

TOWN OF SUGAR CITY  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
04/19/2023

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

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

**ROLL CALL** Cloer, Del Rio, Willis, Larsen, Massey, Hjar. Roberts- not present

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES Motion** to approve minutes dated 4/05/2023 made by Massey, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Willis, motion carried. Hjar abstaining.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Crystal Scott:** Ticket given on a false report. Are we doing a fine for false reporting? Discussion over false reports. Use of pictures or just written words. Discussion over pictures and complaints. Decision made to give a ticket for the false reporting.

**Robert Smoot:** Nebraska street has been degraded by commercial trucks. Discussion over commercial truck parking on private property. Decision made to look into statue number 42-12-426. Discussion over streets and repairing them. No decision made.  
Engine braking, go by DOT regulations. Discussion over engine braking. No decision made.

**Eric Roberts**

What is going on with the wells in town?

Why is Terry turning off the wells on the weekend, except for one well?

**Massey:** One of the springs altitude valve is broken. **Roberts:** That's irrelevant, what has that got to do with the wells? **Massey:** Because it runs over the tower. **Roberts:** As far as I know, I am very knowledgeable with the wells in this town. I know for a fact he does not have to turn the wells off, they are on a pressure system. When it reaches a certain pressure, it turns off, when they get down to a certain pressure they kick back on. Regardless of what is in the water tank. Now if the water tank is not being able to be used at this time, what are we going to do if we have a (inaudible) **Massey:** They are working. **Larsen:** I didn't know they weren't working.

**Roberts:** I was told it was out of order because of the altitude valve. **Massey:** You can fill it you just can't stop it automatically; it has to be done manually. **Larsen:** To clarify what you just said it is being used, your information is false.

**Roberts:** How long before the altitude valve gets repaired and gets back into function? Been hearing that the valve was put in backwards. The valve was put in back in 2004, are you telling me that the engineers put it in wrong? **Massey:** I don't know what the people are telling you.

**Roberts:** That is just what I am hearing around town. **Larsen:** Without a name I don't know.

**Roberts:** Why is Terry not fixing the leak on Nebraska on the 300 block? Been leaking for three years. **Willis:** Where they tore the blue house down? **Roberts:** Spoke to Terry the other day, asked what the deal with the water leak was, he said that they put a stop on it because of the asbestos on the house. That house has nothing to do with the street and fixing a water leak.

What is more important, water or fixing potholes? Without water what are we going to do? How much water does the state allow us to pump each year? **Massey:** 677-acre feet. **Roberts:** I

applied when I was on council for another 100-acre feet. They only gave us 115 last year.

**Massey:** No, they gave us 40. **Roberts:** How much is going in the ground over here on this water leak. Your wasting electricity, man time running back and forth to the wells turning them on and off. **Willis:** It has been leaking a long time. **Roberts:** Who was the Einstein that stopped getting the chemicals from PDP for the wells. When I was on council we were getting a barrel, a 55-gallon drum for the wells to treat the water. It was a little over \$400 a month. Well actually about \$400 every month and a half. Now they are going to Walmart and the grocery store to pick up Clorox. **Massey:** I have not heard that. **Moreland:** I didn't know that either. **Larsen:** Not sure where you are getting your information, but it is unreliable. **Massey:** It is a bad source. **Roberts:** I want to find out the truth. **Larsen:** Not sure where you are getting your information, but they are rumors. **Massey:** Absolutely false. **Roberts:** Not telling you my sources, that is my business. **Massey:** Well it is a bad source, because that hasn't happened in a very long time. **Roberts:** So where are we getting our chemicals? **Massey:** Same company 55- gallon drum. Got one sitting out there now.

**Tony Moreland:** Will be starting on tent city, on Saturday. No discussion.

## **REPORTS:**

**Clerk:** Looked into burn permit, any permit would first require approval from the state. No discussion.

Janet Hajar: Would like to commend a few people. On Easter Sunday, found a leak, Joan, John and Terry were amazingly helpful. Terry went above and beyond when he called back to inform them of the water tower and wells. They are truly thankful for all the amazing help given. When Mr. Buhrlle was town maintenance, he was looking into why her lines went from the wells only. Not sure what that was about. Discussion over where the lines are located.

Simon from Limon: Won't be available for another 2 to 3 weeks, had a breakdown on equipment. Scott about pump for lagoon. The company that is sending it to him, sent him a tracking number today, he assumes it has been shipped.

Zack from Core & Main: spoke with Janet and Terry and they both stated that they should work fine. Discussion over rebuilding hydrants and seal kits. Decision made for Davida to look into. Couple of companies that sell Connexes in Pueblo. No discussion.

