

TOWN OF SUGAR CITY  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
09/20/2023

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Led by Mayor John Del Rio

**ROLL CALL** Roberts, Cloer, Del Rio, Willis, Larsen, Massey, town attorney, Mr. Buchner

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES Motion** to approve the minutes dated 09/06/2023 made by Willis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roberts, motion carried.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA** None

**APPROVAL OF CHANGES** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Robert Smoot** took upon myself to submit an application to CDOT, 3 fold request. One, request at 23 and Sugar City sign for engine braking. Second, to remove the signage for the no stop when turning. Needs to be removed immediately, very dangerous situation. Third, regional traffic engineers bring devices to measure speed. Sent by certified mail and they received it on the 15<sup>th</sup>. **Larsen:** Spoke with CDOT and am meeting with them shortly. Requesting that they place a stop ahead, 100 feet and remove the no stop when turning right. **Cloer:** Who reached out the Town or Mr. Smoot? **Smoot:** I did. No further discussion. **Cloer:** Want it noted that Mr. Smoot submitted paperwork to CDOT on his behalf and not on the towns behalf.

**Cody Broyles** been in house for 5 months now, two of those months meter said used 50,000 gallons, now it at 13,500 gallons. Where is my resolve for this? Discussion over meter usage. **Motion** to credit them something for the water made by Willis, motion died. Discussion over meter and meter reader. **Motion** to drop 15,000 gallons and credit the account made by Willis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roberts, motion carried. Massey opposing.

**REPORTS**

**Clerk (Davida)**

Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District what is happening with the Ark Valley Conduit. No discussion.

Colorado Department of Health and Environment

Rob Smoot submitted items given to each board member. No discussion.

Grant Newsletter submitted from 2 different companies. Who is going to look more into this?

**Willis:** I don't see the point we can't get anything without an audit. Discussion over grants. No decision made.

**Wastewater digest:** Have Terry and/or Sam attend? Discussion over attendance. Decision made to send Terry.

**My UI Employer:** attended a webinar, they are changing their online portal. No discussion.

State of Colorado requested the audit. Will get to them as soon as it is completed. No discussion.

Dupont Class Action settlement, not sure if applies to the Town. Should Mr. Buchner look into this? Discussion over suit. Decision made to have Mr. Buchner look into.

SIPA Grant: received a letter. Denied for grant. Discussion over what grant was for.

CML District meeting in Lamar. Signed up Vickie and Davida. **Willis:** that is something the council should be going to. Discussion over who should attend and not closing the office 2 hours early. Decision made to have Trustee Larsen and Davida attend. Vickie will keep the office open.

Surveys completed for the lagoons and cemetery. What are we doing with them? Discussion over surveys. Decision made to have attorney look into.

Sugar City Tattler, Trustee had said something about a paper for Sugar City, the office drafted up something for you to look at. Discussion over the paper. No decision made.

Groundwater Conference Who do we want to send Terry or Sam? Discussion over conference. Decision made to send Sam and Grace and pay mileage.

Vacation request Davida requesting October 11, 12, and 13 off. Decision made to give Davida request.

C.R.W. has a conference who sending Terry or Sam? Decision made to send Terry.

Paperwork: Motion to dismiss and employee performance evaluation. Sent around. No discussion. (attached).

Monthly reports. No discussion. (attached).

Assessor sent the estimated assessed value. Sent around table. No discussion.

MyFamli+ have to provide insurance for employees by Jan 1, 2024. No discussion.

CDPHE deadline is October 13, 2023 for first submission. Discussion over grant. Decision made to have Trustee Larsen look into.

Flags cost is \$29.95 or \$29.99 not sure which? Discussion over both flags and cost difference. Decision made to order one of each and use stronger one and the other if needed

Colorado Infrastructure Act has some grants, who is looking into this grant? Discussion over grant. Decision made to have Trustee Massey look into grant.

Josh from Triad saying we need to get an updated server. Discussion over security. Decision made for Davida to get prices before next meeting.

Crystal requested a couple of vacation days. No discussion. Decision made to give both vacation days.

