



MINUTES

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14th, 2016 AT 6:30 P.M.

CASTLE VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER - 2 CASTLE VALLEY DRIVE

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

Absent: Council Member Drogin.

Others Present: Bill Rau and MaryBeth Fitzburgh.

Clerk/Recorder: Jocelyn Buck

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Erley called the Regular Town Council Meeting to order at 6:30 PM

1. Open Public Comment: None

2. Approval of Minutes

* Regular Town Council Meeting for November 16th, 2016.

CM Hill motioned to approve minutes, seconded by O'Brien, motion passed unanimously, with minor grammatical and punctuation changes.

3. Executive Reports

*Roads Committee - Mingo Gritts

Erley reported that Mingo will start giving us written reports in the New Year. He continued that it is too cool now to for the cold patch work on Castle Valley Drive. In spring they will finish fog sealing the patched areas as well as a fix any damage from snowplowing. Currently they are working on "haul and fill" projects adding gravel and leveling rough areas on side streets. They will also continue working on the Blue Stakes project.

CM Hill commented she had received compliments from a citizen on the work the road's crew has done on Homestead Lane.

Erley continued the crew will be covering snow removing as necessary. An update on the Shafer Lane project consisted of a recently acquired "right of way use" document with the Department of Transportation that will give the Town access to the State gravel pit on Hwy 128 for the Shafer Lane road base. We will be working on renewing this permit as it will expire in 2018.

*Planning & Land Use Commission- MaryBeth Fitzburgh

Erley complimented the excellent draft minutes.

CM Hill asked about the permit for the garage permit on lot 55.

*Water Agent Report - John Groo- not present

Erley reported on the Water Study Part 2. This has been sent out to the Council and will be forwarded to Mark Stilson next week. He had requested 2016 updated aquifer calculations to add to their water review. These new calculations showed an estimated 20 % reduction in the amount of available water in the aquifer. This means that during a period like this the valley with the surplus water rights is being fully used. With this we should go back to Mark Stilson with this information and show that there is an urgent need to close the aquifer. There is discrepancy between the amount of water we have on paper water rights (6900 acre feet) and actual water availability (5800 acre feet). This would encourage us to conserve our water and water rights.

CM Duncan had a question regarding the Culinary Well designation and the town's legal responsibility for the quality/purity of this water.

Erley stated that this is why it would be beneficial for us to partner with Daystar because they have someone on staff that is certified for maintaining and testing a culinary well.

* Fiber Optics Research Committee- No report CM Drogin not present.

*Update on Housing Task Force- CM Duncan

CM Duncan reported that there is draft of an Affordable Housing Plan that is circulating through the Grand County Planning Commission and Council.

O'Brien reported there is a Council proposal to eliminate overnight rental construction in commercially zoned business areas. The Planning Commission wants standard commercial development in those areas not overnight rentals.

* Fire District –CM Duncan

CM Duncan reported that the District has signed a MOU for the State's Wild Land Fire Policy. This will require our community to work together to meet the match with mitigation, preparedness and prevention projects. If the match is not met the District will have to meet the entire cost of the policy.

Erley stated the Town is committed to making this project work.

CM Duncan continued that getting the word out in the community will be essential. Projects have to be devised or created by the District and then approved by Jason Johnson the State Policy coordinator. The District will be getting together every year to review and approve projects.

Erley said that we should consider making a kiosk up at the mailboxes designated to fire wise essentials and information.

CM Duncan stated that Mingo and the road's crew will also be very involved working with the public on these projects.

4. Correspondence

Thank you note from Ryan Anderson thanking the Road's crew for the work they did on the Drainage problems on Homestead.

5. Administrative Matters & Procedures

CM Hill explained that we are required to provide proof that we have "Debit Reserve" for \$6150.00 the final payment on the CIB loan for the Town Building. So that amount has been earmarked as a line item in our Capital account.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Discussion and Possible Action re: Recommendation and Approval of Bill Rau to the Planning and Land Use Committee.

Erley stated he had interviewed Bill and he had mentioned that the new members have given the Committee new energy. In addition he asked that the Council look ahead for any issues they wanted the PLUC to look at in the near future, topics such as potential General Plan revision questions and culinary water issues etc.

Erley nominated Bill Rau to the Planning and Land Use Committee.

CM Duncan moved to approve his nomination, seconded by CM O'Brien and motion passed unanimously.

7. Discussion and Possible Action re: Approval of Conditional Use Permits and Business Licenses for 2017.

CM Hill moved to approve the 2017 Permits and Licenses as presented, seconded by CM O'Brien, and motion passed unanimously.

8. Discussion and Possible Action re: Approval of Ordinance 2016-1 Acceptance of Donations to the Town.

CM Hill moved to adopt Ordinance 2016-1, seconded by CM Duncan, motion passed unanimously.

9. Discussion and Possible Action re: Regarding Approval of the Skogrand Donation to the Town.

CM Duncan moved to Approve Skogrand Donation, seconded by CM O'Brien, motion passed unanimously.

CM Hill added that the town had spent \$600 in legal fees setting up this Ordinance and all donations need to be tracked through the General Fund balance.

10. Discussion and Possible Action re: Water Use Resolution, Ordinance and Agreement/ Permit

Erley encouraged the Council to read up on this topic and if needed discuss their questions with John Groo prior to the Public Hearing in January.

CM O'Brien wanted to add that some residents will be concerned that this infringes on their existing water rights. And that this will need to be explained at the Public Hearing.

CM Hill added that some residents may find they don't have the water rights they think they have.

Hill moved to table this item, seconded by CM Duncan, motion passed unanimously.

Buck clarified that there will be a Public Hearing at the January Town Council Meeting January 18th 2017.

