

TOWN OF SUGAR CITY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
02/01/2023

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, Willis, Larsen, Massey- present. Hjar- not present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Motion** to add the cleanout for tank maintenance and screen replacement, to accept minutes dated 01/25/23 by Willis, 2nd by Massey, motion carried.

LETTERS OF INTENT

Jay Koehler: Serve at the pleasure of the people. Follow rules. Trustee told me today that rules didn't matter, they are broken they should stay broken. History of service. **Massey:** Concerned about schedule, have time to help. **Jay:** Have no agenda: rumors need to calm down. **Larsen:** Council run according to procedures. Do not approve of the good old boys. One standard, one rule. Follow protocol and policy standards. **Del Rio:** Thank you we will decide and let you know. **Mark Cloer:** Vacancy to fill with a little over a year left on the seat. Been a state representative on finance committees helping make them financially solvent. **Massey:** Do you have the time to help? **Larsen:** Trainings and workshops. **Mark:** School teacher Tuesday thru Friday. Pastor on Sunday's. I understand the law and Roberts rules. **Larsen:** Your experience would be beneficial. Full-time job would not disqualify you from the seat.

Robert Smoot: Seat available, turned in letter. Do not have experience Mr. Cloer has. Three things- health, safety, and comfort of fellow residents. **Massey:** Time concerns? **Robert:** Have no time constraints. **Larsen:** What do you have to offer? **Roberts:** Grew up here. Moved to make my fortune, then spent all of it. Own my own property. Have knowledge in industrial maintenance and construction. Believe the other two are more qualified than I am.

Jay: I agree, Mr. Cloer would be the best candidate.

Motion to change the agenda from deputy clerk report to Sam Wilson for water report made by Massey, 2nd by Larsen, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joseph Rawski: Moved out from Pennsylvania. Stuck with eight (8) dogs, they are spade and neutered. **Willis:** All the dogs registered? **Rawski:** Yes, they are all registered. No kennel license. \$300 for kennel license. Don't need to have one they are all emotional support animals. Recommend a grace period on the late fee, 3 day extension. **Massey:** The rules are the same for everyone. **Larsen:** We are not making a decision tonight. We treat everyone the same. Trying to stop the confusion. Will have a discussion over this and let you know. Have you thought any more on the event coordinator? **Larsen:** No further discussion at this time.

REPORTS

Town Maintenance: Neptune reader: not working. Believe the problem was they number after the decimal was being put in. That is something that can be corrected, just may take a bit.

Clerk: Computer security system will no longer be providing adequate security by October 2023. Discussion over security. Decision to table.

CRW 2023 Annual meeting in Loveland on April 6. They are asking for nominations for member of Board of Directors. No Discussion.

Opioid Settlement Notice: Trustees received copy. (attached).

Surveillant Smart Cities: Trustees received copy. (attached).

Senior Center: Spoke with Lucille, she stated that it was moved about four inches and they are not moving it again. Discussion over it being moved. Decision made to let go for now.

COOP: Town has an account with them, our trucks can fill there. Discussion over fuel situation. Decision made to contact attorney.

Have not found a CPA to do the audit. If any of you have a name or someone that could lead us somewhere, please let me know. Get me the information. No discussion.

CORA request form: Discussion over form. Decision made to use CORA form.

Resolution for Bunn Machine. Discussion over resolution not letter. Decision made to ask attorney about letter.

Answers from attorney from previous council questions. Trustees received copy. (attached).

Southern tire Mart: Overpaid by \$311.08, correct bills or leave as credit on account. Discussion over credit. Decision made to leave as credit.

Scott with SBT electric said that the pump won't work with our application. We need a single phase, and this is a 483 phase, we would need to put in new electric for it to work. Discussion over pump. Decision made to let Scott look and see what he finds.

Betty Bruch would like to be exempt from late fees for her lifetime. No discussion. Decision made no is the same for her.

Sam: Meeting with Colorado Canal and Twin lakes; rebuild the damn.

Lake Henry need to fix tow drain. They are hoping to fill the lakes this year.

Last you we received twelve (12) holidays, you took away six (6) including labor day. **Massey:** You get paid for working six (6) plus holiday pay and we need to reinstate labor day. **Motion** to reinstate Labor Day as a paid off holiday made by Massey, 2nd by Willis, motion carried.

Sugar City pipeline has asked for more water every year and we are told no. Now another person is wanting to come in do another pipeline before ours. They should be getting the water off of us. You have the right to refuse them. **Larsen:** We are going to do the study. **David:** Have contacted GMS and have not heard back. I will be reaching out to them again. **Sam:** You are pulling from the same Aquifer. **Massey:** We are going to redrill Well 1 and go down 600 feet.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Jay Koehler: Have few points. Following rules: Title 31- Municipal, mayor may vote at will.

Neither for/against kennel. Purchase a building at \$140,000, that requires a business plan and future of the project. Can't spend money without telling citizens why. Council needs to make a business plan and follow the rules. **Massey:** We had a discussion over purchasing a building, we never actually moved forward with doing the purchase. **Jay:** Eric Roberts was instructed to look for loans to purchase. **Massey:** We did not direct him to do that.

Have copy of the audit. Thank you John, Joan and Davida for pushing to get that completed.

However, it is showing missing funds. What does the council intend to do about that?

Discussion over official investigation through law enforcement going up to the CBI.

Motion made to open an official investigation, contact the attorney and begin the investigation made by Massey, 2nd by Willis, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motion to approve paying bills in the amount of \$15,326.52 made by Willis, 2nd by Roberts, motion carried.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Roberts: What is Black Hills doing about streetlights? **Davida:** The local number is not working, I contacted the main line and gave the lights but they have not been out yet. **Roberts:** Contact 811 and get the number for Black Hills.

Del Rio: No comment

Willis: Code enforcement report, more informative.

Larsen: First, new phones are working very well.

Second, listened to the online grants program, the program won't work for us.

Massey: Truck 2 is having fuel issues not running at this time. Discussion over fuel. No decision made.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kaci Mason: Thank you for sticking to your guns. Would like to know about having someone who uses town water to be on the council? Thank you for your time.

Tracy Reece: Given a ticket for court without a 10-day notice. Would like to have this postponed. Discussion over tickets and 10-day notice. Decision made that the Judge will make the determination.

Tony Moreland: Spoke to commissioners and they are going to give us some rock. Need to find some pallets if you know where some are located. Discussion over pallets. Decision made he can get from the lagoon.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 8:47 by Mayor Del Rio, 2nd by Larsen, motion carried.

Clerk

Mayor