

MINUTES
THE REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 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 meeting was a hybrid meeting held electronically by Zoom and also in person at the anchor site the Town Building.**

Council Members Present: Mayor Duncan, Council Members O' Brien, Gibson, Holland at the anchor site, Council Member Hill on Zoom.

Absent: None

Others Present at Anchor Site: Dorje Honer, Colleen Thompson and Ron Drake.

Others present on Zoom: John Groo, Laurie Simonson, and Chris Watkins.

Duncan called the Meeting to Order at 6:30 PM, Buck called role.

Open Public Comment: Thompson thanked the quorum of Council members for attending in person.

2. Approval of Minutes: Public Hearing and Regular Town Council Meeting July 19, 2023.

CM Gibson motioned to approve the minutes from the Public Hearing and Regular Town Council Meeting July 19, 2023, CM O'Brien seconded. Motion passed with CM Hill abstaining.

3. Executive Reports:

* Chris Watkins AOG Administrative Advisor. Watkins explained her new position; she will be available to help Communities with grant opportunities. She will be working out of the Price Office.

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

CM O'Brien reported on the Water 101 USU presentation Marc Stilson and Arne Hulquist spoke on Water Rights, next session will be on Climate Change and Water with Thomas Lachmar, Jane Belnap and Jack Smith. John Groo reported the Town has received its application extension renewal for 3 of the Town's Water Rights. This will be in the bills to be paid this month \$150 each \$450 total. Janae with the UGS will be coming in October to start collecting data for the Water Budget Study. Groo is working on a letter requesting access to specific private wells for testing. The Study will track the water through the valley and determine the safe yield of the aquifer. It will address the sustainable volume of good quality water. The peer review of the Kolm van der Heijde studies should be coming soon.

*Road Department Report- Dorje Honer - Report provided

M Duncan added that they are currently working on amending the Town's dirt policy so that residents can get delivered excess dirt from Town road /drainage work. CM Gibson brought up concerns that there has been motorized vehicle traffic coming through from the Fire Station #1 to Shafer Lane. Chief Drake said the Fire District is looking at some sort of fence/barrier to stop through traffic.

*Planning & Land Use Commission- Colleen Thompson- monthly meeting cancelled nothing to report.

*Community Renewable Energy Act-CM Gibson reported the Utility Agreement will hopefully be available to the Council in October.

*Fire District-Chief Drake reported the generator has been installed for the Lot 13 well; it does an automated test cycle every Saturday.

*Treasurer's Report- CM Hill reported there was a \$13,000.000 overage after closing the FY2023 budget that will roll over into the General Fund for this FY year. Otherwise, everything looks great. The audit requirements have been sent to our accountant and the Budget reports have been posted with the State.

4. Correspondence: None

5. Administrative Matters & Procedures: No Town letters. Commercial Document Scanning with the State prison services was discussed, and it was decided that digital storage costs and needs to be updated periodically to make sure file format doesn't become obsolete. Thompson explained she doesn't get any hardcopy building plans anymore they are all submitted digitally anyways. M Duncan was alerted by Adrian Washington the new State Division of Forest, Fire and State Lands (FFSL) Regional Director that

the Town is responsible by State code to have a cooperating agreement with the FFSL for wildfire protection services. This agreement would also include the participating in some "in kind" service. We had understood this protection was provided with an agreement between the Castle Valley Fire District and the FFSL. M Duncan is getting some clarification on this because it would seem redundant to require agreements from both the Fire District and the Town servicing the same areas. Buck had asked if the Council still wanted their redbooks for in person Meetings and it was decided they were no longer necessary. Buck reminded everyone the Town still needs a Groundskeeper. CM Hill appealed to the public if anybody has some extra time to come down if only for an hour and pull weeds, it all helps. M Duncan added that we may need to have another volunteer clean-up day before the Gourd Festival.

NEW BUSINESS- None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS -None

13 Closed Meeting (If necessary)

14. Payment of the bills.

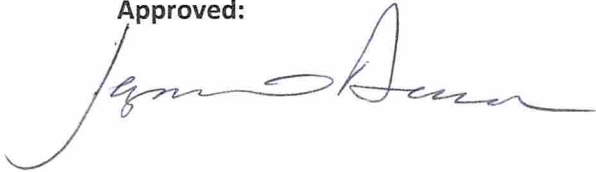
CM Gibson motioned to pay the bills to include the\$450 to the Division of Water Rights for the renewal of the Town's three water rights CM O'Brien seconded, motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

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

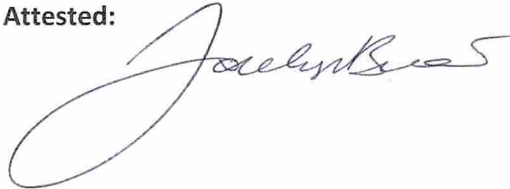
M Duncan adjourned the Meeting at 7:16

Approved:



Jazmine Duncan, Mayor

Attested:



Jocelyn Buck, Town Clerk