

TOWN OF SUGAR CITY  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
1/03/2024

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

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

**ROLL CALL** Markus, Cloer, Del Rio, Larsen, Massey, via zoom Willis, town attorney Mr. Buchner

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES MOTION** to approve minutes dated 12/20/2023 made by Cloer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Markus, motion carried.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA** N/A

**APPROVE CHANGES TO AGENDA** N/A

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment from zoom attendees.

Tony Moreland: Post a flyer for the Ordway Senior Center. Discussion over posting in the town hall. Decision made Tony may post flyer. Discussion over micromanagement and creating wording for a resolution about posting. Decision made to table.

Port-a-potty: should be cleaned before I remove it. Discussion over what needs to be done with potty. Decision made that Trustee Larsen will bring in some RV antifreeze and it will get thawed and cleaned to be removed.

Timbers from Sugar City Overnight are gone. Where did they go? **Larsen:** Who took them?

**David:** A resident asked about them and I sent them to Terry.

**STAFF REPORTS: (Moreland)**

**Clerk (Moreland):** Dec. 22, 2023, spoke to a Tina Cunningham from Quality Environmental Control Specialists regarding both Davis properties. They are going to cleaning it up and they have the CDPHE reports, just waiting on reports from state, asked for them to turn them into the town hall before going on property. Forwarded the information to Mr. Buchner.

Dec 28, 2023, spoke to Amy Jarkofsky about Sugar City having a flood plain map. We do not have one per Doug England.

Arkansas River Basin Water Forum is in La Junta at Otero College on March 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Discussion over cost. Decision made to see if there will be a cost.

CRWA training for the months of Jan, Feb, and March, they are webinars and generally run \$50 each. No discussion.

Cirsa sent an application for special events. No discussion.

Compliance with DOT, charges per violation. Clearinghouse has violation charges. Currently out of queries for clearinghouse. No discussion.

Black Hills Energy is increasing for RA2 and RA3. Discussion over rate increase. Decision made to write a letter of objection.

State Revolving Fund changing their deadlines from 15<sup>th</sup> of month to 5<sup>th</sup> of month. Discussion over deadlines.

Steven Gill requested vacation days for December 28 and 29 and January 1. Discussion over micromanaging. The handbook states that the employees are to turn in vacation requests 10 days before to the Board of Trustees making sure you at least know they are requesting.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Determination of employment. Discussion about employees and possible termination. Decision made to have an executive session for employees.

Tax Rate for ballot. Discussion over rate to ask for. Discussion over flat rate on orders online for Sugar City. Decision made to do an ordinance for ten (\$.10) cents per any online order not to place on ballot.

Marijuana Tax Rate for ballot. Discussion over store. Decision made to remove from ballot.

Recycling: Discussion over having a recycling program to include metal, cardboard, and glass. Decision made Davida will look into GOCO grants for a recycling program.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Letter of resignation: Janet Roberts (read by board of trustees).

**Motion** to accept letter of resignation made by Massey, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cloer, motion carried.

Discussion over vacant trustee seat. Decision made to advertise for vacated seat.

Discussion and decision of continuation of salaries and payables. **Motion** for continuation of salaries as position if filled made by Cloer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Massey, motion carried. Discussion over budget. Decision made to schedule a budget workshop for January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

**BILLS:** No budget

### **TRUSTEE REPORTS**

Markus – No comment

Cloer – Chunks in the street have been moved into someone's yard.

Like to see if someone sets off fireworks and they go onto another person's property they receive a fine, \$200 first and \$500 thereafter. Discussion over who will give out tickets. Decision made to ask fire chief and offer the fire department 25% of fines. Decision made to have town attorney Mr. Buchner work up an ordinance.

Willis – No comment

Del Rio – No comment

Larsen – Tadi Brothers. March of 2023 there have been several near misses. Discussion over purchases in error.

Forensic Audit – need to point at the correct person, not who we want to blame.

Court dates – Discussion over code enforcement and judge.

Cemetery – ¾ people in town are not interested. Put out another request and got no letters.

Discussion over moving fencing in cemetery. Decision to leave where is located.

Trading plots. Need to be done completely and legally.

Black Hills: Bills should be smaller.

Coyotes – hunting coyotes in lagoon if board will allow with same restrictions? Discussion over cost of fur and finding help. Decision made that if approved as board and experienced gunman to hunt coyotes. Requirement to offer public notice.

Massey – Changing wheel bearings in ranger next week. The tractor needs a oil change.

