

TOWN OF SUGAR CITY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
08/02/2023

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, Clayton Buchner -town attorney via zoom. Not present – Hjar.

Cloer: Minutes from 7/19/2023 Eric Roberts public comment should be on not in for CORA.

On page 2 Cloer: Thank you – add suggest talk to commissioners they control the purse strings & can influence sheriffs department in that way.

Page 3: Trustee Report: Surprised to hear we have gun shots.

Add- to streets – fill it in with dirt.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Motion to approve the minutes made by Willis, 2nd by Cloer, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tony Moreland: Council gone by Tent City? Mr. McCuistion brought eight (8) tons of sand. The driver paid for four (4) tons of the sand. Terry pulled everything out and the county came and leveled everything. Grills have been moved. **Larsen:** Find out where the grills are located.

The wood that was removed has rebar in it. Would the board be opposed to me exchanging it for nicer looking wood? Discussion over wood. Decision made that it is fine if the wood is exchanged.

Could the town rent a small bobcat for me to do some work? Discussion over bobcat. Decision made to get cost for bobcat.

Jim Montez: Live at 509 Iowa. Daughter leaving house and five (5) dogs from 418 Iowa. The dogs are loose again. Then a lady in a white car could not get out of the car. **Willis:** What did the dogs look like. **Montez:** Possible border collie & one (1) black one. Not sure what can be done, but something needs to be done. Discussion over dogs. Decision made to give a report with the findings.

Cindy Karle: daughter Larissa passed out papers. Office did not get a copy of letter. Letter from Brotemarkle (attached).

Terry Short: Thank you for the zero-turn mower. Helped catch up with the mowing. Rumor we are upset and ready to walk out. That is untrue. We don't care about what others make.

Cloer: Where are the grills from tent city? **Short:** At the lagoons, but I recommend you buy new grills. **Cloer:** Tony can you get prices on two (2) new grills also. **Moreland:** Sure can.

REPORTS

Clerk:

Cindy Karle letter dated July 19. (attached).No discussion.

Southeast Colorado Water Activity: AVC Revenue & Expenditure. Copy in office for viewing. No discussion.

Department of Public Health & Environment Annual Fee. Copy in office for viewing. No discussion.

Southeast Colorado Water Conservancy. Copy in office for viewing. No discussion.

SCWC: Additional \$100 million in funding. Copy in office for viewing. No discussion.

Rural Philanthropy Days: registered for scholarship, should know by the end of the month. No discussion.

Mario Rodriguez called and asked about a unique identity number, gave him ours. He is working on getting a grant for Sugar City's fire department. No discussion.

Sign for tent city: Discussion over name for tent city. Decision made to put it out to the citizens and let them have a vote. Put it on the next agenda.

Department of Public Health & Environment lead service line replacement planning process. Discussion over lead service lines. No decision made.

TadiBrothers: Cameras don't record. Trustee Larsen spoke with them. **Larsen:** Explanation of reason for purchase. If there is an accident, we can prove who at fault, went over the steps with TadiBrothers. Cost down to \$500 per truck. Found out they don't record. Spoke to Gabriel today, very specific on need to record. The express purpose was to record. Looking to see what they can do to help us. Upgrade is an additional \$700 each totaling \$2100. We only government contract: could do a video to council & let you know. **Cloer:** 10% back is not good 100% back due to their mistake. Won't say good customer service unless they do something to make it right. 100% back or free upgrade.

Arkansas River Basin Water Forum: Any one in attendance. Discussion over forum. Decision made to send Sam, water proxy.

Brad Tucker: all trustees received a copy. No discussion.

Application for the judge. No discussion.

SMS: sent around. No discussion.

Keys: Vickie has misplaced her keys. Discussion over lost keys. Decision made to let trustees know if she found the keys, they may have to replace the locks to building.

Deputy Clerk: None

OLD BUSINESS

Engine Braking: suggested putting up signs and I did the research. First, we need a peace officer has to see the citation as it occurs. Second, measure the decibels and/or sound, it is quite loud. DOT would have to put up the sign. Discussion over cost and signs. Decision made to find the cost of two (2) signs.

