Community installment, CM O'Brien seconded, motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

CM Hill motioned to adjourn, CM Gibson seconded, motion passed unanimously.

M Duncan adjourned the Meeting at 7:30 PM

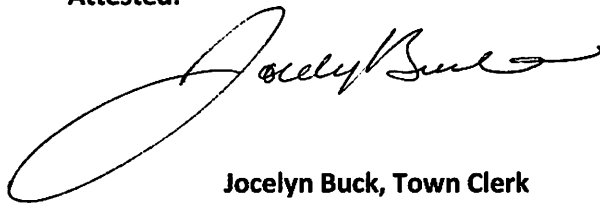
**Approved:**



**Jazmine Duncan, Mayor**

**Date:** 12/20/2021

**Attested:**



**Jocelyn Buck, Town Clerk**

**Date:** 12-20-2021