**MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**DOWNEY CITY COUNCIL**

**TUESDAY June 14, 2022**

**7:00 PM**

**ATTENDANCE: Rex Nielsen, Gary Barnes, John Hyde, Bonnie Hill (Via Telephone Call), Grant Johnson, Tony Hancock and Kiesha Keller.**

**PATRONS- Joe McGuire, Officer Jason Durham, Melissa Rowe (Busy Bee Cleaning), Brooke Day (Busy Bee Cleaning)**

**CALL TO ORDER: Rex Nielsen called the meeting to order and welcomed those attending the meeting.**

 Tony Hancock offered the invocation and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance

**Action Item** **- CONSENT AGENDA**

**The following business items may be approved by one motion and a vote. If any one member of the Council so desires, any matter listed can be moved to a separate agenda item.**

1. **Council Minutes** **–** May 10, 2022
2. **Accounts Payable-** June 2022
3. **Business Licenses-** Busy Bee Cleaning Co

**John Hyde Made a Motion to Pull the Business License out of Consent Agenda**

**Seconded by Grant Johnson.**

**Grant Johnson made the motion to approve Consent Agenda including Council Minutes for May 10, 2022, and Accounts Payable for June 2022, seconded by John Hyde, roll call vote Bonnie Hill; aye, John Hyde; aye, Gary Barnes; aye, Grant Johnson; aye, motion carried.**

**Action ITEM:** Consider Approval for Business License Busy Bee Cleaning Co

Melissa explained she is still working for Kay but Kay is getting ready to retire and doesn’t want any additional business so Melissa would like to get her own business going and start building up cliental before Kay retires.

**Grant Johnson motioned to Approve Business License for Busy Bee Cleaning Co, seconded by John Hyde, roll call vote Bonnie Hill; aye, John Hyde; aye, Gary Barnes; aye, Grant Johnson; aye, motion carried.**

**Law Enforcement-** Rex asked if there will be any change in response now that the gas prices are so high? Office Durham explained they are taking other avenues to combat the high gas prices such as bicycle patrol and walking patrol when they are in towns. Also, calls for things like vin inspections will be put on hold until the patrol time for that town.

Tony mentioned residents with people living in trailers on residential property. Officers know which residents to keep an eye on and speak to after resident complains.

**Action ITEM:** Consider Approval for Building Permit DOW2022-004 for Chad Fernelius at Lots 9, 10, 11 on Block 18 (Corner of 3rd N and 3rd E) for a New Residential Single-Family Dwelling

Tony explained he has reviewed the plans and sees no issues.

**Grant Johnson motioned to Approve the Building Permit DOW2022-004 for Chad Fernelius at Lots 9, 10, 11 on Block 18 (Corner of 3rd N and 3rd E) for a New Residential Single-Family Dwelling, seconded by Gary Barnes, roll call vote Bonnie Hill; aye, John Hyde; aye, Gary Barnes; aye, Grant Johnson; aye, motion carried.**

**Action Item-** Consider Approval for Building Permit DOW2022-005 for Henry’s Fork Homes at Parcel: RPRDDOW002103, 2104 & 2102 on Lots 5,6,7,8 Block 14 for a New Residential Single-Family Dwelling

Tony has reviewed and Joe McGuire explained the plans for the modular home.

**John Hyde made the motion to Approve the Building Permit DOW2022-005 for Henry’s Fork Homes at Parcel: RPRDDOW002103, 2104 & 2102 on Lots 5,6,7,8 Block 14 for a New Residential Single-Family Dwelling, seconded by Gary Barnes; roll call vote Bonnie Hill; aye, John Hyde; aye, Gary Barnes; aye, Grant Johnson; aye, motion carried.**

**Action Item-** Consider Approve for Office Closure on June 20th for Federal Holiday “Juneteenth” (Observed June 19th)

Became a federal holiday in 2021.

