

**August 17, 2023**

**Town Council Present:** Jim Kabonic, Kurt Sawyer, Jon Spendlove & Andrea Barney

**Staff Present:** Jacie Torgersen, Betty Kabonic, Jaycen Walter & Tyler Mendenhall

**Public Present:** Janell Barney & Casi Thieme came at 7:16pm with her son.

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

The meeting began at 7pm with Tyler Mendenhall offering an opening prayer and Mayor Kabonic leading everyone in the pledge.

Councilor Barney asked about replacing Kevin Eldredge on the council since he will be moving. She thought it would be nice to get someone in place so he could train them before he left. Tyler Mendenhall will be here full-time so he should be able to take over the day-to-day maintenance of the water system. Jacie Torgersen said the town cannot appoint another councilor until they receive a written letter of resignation from Councilor Eldredge.

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

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

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

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

## **4. Public Hearings**

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

### **5.1 GMHCF Donation**

Councilor Sawyer motioned to donate \$750 to the Garfield Memorial Health Care Foundation and Councilor Barney 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, the vote was unanimous.

### **5.2 Open Budget and transfer money from Capital Project to Water Fund for well #4**

After further review of the town's finances, it will not be necessary at this time to transfer money to pay the bill to Nickerson Pump Company for \$18, 458 for the new motor.

### **5.3 Sanitation by Sevier River**

Mayor Kabonic is concerned that nothing is being done to clean up the 10 raw sewage dump sites along the river in Hatch by A-Action from Kanab. He has reached out to the news, the sheriff, the state division of environmental quality and others trying to get someone to commit to come and test the water and the sites and get it cleaned up and taken care of. Mayor Kabonic requested that if anyone has a chance to talk to the county commissioners or another authority, please ask them to help get this problem resolved.

### **5.4 Delinquent Business Licenses**

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All business licenses expired May 31, 2023. At this time the Riverside Resort has not renewed their license. They were sent a renewal by mail and email. Jacie Torgersen has sent them a reminder email and spoke to them on the phone, and it has still not been renewed. Mayor Kabonic will call and talk to him, or the council suggested sending a certified letter.

There is also one license that is out of compliance, it is 35 E Center. New owners have taken over the short-term rental and they did not pass the county inspection. They have 60 days as new owners to comply. Jacie Torgersen is working with them to get it taken care of.

### **5.5 Fraud Risk Assessment**

Andrea Barney read the questions for the fraud risk assessment. After going through all the questions and answering the town is considered very high risk. Jacie Torgersen will scan a copy and get it sent into the state.

### **5.6 Request to list information on town website and .gov process.**

There was a request to list some information on the town's website. The council decided that they only want to have town information listed on their site at this time.

## **6. Ordinances**

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

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

16,689 gallons of water was used last month from well #5. Well #4 is up and running again and the town is now running off that well.

Mr. Mendenhall said that the chlorine building has 2 plates that need to be repaired. He will take care of that in the next couple weeks. There are also 2 large weight scales in there that he asked what the town wanted to do with. It was suggested to take one of them to the fire station. He needs a couple of new shovels and some stiffeners; the council told him to go ahead and get them. He asked about a water connection for the new home on 100 W, they have not filled out a water application or paid the fee yet for that. He will be taking his water certification test on September 20<sup>th</sup> and then he will do the cross-connection training after that.

#### **7.2 Fire Department-**

Councilor Spendlove has his weight set at the fire station to be used as needed. He will check on the grant concerning the pagers, he has not heard back about that. The old fire engine needs new batteries if the town wants it running. He will see if NAPA can order some batteries for it. They are big batteries and will be expensive.

#### **7.3 Road Department-**

##### **7.3.a Snowplow**

Councilor Sawyer is still working on bids and will hopefully have another one ready next month.

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

The dump truck is running and can be used for road maintenance at this time.

##### **7.3.c Faded stop signs**

A concerned citizen has asked the town to replace the stop sign on the proctor canyon road. It is faded and hard to read. Mayor Kabonic has one that he can replace it with. He will also check around town and see if there are any others that need to be replaced.

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

The garage door at the park needs to be fixed. Mayor Kabonic asked Jacie Torgersen to get ahold of Jones Paint and Glass to see if they can come and look at it. Councilor Barney had a list for the 24<sup>th</sup> celebration to hand over to Janell Barney who will be doing the celebration next year. She will be thinking about the Halloween party which will be the next event coming up.

### **7.5 Grants-**

Kerry Barney sent a grant application to the town that will close August 31, 2023. Councilor Sawyer and Tyler Mendenhall will work together and see if they could submit a grant for radio read meters.

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

Jaycen Walter would like to see some amendments made to the town's ordinances. There are a lot of questions that have come up lately that a clear or specific answer cannot be found in the ordinance. One such is a request to build a duplex in town, the only place it is listed is under conditional use as multi family dwelling. Another concern that has been brought up is the transfer of licenses from one house to the other on the same property. The planning & zoning commission will work on making some of these changes in the ordinance.

### **7.7 Cemetery**

The cemetery needs to have a meeting before August 31, 2023, to decide on the grant.

### **8. Public Input**

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

The next meeting will be on September 20, 2023, at 7pm.

Janell Barney asked if she could put a camp trailer on her property for more storage. She already has one cargo storage container so she can't have another one of those. Jaycen Walter said she could have an additional building such as a garage or yes, she could have a camp trailer on her property for storage.

Casi Thieme requested that the town bring more fill material in to cover where the water line was repaired near her motel. It has sunk and needs to be filled in more. She also asked about the access from the town's road at 300 S to highway 89. There is a drainage problem, and a culvert needs to be added there or something done so there is not a big pond right there. The town feels like this would be UDOT's responsibility.

### **10. Adjournment**

Councilor Sawyer motioned to adjourn and Councilor Barney 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, the meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

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