

TOWN OF SUGAR CITY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
11/08/2023

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Led by Mayor John Del Rio

ROLL CALL Markus, Roberts, Del Rio, Willis, Massey. Via Zoom: Larsen and town attorney Mr. Buchner. Not Present – Cloer

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Motion to approve minutes dated 10/18/2023 made by Markus, 2nd by Willis, motion carried.

Larsen dropped from zoom.

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA

NONE

APPROVE CHANGES TO AGENDA

N/A

PUBLIC COMMENT

Everett Buhrle: rebuilt back in 2017 all needed is the pilot assemble. Discussion over necessity for altitude valve. Decision made to have Everett look into pilot assemble and bring to next meeting.

STAFF REPORTS:

TRASH: Can they run one truck on Friday? Discussion over holiday. Decision made to allow one truck to run on Friday the holiday, Veteran's Day.

CLERK: (Moreland)

Council agreed to \$68.75 for Sam to get monthly for water proxy, which is the cost of a 2-yard dumpster. Since the prices went down are you staying at the original cost or are you adjusting? Discussion over cost. Decision made to leave cost for water proxy \$68.75.

Trustees copy of memo from Mr. Buchner. Attached.

Settlement for Mr. Perea is \$40,000. No discussion.

Triad quote for server \$3,779.95. Discussion over, looking into a SIPA Grant. No decision made.

Opioid Settlement: No discussion. Attached.

Complaint from citizen. No discussion.

Truck Ordinance: discussion over the ordinance. Decision made to put on next agenda.

Sue Lopez was billed in 2022 and said that she was told she doesn't have to pay the bill.

Discussion over the bill. Decision made that she has to pay balance.

Salute to Veteran's; missed deadline. No discussion.

AVC: Delivery line. No discussion. Letter sent around table.

Winter pumping: Are we pumping this winter. Discussion over pumping. Decision made that we

will be pumping.

Susan Wilson, would like to know why we hooked up to her tap without her permission. She was told we are paying her water bill since the garden club hooked up to her tap. Discussion over tap and location. Decision made to look into who the tap belongs to.

Red Cross Shelter: they just need the building, they will provide everything else. Decision made to use town hall as a red cross shelter.

Fernando would like to know if he can get a phone back. Discussion over phones and who should have them. Decision made to give the Mayor's phone to Fernando.

McCandless quote to fix truck 5 totaling \$11,635.90. Discussion over bill. Decision to approve work to be completed. Mayor signed service estimate.

Higby received letter on October 28, so we can begin the process soon. Discussion over time frame. No decision made.

Need to schedule a workshop to complete the budget. Discussion over dates. Decision made to schedule workshop for November 20, 2023 at 5:00 pm.

Re-gen truck at night. Discussion over problem with trucks. No decision made.

MAINTENANCE:

David read report, attached

DEPUTY CLERK: (Bauer)

Citizen is asking for a refund on water bill. Discussion over bill. Reason for refund, she heard everyone else was getting a refund. Decision made no refund.

Website: what all do you want on the website? Audits, budgets and all financials? What about court documents? Discussion over website. Decision made to put everything on the website.

SMS Messaging: discussion over purpose and cost. Decision made to start SMS messaging.

Dog registration, are we required to have citizens show for rabies and parvo? Discussion over requirements. Decision made that no parvo is required.

Office posting: Can we put up something in the office for gun safety. Decision made to put up the gun safety poster.

Complaint: brought everything from last year. Discussion over what to do. No decision made.

Violent citizen came into the office threatening employees. Discussion over citizens. No decision made.

Kennel license citizen has 6 dogs, chihuahua's. Does she need the kennel license. Discussion over dogs. Decision made yes she has to have kennel license.

Town yard complaints, two locations in town, what is the town doing? Discussion over properties. Decision made the attorney will look into.

OLD BUSINESS

Health Insurance: Discussion over health insurance and when have to start offering. No decision made.

Trash driver: Drivers last day is tomorrow; the new driver will start on Monday. Discussion over drivers. Decision made that both need to attend next meeting.

Veteran's Day. Previous discussion.

Trash contract. Discussion over contract and how we can serve any town due to contracts are not with each citizen.

Altitude valve: No discussion. Previous discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

SMS Messaging: Previous discussion.

GMS: 1. Engineer of record. Establish engineer then do the grant side.

2. List of needs, staff maintaining. Get complete study, supply/treatment to storage/distribution and the meters. ORC – identify report. Get funding from various sources. Background, proposed improvements, funding. Cost is \$25,000, which you can get a DOLA grant to cover 50%, GMS holds the remaining and put into another grant for construction project. We analyze from the engineering report. Due to previous relationship there is no RFQ required. Discussion over accepting GMS as towns engineer of record and doing a comprehensive report.

Motion to accept GMS at Engineer of Record made by Markus, 2nd by Larsen, roll call

Markus – Aye

Roberts – Aye

Massey – Aye

Del Rio – Aye

Willis – No reply

Larsen – Aye

Motion to move forward with GMS doing the comprehensive report made by Markus, 2nd by

Larsen, roll call

Markus – Aye

Roberts – Aye

Massey – Aye

Del Rio – Aye

Willis – No reply

Larsen – Aye

Susan Wilson: Previous discussion.

Municipal Court: Discussion over monthly or quarterly court. Tabled.

Jay Koehler: Colorado State Statues, she should not be on the ballot in March,

correct?(attachment) **Larsen:** Running as Trustee is different than running for mayor. Discussion over ballot. Decision made that attorney will look into difference.

Second: had a restraining order put against me for submitting a CORA request and these ladies in the office are threatened and nothing is done. Why is that? Discussion over event in office.

No decision.

APPROVAL OF BILLS Motion to approve bills in that amount of \$21,498.41 made by Markus, 2nd by Massey, motion carried. Willis abstaining.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Markus – No comment.

Roberts – No comment.

Del Rio – No comment.

Larsen – Dark skies, save money, company does streetlights that are solar powered. No discussion.

Attorney Buchner – Dark skies is about shielding light or security lightening. No decision.

Massey – Do something about the abuse the ladies in the office are taking. Discussion over what to do. Decision made that the Mayor will tell him he is no longer allowed in the building. Employee evaluations: **Motion** to approve \$1 an hour for Mr. Rafferty with pay retro-active for final check made by Markus, 2nd by Massey, motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Crystal Scott would rather have done in public. Discussion over paperwork. No decision made.

ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn at 9:27 made by Markus, 2nd by Massey, motion carried.

Mayor

Clerk