**Gary Barnes made the motion to Approve the Office Closure on June 20th for Federal Holiday “Juneteenth” (Observed June 19th), seconded by Grant Johnson; roll call vote Bonnie Hill; aye, John Hyde; aye, Gary Barnes; aye, Grant Johnson; aye, motion carried.**

**Action Item-** Consider Approval for Reprioritized Workshop List for Council Committees

**Bonnie suggested the top four focus projects for fiscal year 2022-2023 be Community Center Roof, Comprehensive Plan, purchasing the Sander Truck and Relining the Sewer Lines as Tony sees needed also adding the drainage for the Legion as a extra option.**

**Bonnie Hill made the motion to Approve the Reprioritized Workshop List for Council Committee items to be Community Center Roof, Comprehensive Plan, purchasing the Sander Truck and Relining the Sewer Lines as Tony sees needed also adding the drainage for the Legion, seconded by Grant Johnson; roll call vote Bonnie Hill; aye, John Hyde; aye, Gary Barnes; aye, Grant Johnson; aye, motion carried.**

**Action Item-** Consider Approval to Renew Lease for Steve Criddle/ Cambridge Cattlemen’s Association for Water and Grazing at Nine Mile

Tony explained Steve has always run his cattle up at Nine Mile with a contract until there was an issue with weed spraying. He still ran his cattle there but there wasn’t water after the contract ended. He would like the water back, so he is willing to contract again to get the water turned back on. The water is metered so if it goes over the allotted amount he will be billed for the remainder.

**John Hyde made the motion to Approve to Renew Lease for Steve Criddle/ Cambridge Cattlemen’s Association for Water and Grazing at Nine Mile, seconded by Grant Johnson; roll call vote Bonnie Hill; aye, John Hyde; aye, Gary Barnes; aye, Grant Johnson; aye, motion carried**

**Action Item-** Consider Approval for Notification to Robin Nielsen of Rental Space Construction

Kiesha explained the remodel that is being done in the Community Center and the engineers are taking his room out of his space to accommodate the plans. She would like approval to write him the letter now so he is aware what is happening and that the lease will be reconfigured. Kiesha also mentioned Bonnie suggested the rent be based on square feet instead of a flat rate. John and Wendy have much smaller spaces than Robin but still pay as much as Robin. Bonnie explained it should be fair for all renters.

**Gary Barnes made the motion to Approve for Notification to Robin Nielsen of Rental Space Construction, seconded by Grant Johnson; roll call vote Gary Barnes; aye, Grant Johnson; aye, John Hyde; aye, Bonnie Hill; aye, motion carried.**

**Action Item-** Consider Approval for Price Increase on all Garbage

Bonnie explained we do have a surplus in our garbage fund that can cover the increase of the garbage until we approve the budget. We know there will be another 5% coming with the next year so if we start it at the beginning of the budget year then we can do one hearing for both raises and only raise the residents’ rate once.

 Bonnie asked that Kiesha explain the idea about having a large dumpster during summer months. Kiesha explained there are a lot of residents in town complaining about large items being left in people yards instead of hauling it off. If we had a large dumpster here in town, people would have a place to bring it and be more compelled to do so since they won’t haul it to county dump. Right now, the City does a Spring Clean Up with four large dumpsters paid for by the County and the City pays for two more dumpsters in the fall. If we took the Fall Clean Up out and had a dumpster each month instead it would raise the resident’s monthly garbage another $.96 but there wouldn’t be a charge when you use the dumpster each trip. Tony pointed out the negatives to it such as where to put it? It could be put in the Maintenance yard, but he would need to make room for it. Who’s going to monitor it? In the Maintenance yard there are cameras so it wouldn’t need a person monitoring it. Would more than just City residents start using it? Would residents start using it rather than their own small dumpsters? Would residents only put items allowed in the dumpster? Would they be able to list the items over the side? Would the county quit giving us the Spring Clean Up dumpsters if they knew we had one all summer? One benefit would be people not using the school or the Mart’s dumpsters. Bonnie doesn’t want to lose the county contribution and thanked Tony for all the obstacles he presented so we can find solutions. She believes it will be beneficial for when the Beautification Committee gets moving. Bonnie would like Kiesha to find out if PSI has a program that will take the items, we can’t put in the dumpsters such as tires or paint. Rex stated he is getting tired of being approached about the messes in people’s yard so it would be nice to have a solution for people to clean it up. Having something only two days a year is good but doesn’t give much of a solution when people are traveling or can’t make those two days. He asked if there is a way to test run it? Maybe do it for a month or two this year after the fair is over. Kiesha explained for her plan it would be either six months or six dumpsters. Whichever one comes first. She suggested using our Fall Clean Up and just asking them to leave it for a month and then maybe PSI would still donate the other dumpster like they do now.