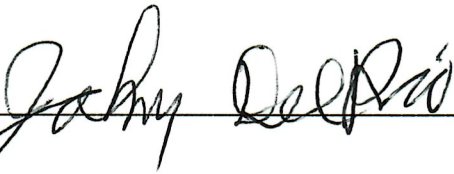
**Executive Session under §24-6-402(4)(b), C.R.S., Conference with the Town Attorney for the purposes of receiving legal advice on Colorado Open Meetings Law litigation filed by Matt Roane.**

**8:43 Motion to go into executive session made by Massey, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Markus, motion carried.**

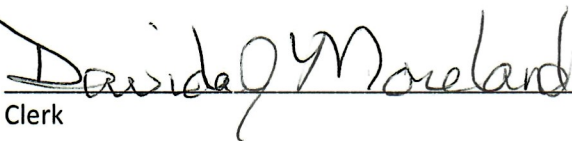
**CALL TO ORDER 9:01 pm by Mayor John Del Rio**

**Motion to adjourn at 9:02 pm made by Markus, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cloer, motion carried.**

Mayor



Clerk



Clerk's Notes

1/17/24

Northern Tool renewal Jan 24, 2024, 1 year renewal of \$39.99 plus tax

Ark River Basin Water Forum: March 5<sup>th</sup> agenda

Build for the Future: Strategic Dialogues on IRA training Jan 18<sup>th</sup> from 9 – 3:30

Meet with Miss Lisa Schlotterhausen from SCEDD, on January 29, 2024 from 11 – 11:30.

Spoke to Victor Chen about mill levies, budget not completed had to go off of last years budget. LaShelle is submitting. (5.5% @ 20.321 Mills from 2022).

CDPHE: Received 3 violations.

1. Storage tank inspection from 2021, asked about the backflow from 2021, no copy in office, contacted Van Brown and he didn't have anything for 2021.
2. Periodic inspection: a) vent screen/damaged? B) seal in place and no damage.
3. Not maintaining weekly entry point.

Need to provide a statement about that not happening in the future.

Need to update back flow plan and general monitoring plan.

Able to pay taxes when payroll is complete every other week instead of yearly.

Eddie Marquez would like to set up his food truck here in Sugar City. Do we want to allow this?

Resolution 24-1, approve next agenda?

**Agenda Tabled**

Keypad 12/06/23

Municipal Code Book 12/06/23

Judgeship 10/18/23

Touch a truck event 10/18/23

Neighborhood watch 3/18/22

Recycling 3/18/22

Donation Line 1/4/23

Gem & Mineral show 3/01/23

Survey's; Cemetery & Lagoons

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PHONE POLL

01/04/2024

Payment for truck 2024 Freightliner, payment attempting to go through at \$42,000 the account is \$27,000 short, stop payment or send through?  
Special meeting tomorrow about funding truck?

Mayor John Del Rio: Stop payment, yes tomorrow at 1.

Mayor Pro-tem Joan Willis: Stop payment, doctors' appointment tomorrow will call in if available.

Trustee Mark Cloer: Stop payment, yes tomorrow at 1.

Trustee Brian Larsen: Stop payment, yes tomorrow at 1.

Trustee Scarlett Markus: Stop payment, available by phone or zoom.

Trustee Gary Massey: Stop payment, yes tomorrow at 1.

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PHONE POLL  
1/08/2024

Water Project account overdrawn: Where should the transfer come from; savings (sewer water), facility maintenance, or water shares.

Mayor John Del Rio: Transfer from savings, sewer water.

Mayor Pro-tem Joan Willis: what John says is fine.

Trustee Scarlett Markus: Same as John.

Trustee Brian Larsen: Pull from sewer water.

Trustee Mark Cloer: Yeah, go ahead and get from sewer water.

Trustee Gary Massey: Yeah, from sewer water.

1-8-24

# First National Bank Colorado - Account Summary

## Deposit Accounts

Account	Type	Available Balance
SEWER WATER (1410965)	BUSINESS SAVINGS	\$14,303.21
ROAD BRIDGE (1410966)	BUSINESS SAVINGS	\$4,226.46
CON TRUST (1410967)	BUSINESS SAVINGS	\$12,260.47
Checking (80002634)	Totally Free Bus E Checkin	\$0.00
Checking (80002691)	Totally Free Bus E Checkin	\$0.00
Checking (80003022)	Totally Free Bus E Checkin	\$0.00
FACILITY MAINT. (80004558)	Totally Free Bus E Checkin	\$46,681.09
WATER SHARES (80004559)	Totally Free Bus E Checkin	\$23,494.40
TRASH (80004560)	Totally Free Bus E Checkin	\$8,241.84
CONSERVATION (80004561)	Totally Free Bus E Checkin	\$1,486.95
SEWER PRJECT (80004562)	Totally Free Bus E Checkin	\$942.89
GENERAL (80004563)	Totally Free Bus E Checkin	\$61,903.87
WATER PROJECT (80004564)	Totally Free Bus E Checkin	(\$8,503.34)
METER DEPOSITS (80004565)	Totally Free Bus E Checkin	\$17,270.55
Investment (81027421)	Public <\$100k	\$6,002.35
Checking (92355601)	TOTALLY FREE BUS WITH INT	\$920.29

**Total:**

**\$189,231.03**

Not seeing all of your accounts in the summary? Request access to additional accounts through secure messaging.

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John - transfer from Sewer/Water.  
Scarlett - same.  
Brian - pull from Sewer/Water.  
Mark - yeah go-ahead.  
Gary - yeah from Sewer/Water  
Joan - what John says is fine.

