

June 16, 2021

**Hatch Town Board:** Mayor Kevin Eldredge, Tony Dinges, Jon Spendlove and Melissa Poulsen. Kurt Sawyer came later.

**1. Meeting Called to Order**

The meeting began at 7pm with Mayor Eldredge offering an opening prayer and Councilor Spendlove leading those present in the pledge.

**2. Approval of May 19, 2021 Previous Minutes**

Councilor Dinges motioned to approve the minutes and Councilor Spendlove 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, the vote was unanimous.

**3. Review April Invoices, checks & financial report**

Councilor Spendlove motioned to approve the expenditures and Councilor Poulsen 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, the vote was unanimous. The only extra invoice was a down payment of half for the website.

**4. Public Hearings**

**5. Petitions, Remonstrations and Communications**

**5.1 Estimate to rewrite land ordinances by Kaden Figgins**

Kaden Figgins has done some work for Bryce Canyon City on their ordinances and it was about \$10,000. They applied for funding to help rewrite their ordinances. The ordinances the town would like to have rewritten are the zoning and subdivision ordinance and possibly help with the mobile coach ordinance. The town wouldn't be able to apply for CIB funding to help with the ordinances because it isn't on the list for this year and it cannot be amended. Councilor Dinges motioned to go ahead and get a hard bid from Kaden Figgins of what it will cost the town to have him rewrite the ordinances and Councilor Poulsen 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, the vote was unanimous.

**5.2 Website Update & Town logo**

Jacie Torgersen had a bid from Rainbow Design to have a logo designed for the town and everyone felt like it was very expensive and not something that needed to be done at this time. Raquel Thompson suggested the town could get a bid from Vista Print which she uses and they are reasonable. Councilor Dinges just suggested using the logo that is already on the town letterhead and envelopes.

**5.3 Election update**

Tony Dinges signed up to run for Mayor and Jon Spendlove and Kevin Eldredge signed up to run for Councilor. As it is right now the town will not have to have an election unless someone else signs up as a write in.

**5.4 NHMP Draft**

Alyssa Gamble sent out a draft of the NHMP plan for the council to review and see if they want to make any changes to it.

**5.5 2021 Tax Rate**

The town will receive \$31,154 from taxes with a tax rate of .001922. The cemetery will receive \$3,088 in taxes with a tax rate of .000126.

**6. Ordinances**

**6.1 2021-04 Resolution adopting 2022 budget**

Jacie Torgersen has had Pelorus help her with the budget and adjusting the numbers. A transfer was made of \$15,000 to the Capital Projects Fund so the town can stay under the 75% in the general fund. There is a transfer reflected of \$42,500 from roads to the Capital Projects Fund to pay for the project that was done this year. Most of the numbers in the 2022 budget are similar to the 2021 budget. The budget is \$208,732 in the general fund. Councilor Poulsen motioned to adopt the budget and Councilor Dinges 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, the vote was unanimous.

**7. Report of Officers – boards – committees**

**7.1 Water Department – Water Usage**

Dave Barnhurst was not in attendance at the meeting so the water usage was not available. The town discussed the taste of the water and the flushing of the lines. Jacie Torgersen was able to contact Mr. Barnhurst and he said that the town is back on well#5 and no one has noticed any change in the taste of the water so the flushing must have worked. Mr. Ben Neilson said if there is stagnant water left in the lines when the well isn't in use for several months that could cause a change in the taste of water.

**7.1.a Overages on Water bills**

Melissa Poulsen wanted to review Jon Spendlove's water bill with the council. She had to have Kerri Justus come in and help her figure out the amount. His bill was just estimated from October – May until there was an actual reading. He did have a leak during this time that he noticed and repaired. It was on the property owner's side, not on the town side. The meter wasn't being read monthly so it went for awhile before the ground bubbled up and he noticed that there was a leak. His bill is close to \$800. Russ Riggs said that the council has cut bills in half for individuals before and the meters were not being read at this time to notify him of a high-water usage. Councilor Sawyer motioned to cut his bill in half and Councilor Dinges seconded the motion, the vote was unanimous.

**7.1.b Lantz Nielson letter of credit**

A letter of credit was presented from Grantsville City for Lantz Neilson. His bill was current and there were no late charges on his account. Councilor Sawyer motioned to accept the letter in lieu of a deposit and Councilor Dinges seconded the motion, the vote was unanimous.