Cirsa: working on scheduling the training that is required every other year. Discussion over length of training. Training will last for two to two and a half days.

Drafts for court: (attached). No discussion.

Mike's retirement. Discussion over. Decision made to get date and cost by next meeting.

Cirsa: Wind damage done in 2021. Discussion over electric company. Decision made to find electric company.

Rush: Credit card. Discussion over credit. Decision made to not use credit card with Rush.

Thank you for the awnings.

Jessica Halloran: Community service opportunities. Discussion over insurance. Decision made to find out insurance expense.

Graduation Ad is \$10/ad. Discussion over placing ad. Decision made to have disposal place ad.

Cirsa having a training for elected and appointed officials on May 9<sup>th</sup>. Discussion over length of training.

Engine braking: With any rule or law in Colorado there is no place where a citizen can enforce it, it would have to be our code enforcer. Due to where the signs are going, we have to go through DOT would have to provide the signs and put them up for us. They would have to see the ordinance approving them. Discussion over signs and location. No decision made.

Insurance Audit: lot of pages, council needs to review, have copy in office. No discussion.

Commercial Applicator: Haven't found application, still working on this.

Employee handbook, the financial part is for the employees to they can't say that they didn't know about this. Discussion over. Decision made to add an appendix for the financial part.

To condemn the houses and have the attorney present to begin the proceedings. Discussion over both addresses. Decision made to look into the steps to condemn the houses.

Southeast invoice: letter sent around (attached).

Ark Valley Conduit: Groundbreaking ceremony. Discussion over ceremony. Decision made no one would attend.

Facility Agreement for Markus on November 18<sup>th</sup>. Discussion over party. Decision made to allow rental.

Vacation request for Vickie. Discussion. Decision made to approve request.

Process Server: For Colorado they need a high school diploma. Should we bond them? No discussion.

Next clean up day is scheduled for September. Discussion over clean up day. Decision made to schedule another on May 19 and 20 and no drivers can work it.

The Commissioner meeting is April 28<sup>th</sup> anyone attending. Discussion over reason for going.

Decision made to get some materials together before attending, also including different town in the county.

Received the edits from Mr. Larsen, did anyone else have any changes. No discussion.

Decision on the judge, do a workshop to decide on judge. Decision made to schedule a workshop on May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

### **Deputy Clerk:**

E-signature; Discussion over use. **Motion** to purchase plan for \$96 year made by Cloer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Massey, motion carried.

Ordinance for no shows for courts. Discussion over utilizing Fowler to serve our warrants. No decision made.

Ordinance for contract for Sugar City Disposal. Discussion over roll-offs in town. Decision made to allow since Sugar City does not offer roll-offs.

Maintenance work done for citizens. Discussion over length of time and work completed.

**Motion** made to refund previous payments and not bill future customers for 15 minutes of work made by Cloer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hjar, motion carried.

Historical Cabinet: Cabinet donated to the town from Davida, needs piece of glass and/or purchase second shelf. Each would be \$15 town pay for one of them. **Motion** to pay for glass made by Willis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hjar, motion carried. Cloer abstaining.

Trash Supervisor: Steve been doing a wonderful job. Anthony has been really stepping up on the assistant part, can he get raise. Discussion over work. Decision made to wait on his 90-days.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Resolution 23-06: Collection of Municipal Court fine

**Motion** to pass resolution 23-06 made by Larsen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Willis, motion carried.

Resolution 23-07: Trip fee.

**Motion** to pass resolution 23-07 made by Massey, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cloer, motion carried.

Scarlett: letter read aloud (attached).

**NEW BUSINESS**

Tracy Reece: Received a 6 yd, they took it away, a week later they delivered a different one.

Could not use for one week, would like a credit on that week of no service. Decision made to give a weeks credit.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS: Motion** to approve bills in the amount of \$15,471.00 made by Willis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Massey, motion carried.

**TRUSTEE REPORTS:**

Hijar: do a plaque for Mike not a sign, discussion over where to get a plaque.

Burn permit: get through the sheriff's office.

Cloer: No comment

Del Rio: No comment

Willis: Thank you for all the yard work being completed.

Larsen: Camera's for the trash trucks, still looking for correct one for trucks. Hoping to use Garmin, comes with one camera, and they are not waterproof.

For the upcoming holidays, need to start planning something 60-90 days out.

Massey: Budget and Audit, stop missing out on the grants.

**Motion** for Vickie to carry a firearm in the office made by Massey, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larsen, motion died.

**ADJOURN**

**Motion** to adjourn at 9:40 made by Hijar, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larsen, motion carried.

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Mayor

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Clerk