

Town of Sugar City
Regular Meeting Minutes
03/01/2023

CALL TO ORDER 7:02 pm by Mayor John Del Rio

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Led by Mayor John Del Rio

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES **Motion** to approve minutes dated 02/22/2023 made by Willis, 2nd by Larsen, motion carried.

7:04 pm Hjar arrived.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Shannon Mason extension on water bill. Water & trash bills keep getting higher. **Larsen:** Not trying to hurt you. Previous employees made different arrangements which damages the budget. We are trying to eliminate special treatment. **Willis:** Apply for water assistance through LEAP. **Mason:** Have called and left a message. Thank you for your time.

Joseph Rawski: Water shut off last month. Told someone in office I would be in on the first of the month. Black Hills gives you a 10 day grace period. **Larsen:** We are trying to standardize everyone. We are not black hills. **Rawski:** Came to you about being an event coordinator, that would help raise extra money for this. **Larsen:** Not about greed. Trying to be fair across the board. Need to keep the water and trash going. Have dog issues and working on getting the kennel going to help. **Rawski:** Try to do a gem and mineral show in the park. No further discussion. Tabled.

Tracy Reece: Court date- let the judge know I didn't get served a 10-day notice. Did not get removed, carried over to the next court date. **Massey:** Policy of the town is to give 10-day notices. **Reece:** This is just games now, I received notice about building the wall not cleaning my yard. **Larsen:** Judge said we don't need to give 10-day notices. Regardless that is the town policy. **Crystal:** Judge said show progress. I have seen progress. **Reece:** Cooperation from council. Judge is not doing what you want him to do then why is he here? He is employed by you to follow the law if not then he needs to go bye-bye. Can someone step-up and tell the judge and get it corrected. Decision made to go back to giving 10-day notices.

REPORTS

Clerk: Water from Thaxton's would be \$212.95 for 1920 bottles. Discussion over cost and number of bottles. Decision made to order pallet from Thaxton's of Ordway.

Kennel: Not sure if council considered some of the cost for the kennel. Discussion over insurance and what town would be liable for. Decision made to discuss in workshop, Tickets: when a ticket is written is it for each offense or one ticket for all offenses. Discussion over tickets. Decision made to write ticket per offense.

Time clock: Discussion over age of time clock and using another program on a tablet. Decision made to look into parktime.com.

Kyle Logan: He would be happy to verify all the work and make sure it is correct. Discussion

over Logan and previous work completed. Decision made to get an engagement letter. GMS called asking questions about new pipeline, they are currently work on the study. No discussion.

Water shares certificates: Need to have Fowler State Bank taken off of certificates. Need to be notarized. Discussion over why we are paying the cost for the certificates. Decision made for Davida to contact bank and ask questions. **Motion** if they won't pay for certificate change, then pay for both certificated to be reissued have trustees come and sign checks made by Willis, 2nd by Larsen, motion carried.

CPA: everyone contacted is not taking new clients, we still don't have someone to do the audit. Discussion over persons moving in the area that may be able to help. Decision made for Davida to reach out to another possibility.

Deputy Clerk: Fire damaged property- 503 Montana house is falling down, trash is blowing around town. Citizens getting upset. Spoke with owner and explained that he needs to fill out paperwork and ask town council before demolition.

Residents that have water/sewer assessments and facility maintenance. The are not paying can we pull the tap. Discussion over taps. Decision made to reach out to each customer and let them know the tapping fee and ask if they would like to pay bill or tap fee.

Rezdawg clinic: Print outs. (Sent around, attached). Discussion over cats and cost. No decision made.

Spay and neuter clinic in Rocky Ford June of 2023. Discussion over clinic. No decision made.

Domain names: Trustee Cloer advises that we purchase the domain names for the town of Sugar City. Discussion over domain names and purpose for purchasing. Decision made to purchase all domain names.

Payment arrangements: You stated need to come in to sign. Some people can't make it down here to sign. Discussion over e-signing. Decision made to look into e-signing.

Maintenance: Sink in kitchen and men bathroom toilet. Discussion over hiring someone. No decision made.

Coyote update. Did another letter for citizens. No discussion.

OLD BUSINESS

Jay Koehler: Not in attendance

Jonathon Slusher: Not in attendance

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motion to approve bills in the amount of \$9,552.40 made by Massey, 2nd by Willis, motion carried.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Hijar: No comment

Roberts: No comment

Cloer: Schedule a workshop, we were to bring the dates we were available. Discussion over workshop. Decision made to have workshop Saturday, March 4th, 2023 at 8 am.

Please quote this: "Tickets given out, if unregistered dog then it is an abandoned dog."

Del Rio: No comment

Willis: No comment

Larsen: Garden club is asking about spraying weeds at Tent City. Discussion over weed killer. Decision made to spray when cleaning.

Adopt Ordway's municode not Fowler's. Ordway's is a lot closer to what we are looking for.

Discussion over code book. Decision made to go over it at the workshop.

Massey: Truck 1: need to find out if we can sell it or if can trade-in. Discussion over warranty, whether trade-in or sell. Decision made for Davida to contact attorney and ask specifics.

Truck south of town, started right up they are asking \$3500.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

For discussion of a personnel matter under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(2)(f) and not involving: any specific employees who have requested discussion of the matter in open session; any member of this body or any elected official; the appointment of any person to fill an office of this body or of an elected official; or personnel policies that do not require the discussion of matters personal to particular employees.

Motion to go into executive session at 8:45 pm made by Willis, 2nd by Massey, motion carried.

CALL TO ORDER: 9:45 pm by Mayor John Del Rio

Larsen: Mr. Rawski pay \$25 now and \$25 in a month. Discussion over payment plan. **Motion** made to allow payment of \$25 now and \$25 by April 4th made by Larsen, 2nd by Hjar, motion carried. Del Rio opposing.

Willis: There is a truck in La Junta for \$2500 that the town could use. Discussion over both trucks. Decision made Willis will get more information on truck in La Junta.

Tony Moreland: Would like to ask if we could change the name of 'Tent City'? Discussion over name. Decision made that we would try to come up with something else.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 9:35 pm made by Willis, 2nd by Cloer, motion carried.

Clerk

Mayor