

TOWN OF SUGAR CITY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
07/19/2023

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Led by Mayor John Del Rio

ROLL CALL Roberts, Del Rio, Larsen, Massey, Willis, Cloer, Town Attorney Clayton Buchner via zoom. Not present - Hjar

APPROVAL OF MINUTES **Motion** to approve the minutes dated 07/05/2023 made by Cloer, 2nd by Massey, motion carried. Willis abstaining.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Eric Roberts: May turned *in* Cora request. Received a letter from her stating the cost and it is incorrect. Did you, the council, see this? Discussion over the Cora request. Discussion over audits and bookkeeping. No decision made.

Tracy Reece: Ditch is $\frac{3}{4}$ way filled in. Get another skid and complete it next weekend. **Council:** Thank you for the update. No discussion.

Tony Moreland: Get tent city mowed, then sand can be brought in, and we can move forward with fixing location. Discussion over work to be completed. **Council:** Thank you for the update and hard work.

David Montano: Mowing situation on the right-of-way. Discussion over mowing and property line. Decision made towns mows bar-ditch and review of ordinance.
Replace the culvert near my house. Discussion over culverts in town.
Put something in place for people placing signs on their property about other people. Discussion over neighbor and threats received. Explained about fear of threats.

Clayton Buchner: We are past the three (3) minutes. Public comment is for them to explain, and the council will have a decision later.

Mike Thibault: Reading over 9,000 gallons. The maintenance came out, and said the meter was running. House is new, had a plumber out, put on a gage and it held steady for two (2) hours. There is no leak.

Why are we not using the reader? **Council:** We are using the reader. We have been using the reader for the last 4 -5 months. **Thibault:** What are we going to do about this? Discussion over meter readings. Decision made to look into meter again.

Cody Broyles: Have the same issue. Had a plumber out and we have the same issue. 275 last month. Would also like it if you would look into mine. No discussion. Decision made to check meter again.

Scarlett Markus: 3-4 weeks ago, had a drive by shooting at my house. Deputy came out, there were 4 shots. We need to do something about this for our children's safety, it is nothing like it used to be. What are we doing to instill safety for children and our elderly. Discussion over

safety for children.

Why is there no contract between Sugar City and the sheriff's office. **Willis:** They asked us to pay an additional \$60,000 a year to protect us.

Clayton Buchner: Statues require an inter-governmental agreement. We will look into a contract and see where the tax levy taxes are going.

Need to use a timer to keep track of how long people are talking.

Mark Cloer: Thank you, understand the commissioners will state they are a separate department, not true they hold the money. *Suggest talk to Commissioners they control purse strings & can influence sheriffs department in that way.*

REPORTS

Clerk: Verisk company asking for our building codes. Discussion over codes. Decision made that Davida can send them.

Colorado Statewide internet portal authority "SIPA grant". This is for the IT that we need to have in place by next year. Discussion over grant. Decision made to submit for grant.

Grant Opportunities: Need to get audits complete. No discussion.

Mario called and stated that Sugar City Fire Department needs new bunker gear. He would like our financials. No discussion.

Sign for Tent City: Discussion over budget. Decision made to let Mark know about the budget.

CML award nomination. No discussion.

Link for a rock and mineral show. Forwarded to Trustee Larsen. No discussion.

Letter from Cindy Karle. (attached). No discussion.

Asbestos and Demolition for location in town. Discussion over next steps. Decision made to discuss with attorney before next step.

Plaque for Greg. No discussion.

Van Diest: Mosquito spray cost is over \$5,000. Discussion over spray and different applications used. No decision.

Form MCS-150 this for the DOT number. Just to update our dot number. No discussion.

Arkansas Valley Fair. Do we want to sponsor. No discussion. Decision made not to partake this year.

CML: Webinars coming up, signed up for. They are during our lunch hour. No discussion.

Ark Valley Conduit, is starting to dig. No discussion.

Title has been mailed out from KS Bank, once received it will be forwarded to Elliott Equipment. No discussion.

EideBailly met with them via zoom. They found another way to get it completed quicker.

Discussion over the steps that need to be taken. No decision made.

Tent city, cost that Lindsborg Kansas. No discussion.

Water treatment facilities: Company inquiring about the new water facility. They received our information from GMS. No discussion.

Judge for town. The person selected decided against becoming our judge. He was threatened with a lawsuit if he became our judge. Discussion over judge. Decision made to advertise and take applications for the judge.

Deputy Clerk: Website, council viewed website on laptop. **Motion** to publish the website made by Larsen, 2nd by Willis, motion carried.

Change the name of 'tent city'. Discussion over name. Decision made to advertise and let the town assist in picking a name.

OLD BUSINESS

Code Book. Tabled

NEW BUSINESS

Michelle Jackson – not present

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Contract labor should get paid more than minimum wage. Discussion over contract labor or employee of the town. **Motion** to employ seasonal help at \$16 an hour make right from the hire date with no benefits made by Cloer. Motion died.

Motion to hire contract laborers as seasonal help at \$16 and hour and make right from the hire date with no benefits made by Cloer, 2nd by Larsen, motion carried.

Motion to approve bills in the amount of \$30,399.41 made by Cloer, 2nd Massey, motion carried.

Trustee Willis passed out papers (attached).

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Roberts: No comment

Cloer: Snakes in the neighborhood.

Now we have gunshots. *Surprised to hear we have gunshots.*

Pothole: tried to fix. Could we please seal it or fill it *in* with dirt.

Del Rio: No comment

Willis: Review handouts, just past out before we go into executive session.

Larsen: Thank you Terry for the hydrant at the gate.

Cloer: Special Thank you to Joan and Gary for the work done at the employee picnic.

Massey: No comment

Executive Session: For discussion of a personnel matter under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(2)(f) and not involving: any specific employees who have requested discussion of the matter in open session; any member of this body or any elected official; the appointment of any person to fill an office of this body or of an elected official; or personnel policies that do not require the discussion of matters personal to particular employees.

Motion made at 8:30 pm to go into executive session made by Willis, 2nd by Larsen, motion carried.

Call to Order 9:30 by Mayor John Del Rio

Terry Short: can I cash out my vacation time. The reason I gave during the executive session.
Discussion over vacation and paying it out. **Motion** to allow Terry to get his 80 hours vacation
paid out made by Larsen, 2nd by Massey, motion carried.

Massey Apologize to Davida for her vacation.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 9:45 made by Willis, 2nd Cloer, motion carried.

Mayor

Clerk