**Bonnie Hill made the motion to Table the Price Increase on All Garbage, seconded by John Hyde; roll call vote Bonnie Hill; aye, John Hyde; aye, Gary Barnes; aye, Grant Johnson; aye, motion carried.**

**Comments from the Audience-**

**Reports-**

**Tony Hancock-** Spring Flow 216 gals per minute. Last year was 230 per minute. The well has not ran as of today but last year at this time it had ran eight times. The rain has helped this year to keep it off.

Tony has had a couple customers complain about the canal lines coming from the canal down into town. They are starting to get full of debris but it’s on the residents to maintain those lines. Tony had promised to bring it to council and see if there are options. Bonnie doesn’t believe we are legally allowed to use city funds to help keep residential lines cleaned out. It is the City’s water shares but the residents created the residential lines. The City needs to find out who is responsible for the ditch leading to the residential lines before any decision is made.

Crack sealing has been done on Cambridge and Second North. Tomorrow is supposed to be Chip Sealing but with the moisture, it may not be possible.

Splash Pad is up and running.

Stucco is finished on the Office Building.

Clean Up day is this Saturday.

We are having issues with our lift station, so it’s had to be manually ran. We do have a fix coming up in the next week to resolve that issue.

Tony called the Tax Assessors to ask why property taxes have gone up so much. The County is passing the buck on the Municipal Entities. Tony said they are asking residents to come to the City Meetings. Bonnie suggested we post the County Meetings at the City Office.

**Kiesha Keller-** The Community Center Grant from Rocky Mountain Power has been submitted. It is for the kitchen and Bonnie is working on finding funding for the flooring.

**Gary Barnes-** Thanked everybody for the effort to keep everything under control. Believes we need a pep rally going to bring up the moral and pride in the city. Community moral has been dropping drastically.

**Bonnie Hill-** Shared her appreciating for the Maintenance and Office staff for taking on so many extra tasks.

There are 3 corners in town that the residents have large vehicles parked on the corners and obstructing traffic view. Maybe just add it to the newsletter to keep the corners clear.

The truck route has been a topic at the Ordinance Committee Meeting. Bonnie asked Louise Cummings to ask her husband, who drives truck, what we can do differently to help keep the trucks on the route we want them and not coming down Main or Center Street. Louise reported his recommendation is to change the signs to “No Vehicles over (certain poundage)” on the roads the trucks aren’t supposed to be on. Citations can only be issued on weight not on routes.

**John Hyde**- Reiterated Gary’s thoughts on pride on the community’s basis. The Chamber is sponsoring a Community Auction for Rhonda Barfuss at the City Park and would appreciate Council involvement.

**Grant Johnson**- Echo everything said so far tonight. Council has put in time and effort to make things happen here in the city.

Asked about the grain bins being emptied. It is being blown everywhere and making a mess in that area. Tony said he has talked to them, and they are just trying to get all the rotten grain out and clean the bins. The property on the side of the shop… Tony said he has talked to the owners. They are wondering if they can come in and work something out to maybe deed it to the City. The owner would like to get it off his taxes, so he is willing to negotiate with the City.

The fiber has been run under the roads but is still on the outside of the building waiting for the next crew to come in and finish inside the building. Grant wondered if you owned property next to a fiber line, can you tap into it?

Fair Grounds, has there been any new updates? John and Tony believe they are still interviewing for a new groundskeeper. Bonnie believes they have an offer out to somebody already.

**Mayor Rex Nielson**- Thanked everybody who helped out on the SICOG Grant. It was granted and they are expecting to start construction in the fall.

**Action Item- Adjournment**

**John Hyde motioned to Adjourn, seconded by Bonnie Hill, motion carried.**

**APPROVED\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Rex Nielsen, Mayor**

**Attest\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 **Kiesha Keller, City Clerk**