

TOWN OF SUGAR CITY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
12/06/2023

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Led by Mayor John Del Rio

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES **Motion** to approve minutes dated 11/15/2023 made by Markus, 2nd by Roberts, motion carried.

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Addition to old business: Discussion over adding items to the agenda and making sure that they are specific, need to post notice. Decision made to add Ark Valley Conduit to old business under part A.

Remove number 15 executive session for legal.

APPROVE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Motion to approve additions/changes to the agenda made by Markus, 2nd by Willis, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cindy Karle: Read legal ads? There is something in the paper about the water from Horse Creek need to reply before December 31, 2023. Don't miss the deadline or we could lose our water.

Fernando De La Torres: New driver, been gone for a little over a year. Appreciate Steve and everyone on the board of trustees, giving me a second chance. Enjoy doing what I do and am being really careful with safety while driving.

STAFF REPORTS

TRASH (Steven Gill) Brought him back and give a second chance. Bad look on the company, no. He has got something to prove to us and to himself.

CLERK (Davida Moreland) Tattler: copy to each trustee. No discussion.

Ballot issues: Trustee size, taxes, and streetlights. Discussion over trustee size. Decision made to add to ballot. Discussion over taxes. Decision made to add to ballot. Discussion over streetlights. Decision made to add to ballot.

Truck 10: Do we need to drug test? Who is going to be the driver? Discussion over testing, driving, and random testing. Decision made to send them right away and add them to the random testing.

SIPA grants: said they don't do grants for hardware. They will be opening the grants in the spring. No discussion.

CORA requests that require a USB. Do we want to purchase some and have them handy or do you want to have the citizens continue to bring them in? Discussion over use of USB. Decision

made to continue having citizens bring them in.

Cleaning computers, when should they be scheduled? Each one takes about an hour. No discussion.

Schedule a tank cleaning the tower wasn't completed this year. No discussion.

List of residence sending to tax rolls. No discussion.

CDPHE: sanitary survey for drinking water. Discussion over CDPHE coming for survey. No decision.

Chris Woodka met with Crowley County about Conduit. No discussion.

Election webinar: Signing up for the webinars for the upcoming election. No discussion.

O'Reilly: Town getting a charge account. Need signature from Mayor. No discussion.

Court: What are we doing about a judge? Discussion over court and judges. No decision made.

Taxes/Mill Levy, sent around table. No discussion.

Memo for taxes. Sent around table. No discussion.

Zoom is raising the rate. No discussion.

DOLA: budget calendar, need to complete the budget. No discussion.

Grant opportunities: they offer webinars. No discussion.

CRW: letter about a cyber-attack on towns water supply. Sent around table. No discussion.

811: List of days they are closed. Sending the dates, the town is closed. No discussion.

DOT: Changes they are anticipating is taking down the no stop when turning right. Adding stop ahead. No discussion.

Letter to state for tax purposes. No discussion.

Need to schedule a meeting to discussion the conduit. No discussion.

Two customers are asking for a reversal of late fee and disconnect notice. No discussion.

Decision made no refund.

OLD BUSINESS

Sam Wilson/Jim McCuistion: Water committee met with SEWCD and the AVC. Sugar City is on the list. Are you going to join or not? Anyone that you choose is going to cost about \$1 million per mile. Everyone is working on to get the funding. Alternative line all project water came through. If not joining now, then later it is going to be a lot harder. Eventually they are going to drop you from the conduit. Keep an open mind, come to cost and we don't have it. Stay in till you absolutely can't any longer. Need to have a decision by the end of the month.

Engineers quoted \$2.90, they set up the chlorination near Pueblo. The conduit makes sense instead of sending it down the river where you lose 4 – 14% of the water. Cost is the same for all 39 entities included. The trunk is completely paid for, they are working on the cost for the spur lines. They do not mix the water with everyone. When it gets to you then you blend it yourself.

PFAS are in the state, and they are coming our way. Fall Wells did a hydrological study.

In 10-years the wells could go down and then what would happen or if there is a drought.

Your project allocations are 71-acre feet a year. You use 250-acre feet for augmentation. Are you committed? You can get credit for the return flow.

