

TOWN OF SUGAR CITY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
2/07/2024

CALL TO ORDER 7:00 pm by Mayor John Del Rio

General Admonishment read aloud by Trustee Larsen (Attached)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Led by Mayor John Del Rio

ROLL CALL Cloer, Del Rio, Larsen, Massey, via zoom Markus, Willis.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES 1/17/2024 Motion to approve minutes dated 1/17/2024 made by Cloer, 2nd by Larsen, motion carried.

Mr. Buchner arrived via zoom

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES 1/24/2024 Motion to approve minutes dated 1/24/2024 made by Massey, 2nd by Larsen, motion carried.

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: None

APPROVE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: N/A

PUBLIC COMMENT

Corina Arellanos: Mayor, do you feel your fulfilling your job as Mayor? **Mayor:** Yes. **Arellanos:** I don't feel like you are. Discussion over mayor and job. **Mayor:** Feel like I'm doing the best I can. Discussion over hearing from the mayor during meetings.

STAFF REPORTS

Clerk (Moreland): Ban fireworks in town? Discussion over fireworks ordinances. Decision made to complete ordinance for fireworks landing on someone else's taxes.

Arkansas River basin Water Forum: Who would like to attend? Discussion over cost. Decision made for Larsen and Massey to attend.

USDA programs due by Feb 28, 2024. Does the town want to get involved? Discussion over USDA programs. Decision made not at this time.

Revitalizing Main Streets: Deadline Feb 28, are we going to submit for grant? Discussion over grants. Decision made to wait for audits.

DOLA grants: Webinar to learn more about the program requirements. No discussion.

Energy Office grant to assist in solar software. Discussion over solar. Decision made to not go for the grant.

EPA grant webinar series. Discussion over dates and cost. No decision.

SCEED met Lisa. Spoke with her about what the town needs, and that GMS is assisting with water and waste-water projects. No discussion.

Wakefield & Associates: Placed \$14,271.11 in collections, if we remove the cost would be \$1,427.11. No decision.

Letter from resident, sent around. No discussion.

Resignation letter from CDL driver, sent around. No discussion.

The Sewer Fixers, letter sent around. No discussion.

Crowley County Chamber, join for 2024 cost is \$50. Discussion over Chamber. Decision made to join the Chamber.

AGRA meeting on Feb 22 at 1 in Fowler at Golf Course. Mr. Sam Wilson is still our water proxy at \$67.75. Discussion over proxy. Decision made that Sam will remain as proxy at current rate.

Davida will talk to Sam about him training someone to take over.

SECED 24 membership dues are due. Discussion over what they chamber has done. Decision made to continue with membership.

Crowley County FBLA and FFA advertisements. Is the town going to advertise? Decision made to advertise Sugar City Disposal.

Work completed on Friday, sent around.

Deputy Clerk (Bauer):

Arrears: Broken down so you can see what is past due and what is current due. Sent around table. No discussion.

Court: Are we having court in March? Discussion over having court and what to do about what is the best interest of the Town and what the judge should and should not do. Decision made to have court in March.

SMS & MMS Service. No discussion. Tabled.

OLD BUSINESS

Late Fee Discussion over late fee and medical issues of customer. Decision made to look into timing the town is not going to pay or remove.

Supplies – Pressure Washer. Discussion over use of pressure washer. No decision.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2024-1 **Motion** to approve Resolution 2024-1 made by Cloer, 2nd by Massey, motion carried.

Ordinance 2024-1: Discussion over ordinance. **Motion** to kill ordinance made by Cloer, 2nd by Larsen, motion carried.

Budget 2024: Discussion over budget. Decision made to add an asterisk to show where the money is allocated from.

Generator. Discussion over the fire hazard. Decision made that there will be no ordinance completed. Check with the fire chief and people running the house off a generator. Look into the planning and zoning and send that to the attorney. Is there a certificate of occupancy?

Fuel Surcharge – in- town. Discussion over rate in town. **Motion** to remove fuel surcharge for in town, Sugar City residents effective immediately made by Massey, 2nd by Cloer, motion carried.

Sheriff for construction: tabled.

Meet the candidates. Discussion over everyone running to have the opportunity to have an open forum. Discussion over forum rules. Decision made to have forum on Saturday, March 9, 2024 from 10 – 12. Place on the water bill.

Concrete Vault for bid. New meters 18” to long for the vault. Discussion over what the town is going to do with no bids. Decision made that maintenance will have to build.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: None

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Markus: Burnt house- looking into start procedure as fire/health hazard. No discussion.

Willis: No comment

Cloer: Discussed fireworks waiting on Ordinance.

Discussion over clinic and date dog tags are due. Decision made to put on water bill.

Larsen: Viaero phones, cheap as it gets. Discussion over phones. Decision that is was the best deal. Notice that Aldridge Vet clinic on March 30 in Ordway.

Massey: No comment

Del Rio: No comment.


Executive Session pursuant to §24-6-402(4)(f), C.R.S., Discussion of Personnel matters, regarding Davida Moreland and Vickie Bauer, office staff


Motion to go into executive session at 8:33 pm made by Cloer, 2nd by Massey, motion carried.

Motion to close executive session at 9:16 pm made by Larsen, 2nd by Cloer, motion carried.

CALL TO ORDER 9:27 pm by Mayor John Del Rio

ADJOURN Motion made to adjourn at 9:29 pm made by Markus, 2nd by Massey, motion carried.

Mayor 

Clerk 

General admonishment to be read at the start of the meeting:

It's important for the order of this meeting and the function of government that the presiding officer, the mayor in this case, maintain a meeting where all voices are heard, business is handled, no one is intimidated and there is respect for all points of view. In the event any person(s) significantly obstructs or interferes with the meeting by physical action, verbal utterance, or any other means, the Mayor may require such person to cease such behavior and/or leave the Trustee Chambers or the meeting room. Should anyone fail to comply with this admonishment, they will be considered to be behaving with an intent to prevent or disrupt this lawful meeting, and the Mayor may request a sheriff's deputy be summoned, have the individual removed, and consider a criminal summons for violation of state law that prohibits disrupting public meetings.
