

# HATCH TOWN BOARD MEETING

June 21, 2023

**Town Board Present:** Mayor Jim Kabonic, Kevin Eldredge, Jon Spendlove, Kurt Sawyer and Andrea Barney

**Public Present:** Russ Riggs, Cassi Thieme and son, Brett Burrows

**Staff Present:** Jacie Torgersen & Betty Kabonic

## **1. Meeting Called to Order**

The meeting began at 7pm with Kurt Sawyer offering the prayer and Mayor Kabonic leading those present in the pledge.

## **2. Approval of May 17, 2023 Minutes**

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

## **3. Review May Invoices, checks & financial report**

Councilor Sawyer motioned to approve the May expenditures and Councilor Eldredge 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, the vote was unanimous. There was an extra invoice for Chuck McEwan for \$375 for replacing a section of sidewalk that was taken out to repair a water line that the council reviewed.

## **4. Public Hearings**

### **5. Petitions, Remonstrations and Communications**

#### **5.1 Blackburn Propane Lease**

This item has been resolved so there was no need to discuss.

#### **5.2 Valve on Irrigation line to cemetery**

Russ Riggs came representing the Hatch Irrigation Company and they would like to put a shut off valve on the line that goes to the cemetery. There is a 6 inch line that supplies town and a 4 inch line that goes to the cemetery. The cemetery line crosses the barney wash and goes uphill. There is no way to isolate that portion. The irrigation company realized that this was a problem when the valves were left on at the cemetery over the winter and when they turned on the system this spring there was not water coming into town. There needs to be a way to shut off the cemetery line. If people connect to the irrigation system now they have to pay to have a shut off connection on their line. Mr. Riggs asked if the town would pay for the valve. The valve would be going from pressurized irrigation pipe to PVC. The town could hire someone to do the work or Russ Riggs will do it as part of the irrigation company. It would be placed where the cemetery line T's off the main line. There is a concern that the irrigation company won't be able to find the parts to do it. Councilor Eldredge said there may be some old parts in the shed or Panguitch City may have some parts that the irrigation company could get. They will try to take out the PIP pipe and go to PVC and then do the valve there. It is estimated to be \$2,000-\$3,000 dollars to put in the valve. Councilor Eldredge motioned to have the irrigation company do the work and take care of putting the valve in for the cemetery line and Councilor Barney 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, the vote was unanimous. Councilor Eldredge will work with Russ Riggs in

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getting this done. It will probably take place in the fall after the water is out of the irrigation system.

### **6. Ordinances**

#### **6.1 Resolution 2023-05 Adopting the 2024 Budget**

Councilor Sawyer motioned to approve the budget and Councilor Barney 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, the vote was unanimous.

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

#### **7.1 Water Department – Water Usage**

##### **7.1.a Well #4 Update**

The motor and the pump are being replaced on well #4. The project is partially done. Garkane will need to shut the power off to get everything connected and Nickerson Pump Co. will be back Friday to finish the job. They will flush well #4 for a full day after chlorinating and then start using well #4 again next month.

##### **7.1.b Water Study – Richard White**

Councilor Sawyer motioned to approve the study and go ahead and pay Mr. White for his services to the town, Councilor Spendlove 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, the vote was unanimous.

##### **7.1.c Radio Read Meter Grant**

Mayor Kabonic would like to look into getting radio read meters for the town. The town is losing water with hold meters and this would help to track readings through the winter. A company that makes the meters could also be hired to come in and change them out. Councilor Eldredge will ask Paunsaugunt Cliffs about theirs and get a cost then Mayor Kabonic could pursue a grant for them.

##### **7.1.d Benson Water Usage**

Sherilyn Benson had a \$250 water bill and Mayor Kabonic told her since it was on her side of the meter she was responsible for the bill. The town replaced the meter last fall and then there was another water leak that was on her side of the meter. The town went ahead and fixed the leak and didn't charge her for the repairs.

Russ Riggs said they had \$7,000 of water damage in the basement in late March/April and they thought it was from the snow. The meter leaked 280,000 gallons of water for 6 months. They had to replace all the sheet rock 2 feet and up. Russ Riggs said the leak was in the meter assembly that must have been faulty and that should be counted the town's side of the meter because it is part of the meter itself. Councilor Eldredge agreed. Councilor Sawyer motioned to waive her water bill and Councilor Barney 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, the vote was unanimous.

### **7.2 Fire Department-**

#### **7.2.a Fire Department Grant for radios**

Jon Spendlove would like permission to pursue a grant for the fire department for new radios. The old radio are not going to work once they change to a new system so it is a need. The grant would provide \$26,000 in funding and the town would just need to come up with \$3300 for their portion. There would be 6 handhelds and 3 radios. Councilor

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Sawyer motioned to go ahead with the grant and Councilor Barney 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, the vote was unanimous.

### **7.3 Road Department-**

#### **7.3.a Snow Plow**

The town needs to get two more bids on a snow plow to move forward with getting a new one for the winter.

#### **7.3.b Town Road patching/repair**

There was some patching and repair work done during town clean up but there is still more needed. There is a trench below the bridge that needs to be filled in again. Councilor Sawyer will work with the county to see when they can come and do another chip seal coat on the town's roads.

### **7.4 Parks & Recreation-**

There will be water inflatables for the 24<sup>th</sup>. The town will charge \$5/wristband per kid and that will be from 11am – 3pm. The company that provides them will also stay here and monitor them. They will bring generators to run them also. Councilor Barney has designed some shirts for the 24<sup>th</sup>. They will be burnt orange/white and black/white. She will send them to the jail to get printed. The council would like to get hats again this year, they can be the same as last year. Councilor Barney will prepare a flyer listing the festivities. Jacie Torgersen will be in charge of the 2.4 race. Russ Riggs suggested covering the cattleguard with a board during the race. The events will be as follows:

6:30am – Race

7:00 – Flag Ceremony

7-9AM Fire Department Fundraiser Breakfast

10AM – PARADE

11AM-4PM – Water Inflatables at the Park

DUP OPEN TO TOUR

6PM – Dinner

### **7.5 Grants-**

#### **7.6 Planning & Zoning Commission**

Kim Burrows has submitted a project approval for review.

### **7.7 Cemetery**

Arthur Lebaron is working on the camp for the cemetery.

### **8. Public Input**

#### **9. Unfinished or New Business**

Councilor Barney wanted to know how rules for the town are enforced. The Town Council is the one who enforces them. Councilor Barney wanted to know why rules are made if the town doesn't enforce them.

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Mayor Kabonic said when the town needs to have work done with a mini excavator they should hire Kade Iverson to do it. The town paid him \$80/hr last time to do the work but it needs to be raised to \$125/hour because he has to rent the machine.

Brett Burrows asked about the town's policy on dogs. He says he has a lot of dogs come after him when he is walking around town. The town does not have a leach law. He would like to see dog owners have the dogs on leashes for keep them in the yard. He will get them with his walking stick or mace if they come after him.

The next meeting will be on Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **10. Adjournment**

Councilor Eldredge motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm and Councilor Barney 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, the vote was unanimous.

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