

TOWN OF SUGAR CITY  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
03/04/2020

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:00 pm by Mayor Betty Bruch

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Mayor Betty Bruch

**ROLL CALL:** Massey, Dinsmore, Baker, Willis, Bruch – Present: Thibault – Not Present

**MINUTES:** **Motion** to approve minutes dated 02/21/2020 made by Baker, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Willis, motion carried.

**Bruch:** Something I want the council to understand. Minutes are a record of our meetings and what is happening now. So, six months down the road, 20 years down the road, people will know what was happening. I don't think our minutes are getting there. I have taken previous minutes to another person and they did not understand what was happening. **Dinsmore:** I agree with you just don't understand what you are saying. **Bruch:** I have tried to encourage Davida to try to do them that way.

**REPORTS:**

**Ken:** Notice from Aaron; looking for part-time driver; we also need a man for the back of the truck. Do UA before we put someone on the truck? Why did we switch? **Willis:** More cost-efficient **Ken:** What are the hours? Are we running an ad? **Willis:** Hours are 8-4, the ad is running at Workforce in La Junta.

Olney Springs meeting; Waste Management under bid us by quite a bit. I worked on figuring expenses. I hauled 2.87 ton of trash to landfill, included labor, fuel, mileage (.30 per mile), with 148 totes. \$2960 income; expenses are \$1483.24, leaving a profit of \$1476.76 about \$1500.00 a month. Olney Springs asked while I was there if we could do anything different. I don't think we should change our price. If we lose that we will be losing about \$18,000.00 of income each year.

**Bruch:** I don't believe we should change our prices.

Got dumpsters in yesterday. Business will be good this year. Spoke with people at the grow farms, sounds like 9 or 10 more are coming in. **Willis:** The one at \$25 for up to three totes; people have told me that they cannot fill one tote let alone three.

**Bruch:** Dumpster by the park; pick up before clean-up days. **Ken:** OK thank you.

**Mike:** Need tickets? **Davida:** I have prices. Schuster's printing 500 tickets for \$389.00 or a 1000 for \$429.00; Print pros \$629.00 for 1000 plus a \$25 to \$45 design fee. Discussion over location and which would be the best price. **Motion** to purchase 1000 from Schuster's Printing at \$429.00 made by Willis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dinsmore, motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mary Medina – Garden club asked for a water meter, still not installed. **Bruch:** You already have where you want it. Discussion over location and having a work order completed for Nick to do the work.

**Water Bids:**

\$40.00 per share for 64 shares of Twin Lakes water \$2560.00, town pay assessments from Sam Wilson.

\$8.00 per share for 64 shares of Twin Lakes water \$512.00, Sam pays the assessments from Sam Wilson.

\$80.50 per share for 80 shares of Lake Henry/Colorado Canal water \$6,440.00, the Town pays the assessments from Sam Wilson

\$40.50 per share for 80 shares of Lake Henry/Colorado Canal water \$3240.00, Sam pays the assessments from Sam Wilson

\$87.50 per share for 10 shares of Lake Henry/Colorado Canal water \$875.00, the Town pays the assessments from Ron Bauer.

\$62.00 per share for 15 shares of Twin Lakes water \$930.00, the Town pays the assessments from Ron Bauer.

**Bruch:** We need to decide if we are paying the assessments or if Sam is paying them. Discussion over the assessments and who is paying them.

**Motion** to lease all water shares to Sam Wilson, we pay assessment, \$80.50 on Lake Henry and \$40.00 on Twin Lakes made by Willis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Baker, motion carried.

**Monitor for Wells-** tabled till 03/18/2020

**Signatures for Trash Account:** Bank opened at First National Bank in Ordway for the trash, signatures required.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Nate** – Eric is not here. **Bruch:** CML recommends leaving seat vacant with the election so close.

**Willis:** The seat was not vacant when Eric submitted the letter of intent. Discussion over length of time before election. Nothing done at this time.

**BILLS:** Questions over McCandless bill. Backhoe has only been approved up to \$2000.00. Discussion over bills and backhoe. Mr. Petty needs to only be talking to Nick, Davida or myself there is no other person he should be talking to.

**Motion** to pay bills \$2,017.17 made by Baker, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Willis, motion carried.

**TRUSTEE COMMENT:**

Baker – Letters; we have not sent them to the school board either? **Davida:** No, they have not gone in the mail. **Baker:** I am taking them home to be edited and I will bring them up tomorrow.

Willis – No Comment

Dinsmore – Was Chantz Petty notified of the cap for spending? **Davida:** I did not notify him.

**Bruch:** Better do that first thing in the morning. Also, inform him that he needs to speak to either Nick, you or myself. **Baker:** Be sure to tell him everything needs to come through the council and have approval.

Massey – Did we ever find out dimensions for a dog kennel? **Willis:** Have gotten a lot of material about having one, it is a lot of papers. **Bruch:** Go look at the previous years and we do not make enough to support a kennel. How many dogs have we picked up in the last years?

**Willis:** The permits alone per year would cost about \$2300, that is why I didn't pursue it any further. What it costs to take to Fowler as opposed to having our own is better. Discussion over where and price of having a dog kennel and working with Ordway.

Bruch: Spoke with Mr. Vigil work on an ordinance or a resolution that says the town cannot lease or sell water to out of town people without a vote of the people. He should have it to me before the next meeting.

Willis: Secretary of State should have copy of by-laws. **Davida:** The state does not have a copy of the by-laws.

Davida: Computers crashed; office is needing word back. Been using personal word program from home. Looked at Microsoft for \$100 per computer for a year. **Willis:** We can get it for a monthly cost of \$9.99. Discussion over Microsoft and billing for year.

External hard drive: **Dinsmore:** Do we have a backup? **Davida:** Right now, No. Executech just stopped backing us up and I have been looking. Discussion over purchasing an external hard drive. Discussion over purchase of external hard drive.

**Motion** to purchase an external hard drive for computers with a cap of \$80.00 made by Willis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dinsmore, motion carried.

**Motion** to go with monthly bill for Microsoft Word for computers made by Willis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dinsmore, motion carried.

Southeast Water Conservancy: Discussion over what we are wanting to do with project water. Decision made to ask Sam Wilson to investigate our carryover.

CML: Davida signed up for webinar on March 12, 2020 for election.

**Bruch:** Is Libby being more effective or not? **Davida:** It depends on the project. If I can give her a project and she is uninterrupted, she is great. **Bruch:** In order to work in an office, a productive office, you must be organized and work.

**Willis:** What kind of virus protection were we running that we got this virus? **Davida:** Executech is no longer helping us. **Willis:** Get ahold of Triad and have them find us something so this won't happen again. Discussion over different virus protections available and pricing through Triad.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No Comment

**ADJOURN:** **Motion** to adjourn at 8:08 pm made by Baker, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Willis, motion carried.

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Davida