Spoke to Phoung with Eide Bailey, she said they should have the 2020 completed, so we can get the audit completed for 2020. Spoke with company Dixon, town used to use them, they are retiring so they are no longer doing audits. Do any of you know any companies or people that will do audits? Discussion over companies. Decision made Mr. Buchner and a few of the trustees will look for someone to do the audit. **Willis:** Why is this company doing books for 2022, isn't that your job Davida? **Davida:** The council chose to send.... **Massey:** We sent 2022 because we got a letter from Cindy Karle that said she was stealing money, the council decided to have them go over 2022 as well. **Davida:** That is the first I have heard about that. **Cloer:** We need to have an executive session over that, put it on the next agenda.

Webinar for Irreplaceable Clerk the 27<sup>th</sup> at noon, going to watch over lunch hour. No discussion. Minutes from the meetings and it clearly shows you that what Mr. Roberts stated at the last meeting was a bold-faced lie. Discussion over what he said.

Interview with the 3<sup>rd</sup> applicant for judge. Discussion over interview. Decision made to interview Tuesday morning.

Water board meeting. Called the 3 trustees, they were over water and each one said they were not it. Discussion over water board and trustee over water. Decision made Trustee Cloer is over water.

3 letters of intent for trustee. Next meeting the selection, will be on agenda to vote person in. No discussion.

4 letters of intent for Cemetery board. No discussion. Copies give to Trustee Larsen.

4 letters of intent for Activities board. **Willis:** Why did that get taken away from me? I have been over the activities for a long time. Discussion over activities. Decision made Trustee Willis will handle activities.

Schedule a workshop to complete the budget for 2024. Discussion over date and times.

Decision made Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to noon.

Altitude valve: supposed to do a phone poll, have not heard back from them on the remaining cost. When they come in the phone poll will be done at that time. No discussion.

CML sent us some information about insurance for the employees. Discussion over insurance. Decision made that Davida will get some information about different companies and present to board.

Jan from USDA called about budget ending 2021. Explained to her what is happening and has happened, explained that it is required for the loans. No discussion.

June accident received and offer to settle \$40,000, does the council agree. Signature from Mayor to proceed.

Deputy Clerk has some items for you to review but doesn't have a report. Items sent around table. No discussion.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Resolution 2023-10 Discussion over resolution. **Motion** to approve resolution with amendment to lower 1-yard dumpster by 10% making them \$46.80 made by Cloer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Willis, motion carried.

Name change for Tent City. List read aloud by Trustee Larsen. Discussion over names and how to collect payments. **Motion** to change name to Sugar City Overnight made by Cloer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larsen, motion carried. Discussion over changing names on sign.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Pipeline contracts: Facility maintenance fee changing from their number of taps to towns number of taps. Decision made to do a trial period from October to November and then put on agenda for 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in December. **Motion** to make changes to each pipeline as suggested for trial period made by Cloer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Willis, motion carried. Massey opposing.

Sam Wilson: project water for next year, business and municipal paying same amount per acre foot, \$21.90 with \$4.50 carryover. No return flow worry. 250-acre feet. 33.52-acre foot this spring.

AGRA doing a quarterly release instead of yearly. Should release on 30<sup>th</sup> of September.

Why are we paying shrinkage for Colorado Springs? Put us bank on the table.

Ark Valley Project using 32" pipe running to Lamar and to Holly. Pardon my expression, s\*^t runs downhill, we at the bottom.

Garrett set up a meeting with the boards to proceed. Garrett needs to meet with council, north and south pipelines to answer any questions. There should be no plastics in our line we off Horse Creek. 96-pipeline does not come to Sugar City.

No municipalities have signed up for the Conduit.

### **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Discussion over cameras and expenses. **Motion** to pay the bills in the amount of \$31,498.30 made by Cloer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Willis, motion carried.

### **TRUSTEES REPORTS**

**Roberts:** No comment

**Cloer:** Glad we resolved Cody's concern. Can't be here Monday for budget, be sure to check insurance numbers. Temporary trial on water contracts, have meeting on first meeting in December, then we would still be able to meet with the pipelines.

**Del Rio:** No comment

**Willis:** No comment

**Larsen:** Looking at the fire in Hawaii, need to make sure the tornado siren works in any emergency.

**Massey:** Post office asked me to ask that we make sure our post office box number is on all mail. Discussion over post office boxes.

Vickie was doing some research on group messaging, and I think the town would benefit from that. Discussion over data messaging. Decision made to have it on the next agenda under new business.

### **ADJOURN**

**Motion** to adjourn at 9:29 pm made by Willis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cloer, motion carried.

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Mayor

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Clerk