

HATCH TOWN BOARD MEETING

November 15, 2023

Town Board: Mayor Jim Kabonic, Jon Spendlove, Andrea Barney & Kurt Sawyer

Staff: Jacie Torgersen, Tyler Mendenhall & Jaycen Walter at 7:15pm

Public: Duane Barnhurst & Gary Goble. Russell Riggs came at 7:10pm.

1. Meeting Called to Order

The meeting began at 7pm with Mayor Kabonic welcoming everyone to the meeting. Duane Barnhurst offered the opening prayer and then Mayor Kabonic led those present in the pledge.

2. Approval October 18, 2023 Minutes

Councilor Sawyer motioned to approve the minutes and Councilor Barney 2nd the motion, the vote was unanimous.

3. Review October Invoices, checks & financial report

Councilor Sawyer motioned to approve the October expenses and Councilor Barney 2nd the motion, the vote was unanimous.

3.2 Extra Monthly Invoices

The town received the bill for the valve that was put in for the cemetery on the irrigation line. It was \$2022. It was more than expected and there were other charges on there that we not anticipated such as paying travel time and irrigation employees for the install since it is their line. The town did agree to pay it in the beginning though and so they will do it. If there is something like this again, they will make sure to specify that they will pay for parts and excavation only.

4. Public Hearings

5. Petitions, Remonstrations and Communications

5.1 Appoint New Councilmember

Councilor Kabonic motioned to appoint Duane Barnhurst to the town council to replace Kevin Eldredge who moved a couple months ago. Councilor Barney 2nd the motion and the vote was unanimous. Jacie Torgersen swore Duane Barnhurst in as a councilman and he took his place next to the other councilors to continue the meeting.

5.2 Russ Johnson – Vacation Rental Discussion

Russ Johnson came and had a discussion with Jacie Torgersen in the office and was planning on being at the meeting tonight but was unable to make it. He has turned in his paperwork for a conditional use permit and a business license for the home he is having built on 100 W but it is not completed yet. He would like to have a permit now for a short-term rental so that he can make sure he gets one. He also owns the property next to it and wanted to know if he could get a vacation rental license for that property before he makes a large

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investment in it. Jaycen Walter who is the planning & zoning chairman and the council were all in agreeance that the licenses cannot be issued until it has been inspected by the county and passed that inspection. No licenses can be reserved in advance until the building is completed and the inspection passed. Mayor Kabonic will call and talk to Mr. Johnson about this. The town did cash one of his checks for a business license, it will need to be returned.

5.3 Town Christmas Party

The town will have a Christmas Party for town officials, employees and spouses at the Smokehouse Restaurant in Panguitch at 6pm on December 7th.

6. Ordinances

7. Report of Officers – boards – committees

7.1 Water Department – Water Usage

Water usage for the month of October was 52,800 from well #4. Tyler Mendenhall is hoping that the garage door can be fixed before winter. Mayor Kabonic will check with Jones Paint and Glass to see when they can come install it. The generator is working but the switch needs to be fixed on it. The council asked Jaycen Walter if he could go look at the transfer switch and see about repairing it. As it is right now it has to be manually switched. Councilor Spendlove suggested testing it each month.

7.2 Fire Department-

7.3 Road Department-

The town did receive the bill from the county for the patching and it was the amount expected. Some of the council still feels like there are some rough patches. The town was not ready to do another chipseal again right now though, they were just having patching done. Councilor Barney wanted to know who did Panguitch's roads, she thought they looked nice. There is a stop sign at the end of Janett Young's Road going on to highway 89 that needs to be fixed. Councilor Sawyer is also concerned about a beaver down by the bridge along the proctor road. He said it is digging along the bank and is going to cause problems for the road again right there. It was suggested to talk to Stan Huntington to see if they could trap the beaver and take care of it.

7.3.a Tractor/Backhoe Bids

The backhoe that Mayor Kabonic was looking at was sold when he called about it. Russell Riggs offered to sell the town his backhoe if they are looking for a backhoe. He said it is a 1999 and has around 8,000 hours. He would sell it for around \$28,800.

7.4 Parks & Recreation-

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Councilor Barney did not want to do Santa on the fire truck and there were not any other volunteers who wanted to do it either. Jacie Torgersen said since the ward was not having Santa come, she thought it would be nice for the town to but no one was interested in doing it.

7.4.b Bunco Party

The Bunco Party is held on New Years Day at the town hall at 6PM. It is potluck for people to bring treats to share. The council told Councilor Barney to get at least 4 nice prizes for it.

Mayor Kabonic will contact Garkane Power about getting the snowflakes up. The council will need to get the bulbs changed and then Jacie Torgersen said she will have her boys get them out to the pulls to be put up.

7.5 Grants-

There is a DWS Grant from Workforce Services for updating the Subdivision Ordinance to meet the new requirements by the law. It is a \$14,000 complete grant and the work must be completed by December 31, 2024. Lori Talbot gave Jacie Torgersen the information for it. There is a Subdivision Ordinance Consultant Pool and the town needs to choose someone from there to do the work. Panguitch City went with Sunrise Engineering. Duane Barnhurst motioned to go with Sunrise Engineering and Councilor Spendlove 2nd the motion, the vote was unanimous.

7.6 Planning & Zoning Commission

7.7 Cemetery

The cemetery is still working on the map for the plots. The Riggs family has requested to put a memorial bench on their parents' grave instead of a headstone.

The shut off valve for the cemetery was installed and a 2-inch standard valve key will shut it off. They left it part way open right now to try and drain it. They will turn it off before they put water in the pipe next year.

8. Public Input

9. Unfinished or New Business

Councilor Barnhurst asked what his responsibilities were on the council. As of right now he is over water since that was the vacancy but the roles will be re-evaluated in January with the new council. The next meeting will be the Christmas party on December 7th.

10. Adjournment

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