

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

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16th, 2022 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, Laurie Simonson, Kinder Nebeker, Laura Cameron, Kelly Dembicer, Peggy and Norman 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-None**

**2. Approval of Minutes: Regular Town Council Meeting January 19, 2022.**

CM Hill motioned to approve the Minutes from January 19, 2022; CM O'Brien seconded, motion passed unanimously.

**3. Executive Reports:**

\*Rocky Mountain Power- Merlin Rushton (RMP Regional Business manager)

Rushton has taken over from Deb Dull who has retired. Rushton introduced himself and he looks forward to working with the Town.

\*Water Agent and Water Committee Report - John Groo/ CM O'Brien

Groo had not yet received the results from the Water testing from the well on Lot 13. He expressed his appreciation for all the work the Water Committee is doing. CM O'Brien added they are looking into the costs of portable water flow monitors. The Committee had also discussed the potential protocols for State water enforced regulations in emergency drought circumstances. How the State could control water rights in a drought.

\*Roads Committee- Reports provided. M Duncan reported at the Road Department staff meeting there was discussion on seeding berms and ditch banks to help stabilize them. Also the potential acquisitions a PTO driven pump for the water truck and new rake for the mower tractor to help remove larger road after grading. CM Hill volunteered she had good success with seed she got from the Utah Native Plant Society.

\*Planning & Land Use Commission- No Meeting this month.

\*Community Renewable Energy Program(C-REP) CM Gibson reported they will be meeting with Rocky Mountain Power this week to discuss termination fees. The Low income Committee continues work on looking for options.

\*Fire District-Chief Drake reported he has been letting people burn when the clearing index for air shed 12 is above 500. He has had multiple requests from residents wanting to burn tumbleweeds. Residents will still be required to notify Drake and the Sheriff's Office before burning.

**4. Correspondence: None**

**5. Administrative Matters & Procedures:**

Town letters: CM Hill reported the SCIC supporters of Eastern Utah Regional Connector (aka BookCliffs Highway) are back at it again, they want to use Federal infrastructure money to build the road. They want to use public road money to build a road to be used primarily for transportation of oil, gas and tar sand off the Unita basin. The right of way application is currently being reviewed by the BLM. Depending on the outcome of the BLM application CM Hill will draft a letter with the Town's objections. The Town Council will join Grand County and Moab City representatives support against this project. There will be additional time for comment by the Town and citizens during the EIS period if the

BLM approves the initial application.

Approved uses of the Town Pavilion. CM Holland wanted clarification on whether the Town pavilion can be used for political events. Simonson and M Duncan agreed that the precedence has been set with the League of Women Voters so it is ok the pavilion can be rented out, just as long as the Town is not sponsoring political the event. The Town Building is closed so any parties renting the pavilion should be required to rent a porta-potty.

Dark Sky Application-Buck updated the Application has been submitted to the IDA and we are waiting for news from them. Hopefully we will hear we have received the designation and will not have to do any amendments.

Emergency Operations Plan- M Duncan and Buck met on Zoom with the State and County Emergency Directors and got a lot of good information. Having a Plan is mandated by the State and part of that requires the Town to appoint an Emergency Management Director and three back up designee. Honer has volunteered as one of the designees. And CM Hill volunteered to be another designees The Council will have to review and adopt the Plan when it is completed. In the meantime Council should all have taken the FEMA NIMS 700. M Duncan also reminded everyone to sign up for AlertSense with the County. Spring Clean-up update- Buck is still working on the proposal and date for April.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**6. Discussion and Possible Action re: Rocky Mountain Power 2022 Community Performance Plan.** Council will review the 2021 Plan and make suggestions for the 2022 Plan to be approved at the March Meeting. Rushton explained RMP has some General Community support funds the Town could use for Community center projects. There could also be grant money available from the Rocky Mountain Power Foundation for help funding the Vault Toilet project. Such options could be part of the new Performance Plan. Rushton added there may be funding incentives for electric car charging stations. CM Holland welcomed Rushton and asked that RMP continue to support residential generated power i.e. roof top solar. The installation and net metering rebates have continued to get less and less every year. CM Holland continued after the huge fire in Moab last summer Town and Fire Department has realization that when and if the power goes out we have no electricity to pump water. Both residential and the Fire District well would have no water to fight a fire. He asked if RMP if they had grants for backup power generators. Rushton stated RMP is working on a new solar incentive plan and clarified the Community would like some help with emergency situations i.e. communications and power generator. He suggested a mobile generator that could be brought out in an emergency. We will work on finding out how big a generator the Town Building would need. Rushton reminded the Council the RMP Franchise Agreement is coming up for renewal in March 2023.

**7. Discussion and Possible Action re: Backhoe lease.**

Buck is still waiting for the proposal from Honnen for another 3year lease on our existing machine; so far it looks like the lease will cost the same or maybe less than the previous lease.

CM Hill motioned to go ahead renew the 3 year back hoe lease as long it is in the same cost parameter as our last 3 year lease. CM O'Brien seconded, motion passed unanimously

**8. Discussion and Possible Action re: Signing off on Emery Road restorations.**

M Duncan would like the Council to check the work done and be prepared to sign off on the road work at the March Council Meeting. CM Gibson stated they still need to deliver material on Shafer. Laura Cameron asked to have whatever road work Emery has not responsible for on Taylor to have the Town Road Department do the repairs. M Duncan stated the Road Department will be addressing the situation on Taylor soon when they start spring grading.

**9. Discussion and Possible Action re: Letter of support to request the Manti LaSal Forest Service to provide an update on the impacts of the Mountain goats in the National Forest.**

CM Duncan clarified the Town is being asked to sign on the existing letter. Council discussed and agreed the Town will write our own letter. CM Holland volunteered to write the letter and it to be approved by the Council through email.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**10.** Discussion and Possible Action re: Big Cottonwood Tree Maintenance (tabled)

CM Hill motioned to un-table, CM Holland seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

CM Hill supported the Atlas bid however after lengthy discussion Council decided not to have the tree worked on at this time. They will evaluate how many dead limbs there are once the tree leafs out. And re-consider work on the Tree in the fall. Item dropped

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

**8.** Payment of the bills.

CM Gibson motioned to pay the bills, CM Holland seconded, motion passed unanimously.

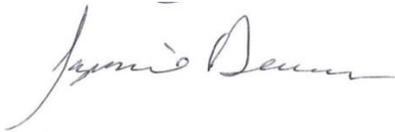
**ADJOURNMENT**

CM Hill motioned to adjourn, CM O'Brien seconded, motion passed unanimously.

M Duncan adjourned the Meeting at 7:42 PM

**Approved:**

**Attested:**



**Jazmine Duncan, Mayor**

**Jocelyn Buck, Town Clerk**