

HATCH TOWN BOARD MEETING

June 15, 2022

Town Council Present: Mayor Jim Kabonic, Jon Spendlove, Kurt Sawyer, Kevin Eldredge & Melissa Poulsen

Staff Present: Jacie Torgersen

Public Present: Lincoln Poulsen, Cassi Thieme & baby, Kerri Justus, Melissa Durrett, Brett Burrows, Jon & Donna Stanton and Levi Degarmo. Raquel Thompson came at 7:20pm.

1. Meeting Called to Order

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

2. Approval of May 25, 2022 and June 6, 2022 Minutes

Councilor Sawyer motioned to approve the minutes and Councilor Poulsen seconded the motion, the vote was unanimous.

3. Review May Invoices, checks & financial report

Councilor Eldredge motioned to approve the minutes and Councilor Spendlove 2nd the motion, the vote was unanimous.

4. Public Hearings

5. Petitions, Remonstrations and Communications

5.1 Jason Excell – water from well #5

Mr. Excell was not able to attend the meeting so this item was not discussed.

5.2 Report on discussion with Attorney General

The attorney general contacted Mayor Kabonic regarding the lawsuit that has been filed against the town. Their main concern was that the voting for the roads by text and email was not done correctly and they told the town not to do it again. Mayor Kabonic let them know that there are not any full-time employees in the town and everyone tries to do the best they can and will try to do so in the future!

5.3 Bids for Chair Cleaning for Community Center

There were two bids for cleaning the chairs in the community center. One bid was from Frosty's in Orderville and the other bid was from Jared Rock in Cedar City. Mr. Rock's bid was cheaper so the town voted to go with that bid as long as he could get the chairs done before the 4th of July. Councilor Spendlove motioned and Councilor Sawyer 2nd the motion, the vote was unanimous.

6. Ordinances

6.1 2022-08 Resolution adopting 2023 Budget

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Councilor Eldredge motioned to adopt the 2023 budget and make amendments to the 2022 budget for \$193,000 in the General Fund and \$68,425 in the water fund. Councilor Sawyer 2nd the motion and the vote was unanimous.

7. Report of Officers – boards – committees

7.1 Water Department – Water Usage

Water usage for May 2022 is 1,200,000 gallons from well #5. This well was switched mid-month. Tyler Mendenhall will notify Jason Excel when he switches wells so he can make sure that his cows have water.

7.1.a Computer for Water Department/SCADA System – Bid

Councilor Eldredge had a 2- fold bid from the Franklin's. If the town changes out everything to the new Mission system the bid is for \$20,000. If the town decides to keep the SCADA part transmitting from the well it would be \$12,000. The Mission reports can be received and done from a phone, iPad or computer. This would be all new updated software. Lincoln Poulsen felt it would be in the best interest of the town. Councilor Spendlove motioned to do \$20,000 for the new Mission system and upgrade and Councilor Poulsen 2nd the motion, the vote was unanimous.

7.1.b Rate for Water Connection

Councilor Eldredge and Councilor Spendlove will work on some numbers to discuss the water connections next time.

7.2 Fire Department-

The bid for the turn-outs was \$7,542 and the company will be coming to do fittings next week.

7.3 Road Department-

Cassi Thieme asked if the flashing speed sign could be moved further south out past her business because of the speeding problem coming into town. Mayor Kabonic has already contacted UDOT and they do not want to do it because there is not power on that side of the road farther out of town. Raquel Thompson asked if the speed limit could be changed at the cemetery since that is where the town boundaries start. She feels it would be a good idea to start slowing people down there so they can get slowed to 40mph when they get into town like at the north end. Ms. Thieme said jake brakes on the big trucks are also a problem. Mr. Thieme also started a petition that she had some signatures on with how the speed is a concern and affecting businesses in town. Mayor Kabonic will get an appointment with UDOT and go talk to them in person to address the town's concerns.

7.4 Parks & Recreation-

7.4.a T-shirt/Hats/Stickers for July Celebrations

Councilor Poulsen has ordered shirts and hats for the town celebrations this year. They will be advertised on the town's website and Facebook page and people can pre-order if they are ordering more than 5 shirts.

7.4.b 4th/24th celebrations

On the 4th there will be the fire department breakfast, parade and water games. There will not be a dinner but the town will do a movie in the park at dusk. Jacie Torgersen said that the town needs to order more flags, they are getting worn out. The town will discuss the 24th celebration at the next meeting.

7.5 Grants-

7.6 Planning & Zoning Commission

7.7 Cemetery

The cemetery fence was fixed at town clean-up and looks great. Melissa Durrett would like the sprinkler moved off of the top of her father's grave, she feels it is disrespectful to have a sprinkler on his grave. There is also a tree that pokes out into the road that she would like to have cut. Mayor Kabonic will talk to Russ Torgersen, cemetery maintenance to see what can be done to address her concerns.

8. Public Input

9. Unfinished or New Business

Paunsaugunt Cliffs would like to lease office space again for the next year. Last year they leased it for \$700 a year and \$25 a meeting. This item will be on the agenda next month for the council to approve.

Jacie Torgersen asked the town council to consider watering the park with culinary water instead of irrigation water so there is not such a big problem with plugged up sprinklers. A suggestion was also made to put up a reminder that there should be no outside watering between 10am-6pm.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, July 18th.

10. Adjournment

Councilor Spendlove motioned to adjourn and Councilor Sawyer 2nd the motion, the vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 8pm.

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