Denver got hot spots and Pueblo dam where they found arsenic from the mines. Put water in

the well and pull as needed. Garrett is working on grants and no interest loans for the town. No decision made.

Ordinance 2023-1: Second reading.

Roll call vote:

Markus: No

Roberts: Aye

Cloer: Aye

Willis: No

Larsen: Aye

Massey: No

Del Rio: No

Motion failed.

Discussion over the direct routes and garbage trucks. No decision made.

Agreement for Professional Services – project- GMS. No discussion. Mayor signed agreement.

Agreement for Professional Services – water – GMS. No discussion. Mayor signed agreement.

Streetlights: Black hills said that all light are LED. We were grandfathered to keep our old lights. If we upgrade to LED, then it would be \$4/light a month instead of \$14/light. Work order for numbers. 35 lights get more help. Discussion over work order. **Motion** to get a work order from Black Hills made by Cloer, 2nd by Larsen, motion carried.

Contract for the 2024 Freightliner loan papers. No discussion. Mayor signed loan paperwork.

Cody Broyles/Corina Arellanos: What is the 3rd persons role and why did we hire her? Received a disconnect notice and spoke to Kayla and told her that the system is flawed, and they should look into the system. Discussion over autopay and the government portal. No decision. What is other on the bill? Discussion over other. No decision.

Scott Noel: You have a forensic audit from Baker tilly? They don't do them; they are the county firm. Not that it matters you are going to lie about everything anyway. If this 'other' on the water bill is going away, where has that money gone? You told us that it was for truck payments and maintenance on the trucks. Where does the money that says 'other' go into? **Moreland:** It depends on your bill. **Noel:** That doesn't make sense.

A citizen came up to stop Mr. Noel from talking with us. **Trustee Markus:** Spoke over her being on the board and how Mr. Noel is speaking to board. **Moreland:** Explains the bills and what charges could be on the bill. **Noel:** I've taken enough of your time. Thank you

NEW BUSINESS

Sam Wilson: spoke earlier.

Micheal Thibault: not present.

Women's bathroom; needs an overflow valve. No discussion.

Keypad for the door: tabled.

Resolution 23-13 Holiday's 2024: Discussion over Juneteenth. **Motion** to approve resolution 23-13 with the addition of Juneteenth made by Cloer, 2nd by Markus, motion carried.

Resolution 23-12 Board Meetings 2024: **Motion** to approve resolution 23-12 made by Cloer, 2nd by Markus, motion carried.

Resolution 23-15 Town Officer's 2024: **Motion** to approve resolution 23-15 made by Markus, 2nd by Willis, motion carried.

Employee Christmas: Discussion over dinner. Decision made to have employee dinner on December 22nd @ 2:00 pm.

Municipal Code Book – tabled.

Scott Noel: spoke earlier.

APPROVAL OF BILLS Motion to pay trash bills in the amount of \$2,963.27 made by Cloer, 2nd by Massey, motion carried.

Motion to pay town bills in the amount of \$10,220.02 made by Willis, 2nd by Massey, motion carried. Cloer opposing.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Markus: No comment

Roberts: No comment

Cloer: Still large pieces of street across from 301 Idaho, need to get fixed.

Del Rio: No comment

Willis: Why was there no advertisement for the craft fair? Discussion over advertising.

Larsen: Brewing big issues. Have lot of items that need taken care of. Working on the budget is one. Having smart or snarky comments is not helping.

Massey: No comment

Executive Session pursuant to §24-6-402(4)(f), C.R.S., Discussion of Personnel matters, regarding Davida Moreland, Office Staff

Executive Session pursuant to §24-6-402(4)(f), C.R.S., Discussion of Personnel matters, regarding Davida Moreland, Vickie Bauer, Kayla Bauer, Crystal Scott, Terry Short, Luis Diaz, Steven Gill, Anthony Mora, Levi Ortega, Larry Robbins, Lenny Serauskas, Nate Knudsen, Fernando De La Torres, Jesus Hernandez, Employee Evaluations

Motion to go into executive session made by Willis, 2nd by Markus, motion carried.

ADJOURN Motion to adjourn at 10:59 made by Willis, 2nd by Larsen, motion carried.

Mayor

Clerk