**7.2 Fire Department-**

The fire department responded to a gas leak at the Sinclair station. A semi backed into the box near the above ground tanks and broke all 4 pipes. Most of the gas that leaked was contained in the fiberglass box and the owner was able to clean up the rest. Councilor Dinges would like to send the owner a letter that he needs to have some k-barriers and a concrete containment area with an inspection from the fire marshal to keep this kind of things from happening again in the future.

**7.2.a Fire Chief**

Lincoln Poulsen will take over the role of the fire chief on July 1<sup>st</sup>. He will need to attend the county fire meetings and hold a monthly fire meeting with town members. Councilor Spendlove motioned to appoint Lincoln Poulsen to be the Hatch Town Fire Chief and Councilor Sawyer 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, the vote was unanimous.

**7.3 Road Department-**

Councilor Sawyer asked Jacie Torgersen to check and see when the next CIB Meeting is. He thought there was supposed to be another in June to discuss the storage basin for the town.

Councilor Dinges had to fill the beaver hole on the Proctor Canyon Road again. The town may need to do something more permanent in the future.

**7.4 Parks & Recreation-**

**7.4.a 4<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> celebrations**

The town did receive a heritage grant of \$1,000 to help with the town celebrations. The town will celebrate on July 3<sup>rd</sup> with a flag raising, fire department breakfast and parade. The council decided not to do races or games at the park afterwards.

On the 24<sup>th</sup> the town will have the fun run, flag ceremony, breakfast, parade, races, water games, bake sale by the relief society, snow cones and cotton candy by the young women and dinner at 6pm. The prices will stay the same as last year at \$8 a plate. A cornhole tournament and horseshoe tournament were also discussed for the afternoon. Rhonda Thompson and Lex Diezavedo would like to do a program on the 24<sup>th</sup> on pioneer ancestors. The council decided to have them start the program at 6:30pm while people were still eating. Mayor Eldredge will set up the video to play during the day on Utah's Statehood which is a requirement for the grant. The council would like to advertise the 24<sup>th</sup> celebrations in the paper and maybe on the county tourism website. Councilor Poulsen had submissions for designing the t-shirt for this year and the council selected Addy Barney as the winner. She will receive \$50 and a free shirt.

The flower pots are looking good so far. The town discussed getting a water tank that could possible be pulled behind the town's old John Deer lawnmower to water the plants.

**7.5 Grants-**

**7.5.a Heritage Grant**

**7.6 Planning & Zoning Commission**

**7.6.a Shed on right of way**

The council decided to talk to Tyler Mackaben who manages the properties in Hatch and who is Kevin's son about the shed. Councilor Sawyer volunteered to go talk with him and see when he is going to move it off the town's right of way onto personal property. If he needs to leave it there until the end of the season that he will need to apply for a conditional use permit. It is a commercial property and a building permit needs to be issued for anything done on the property.

**7.7 Cemetery**

The cemetery is partially set up in Pelorus. David Barnhurst is supposed to be bringing the books into the office so Jacie Torgersen and Melissa Poulsen can put individual names into the system.

Russ Riggs was at the meeting at the request of his sister. The flowers were removed from the cemetery 10 days after Memorial Day. The flowers were removed from his parent's grave before they had time to collect them. They usually collect them and re-use them each year. There was not a sign posted of when they would be collected and she felt bad that was thrown away before she had a chance to get it. The council suggested having a metal sign made that says the flowers will be collected 14 days after all major holidays and put it up at the cemetery.

**8. Public Input**

**9. Unfinished or New Business**

Zina Chavers has moved her tiny house onto Mike Rudolph's property. Mike Rudolph volunteered to let her store it on his property because her ex-business partner was threatening her and it is supposed to be moved by the end of the summer to Long Valley Estates. The town would like to get a copy of the written agreement that it will be moved at the end of the summer.

Tony McGee and Zina Chavers have split their partnership on the Riverside Country Store. The water needs to be turned off by Dave Barnhurst and a lock put on the water.

**10. Adjournment**

The next meeting will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> instead of the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Councilor Poulsen motioned to adjourn at 9pm and Councilor Dinges seconded the motion, the vote was unanimous.

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