

MINUTES
THE REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15th 2023 AT 6:30 P.M.

CASTLE VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER – 2 CASTLE VALLEY DRIVE

Due to concerns regarding the potential spread of COVID-19 this was a hybrid meeting held at the anchor site 2 Castle Valley Drive as well as electronically by Zoom.

Council Members Present: Mayor Duncan and Buck at the anchor site and Council Members: Gibson, Hill and Holland on Zoom.

Absent: CM O'Brien

Others Present at Anchor Site: None

Others present on Zoom: Dorje Honer , John Groo, Ron Drake, Jessica Maw and Peggy and Norman Llewellyn.

Clerk: Jocelyn Buck

M Duncan Public Hearing to order at 6:30 PM, Buck called role.

Public Hearing

Amendments to Ordinance 2023-1 An Ordinance providing for the Compensation of the Mayor.

No Comments

Public Hearing closed at 6:32 PM

Regular Town Meeting

Called to order at 6:32 PM

1. Open Public Comment- None

2. Approval of Minutes: Regular Town Council Meeting January 18, 2023

CM Gibson motioned to approve the minutes from the Regular Town Council Meeting January 18, 2023, with one correction CM Hill seconded motion passed unanimously, with CM Holland abstaining as he was absent for that meeting.

3. Executive Reports:

*Water Agent and Water Committee Report - John Groo had nothing specific to report no to be covered in Items 7 and 8. Groo verified all the Studies were sent in for the peer review.

*Road Department Report- Dorje Honer grading will start soon. The Back hoe brakes may need further diagnostics / repair with Honnen either by them coming out or us having to have the Back hoe shipped to Grand Junction. Groo and Honer discussed logging Roads water use from the well on Lot 13. CM Gibson thanked Honer for a thorough road report. CM Gibson asked to have the database calculate percentages instead of dollar figures. Groo, Honer and Gibson will meet next time Groo is in the Valley.

*Planning & Land Use Commission- M Duncan reported on the PLUC Meeting with the National Flood Insurance Program representatives. Current the Valley does not have flood maps the Town can join the program however once the State does the mapping areas of the Valley will be flood prone and the Program will have requirements in order to get the insurance and/ or rebuild after a claim . Also if the Town joins the program there would be other Building Ordinance requirements and trailers, RVs and Yurts would be required to be strapped down to be in compliance. Claims paid by the NFIP seemed very low . PLUC Clerk Maw will forward the NFIP handouts to the Council. The PLUC also discussed how to go about getting Town feedback about the program/ joining the program. It was suggested it could be General Plan survey question. Buck pointed out that once the Valley is mapped residents with mortgages may be required to get flood insurance either with NFIP or from a private company and they may not even be able to get insurance depending on their locations on the flood maps . Also if the Town joins NFIP the Ordinance would require enforcement. M Duncan added maybe in enforcing the Flood Ordinance some lots could even be undevelopable.

*Community Renewable Energy Act-CM Gibson reported our low income plan has been completed and submitted. Next step after approval by the public Service Commission is the outreach; there will be posters and mailings. The Utility Agreement will need to be approved at the March 15th Council Meeting. The Town's Opt notices will be sent out by RMP at an estimated cost of \$418. The Town is not required to commit to the program until the final Ordinance is signed which will be after Public Service Commission approval.

*Fire District-Chief Drake reported that the District is purchasing a generator for the Well on Lot 13.

4. Correspondence: None

5. Administrative Matters & Procedures: Town letters-none. M Duncan had asked Bryan Torgerson (SITLA) if he would ask Under Canvas to come to a Town Council meeting to discuss their plans. He did and reported they would come out late May/ early June.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Discussion and Possible Action re: 2023-1 Ordinance providing for the Compensation of the Mayor. CM Hill stated these amendments ensure the Mayor gets the same COLA increases as other Town employees. And she also recommended increasing the Mayors salary from \$750 to \$1000 a month. CM Holland joked we probably don't want to know how much M Duncan actually makes per hour. Buck added the Mayor is also the supervisor of all the Town employees. CM Gibson wanted to change the language in the Ordinance removing "at least 2%" to the "COLA will be equal to the employee COLA increase". CM Hill motioned to amend the Ordinance to include increasing the Mayor's stipend to \$1000 per month and allow for the Mayor to receive the same COLA increases as Town employees.CM Gibson seconded motion passed unánimously with M Duncan abstaining .

7. Discussion and Possible Action re: Approval of letter to Rick Wilde.

Groo explained the Wilde has been involved in water rights issues in Castle Valley for 30 years. He will leave some hard shoes to fill.

CM Hill motioned to approve the letter to Rick Wilde.CM Holland seconded motion passed unanimously.

8. Discussion and Possible Action re: Memorandum of Understanding with the Utah Geologic Survey (UGS) for the Water Balance Study.

MOU is still under consideration with the Division of Water Rights and is not ready for approval by the Town Council .M Duncan added that by using our ARPA money and some capital funds the Town can come up with our share as long as UGS commits to their half. Item dropped until sharing funding is ironed out.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS -None


9. Payment of the bills.

CM Holland motioned to pay the bills to include the invoice from LeGrand Johnson for Cold patch \$178.67, CM Gibson seconded, motion passed unanimously.

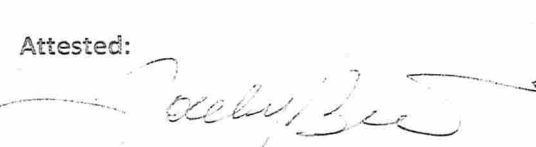
ADJOURNMENT

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

M Duncan adjourned the Meeting at 7:45 PM

Approved: 

Jazmine Duncan, Mayor

Attested: 

Jocelyn Buck, Town Clerk