Yard Maintenance: explained what happened. Discussion over billing for properties. **Motion** to waive fees made by Cloer, 2nd by Larsen, motion died. Further discussion over properties.

Motion to waive all fees, resolving the issue and notify citizens made by Massey, 2nd by Willis, motion carried.

Thank you for doing your due diligence and having someone come out and check our meter. We moved to a bigger house. It's a leak right off the bat. Nothing to do to look at. **Corina:** Usage

high for one (1) month. Young girl works in here, explaining everything to us. Davida is supposed to be the face of the town. I finally asked if someone is going to assist us? She begins yelling at me. In a professional person's eyes, she needs to come out and talk to me. I am a paying customer. **Cloer:** Was your meter changed? **Cornia:** Yes. **Cloer:** Apologies for your experience that day. **Corina:** Customer service in this town is a joke. It took two (2) months for a new meter. **Massey:** What was your reading today? **Cody:** 7,000 gallons today.

NEW BUSINESS

Trash rates: tabled

Maintenance: No discussion

Office Help: No discussion

Cynthia Fetherkile via zoom: Ordered a 4-yard can. Called on the 10th to exchange it to a smaller bin. That week no pickup & had larger bin extra week. Placed a smaller and then had a problem where it was placed. **Willis:** Where are you located? **Cynthia:** 16480 CR G. Placed next to garage where it has been placed every time. **Willis:** Why were you not picked up? **Cloer:** Look into this and get back to you on Monday or Tuesday. Should be able to adjust. **Cynthia:** I have dogs at my house. They need to make sure to let me know when they are going to be by. Moved to the other side of the driveway. Next to propane, unsafe to me, it is an active tank. Nothing has been completed. **Cloer:** We will let you know. **Cynthia:** Need to be notified of any type of change. **Larsen:** We will contact you with an update. Thank you.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Discussion over the viaero (phone) bill. Should get a government discount for the group.

Decision made Trustee Larsen would look into.

Motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$11,533.65 made by Willis, 2nd by Roberts, motion carried.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Roberts: Black Hills repairing streetlights. Submitted a list of lights that are not working.

Discussion over streetlights.

Cloer: Thank you to Pat Olson for the work out front.

Made aware of grant monies on behalf of the kennels and materials for tent city as well. They are local grants. Discussion over materials that are required for both. No decision made.

Thank you to whoever filled in the pothole with dirt. Discussion over hole and streets. Streets in town are terrible and need to get them chipped and sealed.

Suggestion for the board and town to consider putting on the ballot. Change the number of seats on the board from seven (7) to five (5) seats. Find five (5) people dedicated that want to commit. Just something to consider.

Misunderstand and bringing it to our attention. If they would like the same, due to an accounting error. Work an extra month at \$16/hour. It has been rectified, it is done and over with. Just the young man was getting underpaid. No discussion.

Massey: Upset with the new seasonal workers. Been arguing with them to get that, then all the sudden you do it for the seasonal workers.

Del Rio: Has Sanders paid his bill? **Moreland:** Yes, it has been paid.

How are the collections coming? **Moreland:** We haven't received many payments.

Willis: Looked at the cemetery and grandson should be done with it this weekend. No discussion.

Cloer: Suggest placing an ad to create a cemetery board. No discussion.

Larsen: Tent city exists because a former trustee wanted it, but there is no plan in place. We don't want people to have to use their generators, the people that live near there won't like to hear that all night. Contact black hills to put in electricity. Get started on a plan. We are very blessed that Tony is doing the work for free. Discussion over tent city and work needing to be completed. Decision made that Trustee Larsen would draft a proposal for the plan.

Massey: Culverts getting cleaned out. **Willis:** Raised the roads which flood my garage now. Discussion over roads and cleaning out culverts.

Executive Session: For a conference with the Town attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(b). **Motion** to go into executive session at 8:49 pm made by Willis, 2nd by Massey, motion carried.

CALL TO ORDER 9:15 pm by Mayor John Del Rio

Del Rio: Davida, could you send Mr. Buchner the address and ownership paperwork for the locations that we discussed.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm made by Willis, 2nd by Cloer, motion carried.

Mayor

Clerk