

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

**WEDNESDAY, March 16th, 2022 AT 6:30 P.M.**

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

Absent: CM Holland

Others Present: Ron Drake, Colleen Thompson, John Groo, Laurie Simonson, Diane Ackerman, John Groo, 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 February 16, 2022.

CM Hill motioned to approve the Minutes from January 19, 2022 with correction to Item 5 FCIC; CM O'Brien seconded, motion passed unanimously.

3. Executive Reports:

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

CM O'Brien reported on the MAWP meeting the Town's Water Study peer review may be done by USU Thomas Lockhart along with the Moab water studies peer review. It would be great to get all the studies done at one time and at no cost to the Town. Groo reported on the Water Committee meeting, the Town will be submitting a letter of concerns to the BLM in place of attending the upcoming BLM Listening Session. That will give residents more time to express their concerns. Pam Hackley has been reviewing 10 water related bills that passed at the last Legislative session. The Committee will look into each of these bills to see how they might affect the Town. They had some discussion on having Marc Stilson come down and meet with Moab, Grand County and the Town to explain these Bills. Work continues on the CV Water Management Plan. The test results from the Lot 13 well were typical when compared to other nearby wells. Amendments to the Water Ordinance are still being worked on by the Water Attorney and a draft should be ready for the Council next month.

\*Roads Committee- Reports provided. No questions.

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

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

\*Fire District- Chief Drake reported Chipper days will be 4/19 & 20. Leta Vaughn will be coordinating.

4. Correspondence: The BLM listening session email will be sent out on the Town list.

5. Administrative Matters & Procedures: Town letters the Town Council and Water Committee will send a letter to the BLM in place of commenting as a Town at the BLM Listening session.

Book Cliffs Highway update CM Hill reported the SCIC voted 4/3 to cancel progress on the project including the BLM EIS. Since then Mike Mc Kee has resigned his position as the SCIC executive director as he has been the backbone of the push for the Bookcliff Hwy maybe the project is finally off the table. The overall reasons for canceling the project were it would: take funding away from the Counties other more necessary projects; take tourism away from Carbon and Emery Counties and in addition UDOT was not interested in the project.

Burn Window is open and the Gourd Festival will be happening 10/15.

**NEW BUSINESS**

6. Discussion and Possible Action re: Opening Town Building- risk assessment at LOW.

M Duncan stated "Low" is our trigger point to open the Building. There was a lengthy discussion on

opening the building i.e. masks, cleaning protocol, group use and limiting number of entry. Not all the Council was ready to attend in person Meetings. The consensus was to pursue setting up for hybrid meetings; M Duncan also wanted the public to have the option of attending hybrid meetings. CM Hill stated that the people that work in the building should make the decisions on the use protocols. M Duncan agreed. Item dropped

**7. Discussion and Possible Action re: Use of \$2500 of ARPA funds for hybrid Meeting equipment.**

The Council agreed to begin the process of offering hybrid Meetings. CM O'Brien added that this is a crucial step and it will also be useful when Council members are traveling and can't attend meetings in person, it will be much better than passing around the phone as we have done in the past.

CM Hill motioned to use the ARPA funds necessary to have hybrid meetings that suit our Town; CM O'Brien seconded motion passed unanimously.

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

CM Gibson explained Emery had a bunch of gravel dumped on Shafer by her place to replace all the dirt vmCo had taken out she was concerned the public might think she got preferential treatment. Overall the Council agreed Emery had restored the roads adequately.

CM Gibson motioned to sign off the Emery road restorations; CM O'Brien seconded, motion passed unanimously.

**9. Discussion and Possible Action re: Spring Clean-up proposal.**

Diane Ackerman reported on the Spring voucher program, Recycle Center sponsorship program, and Electronic waste events. And at the last Solid Waste Board meeting it was brought up why CV gets the tipping fees waived. What is the history of the waiver? Probably the waiver will be discontinued in the future. Ackerman introduced her thoughts on a program to divert some of the reusable stuff residents throw away at the Clean-up. Lots of good things get thrown away that could be used instead of filling up the bins and the landfill. She was looking for ideas on how people could separate things that could be re-used. Council was concerned about the space it would take to set stuff aside and who would be responsible for cleaning up the left overs afterwards, M Duncan was concerned about the liability issues of having the pile left on the Town Lot and people rummaging through it. She suggested a Valley wide swap meet at another time. Ackerman agreed that would be good in addition to some kind land fill diversion at Clean-up. CM Gibson agreed this would be a great opportunity to educate people on recycling. Ackerman will put together an information sheet on what and where residents could recycle and the Town will send it out as part of the an email announcing the Clean-up.

CM Hill motioned to have the Clean-up on April 23 with the 4 containers, CM O'Brien seconded, motion passed unanimously.

**10. Discussion and Possible Action re: 2022 Rocky Mountain Power Community Performance Plan.**

M Duncan pointed out #6 was been added "to have RMP involved in Town Emergency planning to help provide power if an extended power outage should happen". CM Gibson asked if this would include providing a generator. M Duncan added this may not be a generator permanently in the Valley but RMP could bring one in as needed in an emergency situation.

CM Hill motioned to approve the 2022 RMP Community Performance Plan as presented; CM O'Brien seconded motion passed unanimously

**11. Discussion and Possible Action re: 2023 Rocky Mountain Power Franchise Agreement.**

M Duncan stated that once the Council approves the draft agreement it will need legal review. She had concerns about section 11 were it referenced the" use of growth inhibitors" that could end up in the Town watershed. The Council will review the Agreement for next month and then it will go to legal review.

CM Hill motioned to table Item 11, CM O'Brien seconded, motion passed unanimously.

**12. Discussion and Possible Action re: Water Monitoring Transducer purchase.**

CM O'Brien explained the transducers will measure the volume of water entering and leaving the Valley. The UGS used to do these measurements but pulled their equipment a few years ago. Council agreed

water management is priority for the Town and the budget line items should reflect that  
CM Hill motioned to approve the purchase of two transducer s; CM O'Brien seconded motion passed unanimously.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS- None**

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

**14.** Payment of the bills.

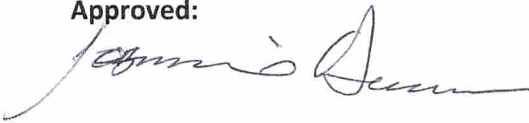
CM O'Brien motioned to pay the bills, CM Gibson seconded, motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

M Duncan adjourned the Meeting at 7:58 PM

**Approved:**



**Jazmine Duncan, Mayor**

**Attested:**



**Jocelyn Buck, Town Clerk**