

Scipio Town Council

Minutes of Meeting

July 21st, 2022- 7pm

Members present: Mayor: Tom Memmott- Council Members: Jim Winget, Richard Probert, (Absent Bryce Monroe & Casey Hatch)

Present: Treasurer- Linda Stephenson, Clerk- Rebecca Bond

Prayer & Pledge: Kurt Marchant gave the prayer; the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tom.

- 1. Minutes of June Meeting:** These were read aloud by Rebecca. Jim made a motion to accept the minutes, 2nd by Richard. All in favor.
- 2. Invoices and Receipts for June:** Linda went over these out loud. Council had a copy to look at. Jim made a motion to accept, 2nd by Richard. All in favor.
- 3. Xpress bill pay:** Rebecca went over the information for incorporating Xpress bill pay into the town for an online utility payment option. Richard made a motion to move forward with it, 2nd by Jim, all in favor.
- 4. Town Attorney:** Our current attorney Richard Chamberlain retired; he suggested a new attorney from Cedar City. Tom asked if everyone was ok to go with him. All in favor.
- 5. FFA:** Kyra Robins, Hadlee Monroe and Rider Monroe came to tell us about their trip to Washington DC that the council had donated to. Rider told of his favorite places and things he learned. The girls presented a slide show that the council watched.
- 6. IRS Milage Rate:** Current rate is 58.5 cents a mile, the new rate from July to December is 62.5 cents a mile. Linda asked if council was good to go with the new rate. All in favor.
- 7. Streets/Fitness Center:** Bryce is gone but Tom reported that Rasmussen's got asphalt resurfaced and Bryce got new flags ordered and they have been delivered.
- 8. Parks & Cemetery:** Jim reported that he got a quote on the sign from GLW Welding for the park by the firehouse. Richard made a motion to buy the sign, 2nd by Jim. All in favor. Also, would like a sign designating "Fire House". They got new hoses and new weed eater.
- 9. Water Department & Well update:** Richard reported that the test came back good for the new well. Can't use the old well until approved by the state. He would like to figure out how many more connections we can supply with the new well. We have 186 in town. Kurt said Ensign can figure that out. Kurt reported that Jacksons finished up and the payment has been submitted to CIB and Full Spectrum is still working on SKATA. The funding package from the Division of Drinking Water came in. They look at the MAGI or Mean Annual Gross Income. They figure the maximum affordable water bill and what they would like to see us at is \$64.00. Our current water bill per month is \$22.00. So, if we want a better funding package, we would need to raise rates. We would probably want to have a public meeting to get input. You can raise rates in increments so it's not such a big jump at once. Council decided to have a public meeting on August 11, 2022, 7 pm. Also, the water meter at the church has been repaired and the leak fixed.
- 10. Events:** Casey was absent but Jim is in charge of the parade and Macrae Thatcher is over the games in the park.

- 11. Fire department:** Casey Draper reported that they are done using the water for the halfway hill fire. Will use the water tender at the rodeo grounds this week. Pagers are purchased and district will pay directly. Scipio is hosting the fire district meeting on August 17th.
- 12. Museum Update:** Sheet rock is all hung, floor not finished yet so the museum will not be able to be shown for the 24th this year.
- 13. Public Comment:** Trevor Johnson and Vicky Lyman who are both running for county commissioners both told us some things they would like to do if they are voted in in November. They feel its important to come to the small communities in person to listen and know what situations everyone deals with in their towns. They want to know our concerns and try to help.
- 14. Adjourn:** Richard made motion to adjourn, 2nd by Jim. All in favor. Time was 8:39 pm.