

HATCH TOWN BOARD MEETING

March 20, 2024

Town Board Present: Mayor Kerry Barney, Duane Barnhurst, Jon Spendlove, Kurt Sawyer & Janell Barney

Staff Present: Jacie Torgersen, Tyler Mendenhall, Jaycen Walter

Public Present: Brett Burrows and Levi Degarmo. Russ Riggs came at 7:45pm.

1. Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Barney welcomed everyone to the meeting just after 7pm and Councilor Barnhurst offered the opening prayer and then everyone recited the pledge.

2. Approval of February 21, 2024 Minutes

Councilor Spendlove motioned to accept the February 21, 2024 minutes and Councilor Sawyer 2nd the minutes, the vote was unanimous.

3. Review February Invoices, checks & financial report

Councilor Sawyer motioned to approve the February expenditures and Councilor Barnhurst 2nd the motion, the vote was unanimous.

4. Public Hearings

5. Petitions, Remonstrations and Communications

5.1 Local Consent Form for Outlaw Bar to change liquor license

Tyler Mackaben sent a letter to the town telling them why they wanted to change the bar license to a restaurant license. There is a need for family friendly restaurants in town. Once the local consent form has been approved from the town, he will send it in to the state and as long as the state approves it, he will change to a limited-service restaurant liquor license. The restaurant license will be year around while the bar license was only seasonal from May – October. The town signed the local consent form on the condition that he only has one license in town – the bar or the restaurant license. Councilor Barney motioned to approve the local consent form and Councilor Barnhurst seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous with the stipend that he will only have one license in town.

5.2 Possible change in number of Vacation Rentals in town

There are 124 water connections in town – 21 of those are commercial connections and 3 agriculture connections which puts the connections at 100. This puts the number at 100 residential connections and vacation rentals are set at 20% so that would be 20 licenses. There are 37 business licenses in town and 15 of those are vacation rentals. Sean Mclaughlin's business license has expired for his vacation rental and he has not renewed it but he has still been paying the commercial rate for water.

Councilor Sawyer would like to change the percentage from 20% to 18%. Jaycen Walter said there are several people trying to finish their homes to get a permit so they should be included in the number if the town is changing the limit. There are three individuals who

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have talked to Jacie Torgersen about getting their short-term rental permit. Councilor Spendlove does not think it is the big of difference to go from 20% to 18%. Councilor Barney thinks the town should just leave it at 20%. Janell Barney motioned to leave the vacation rental percentage at 20%. A roll call vote was taken:

Janell Barney – Yes

Jon Spendlove – Yes

Duane Barnhurst – Yes

Kurt Sawyer – No

The short-term rental will be left at 20% for the Town of Hatch.

5.3 Authorization for Mayor to vote for town's irrigation water shares

The town has 2 irrigation shares and the cemetery has 2 irrigation shares. Councilor Barnhurst motioned to let the mayor vote for the town and cemetery irrigation shares on behalf of the town and Councilor Barney 2nd the motion, the vote was unanimous.

6. Ordinances

6.1 Resolution 2024-04 Restriction of Liquor Licenses in town

Levi Degarmo feels that the town is a tourist town and they need to have more food options with alcohol because that is what tourists want. The DABC has it all standardized on their website. The town needs to decide several things in changing their license:

The first thing is how the town classifies the licenses. The town currently has A, B, and C which are each a different kind of license and different amount.

There are two ways that it can be limited by population or zoning. The town will need to decide which one of these ways they would like to limit it and which licenses they are limiting. All of the town's information right now just says beer on it – it was suggested to change the wording with different definitions for liquor. Councilor Spendlove stated that there have not been any issues with the three liquor licenses that are currently in town so he is not sure what the issue is.

Councilor Sawyer says in Mesquite they limit the number of gaming licenses. A limit is put on things to protect other things. This helps businesses so there isn't too many and helps the community to control what they have. Levi Degarmo wanted to know what they are protecting and what is under threat?

Brett Burrows feels like there is not a need for more beer in town. He would like to see the town put a limit on the number of licenses. Russ Riggs asked if the state has a limit on the number of licenses that can be issued. Jacie Torgersen will get some more information for the council from DABC and other communities in Garfield County to see how they would like to proceed.

7. Report of Officers – boards – committees

7.1 Water Department – Water Usage

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Water usage for February 2024 was 406,000 gallons from well #5. This usage was a little larger because the pump ran for 48 hours before shutting off.

Kerry Barney will see if Kade Iverson can read the meters at the end of March since there is no snow on the ground.

7.1.a VFC Quote

Tyler Mendenhall is just waiting for Mike Franklin to come down and give a quote for the intrusion alarm.

7.2 Fire Department Expenditure Requests (flashlights, radios, engine parts)

Jon Spendlove is requesting flashlights for the fire department. He would like to get 7 sets @ \$210 each which would be a total of \$1500. Councilor Barnhurst motioned to approve the expenditure and Councilor Spendlove 2nd the motion, the vote was unanimous.

7.3 Road Department-

7.4 Parks & Recreation-

7.4.a Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, April 30th at 10am. All council members should come at 9AM to help hide the eggs. Councilor Barney would like to fill the eggs on Wednesday April 27th at 2PM. She will send out a text to remind anyone who can come help then.

Councilor Barney would also like to have a 4th of July celebration this year. The town did not have one last year and she would like to do one this year at least with a flag ceremony, breakfast and parade.

7.5 Grants-

7.6 Planning & Zoning Commission

The planning commission met earlier and discussed the master road plan for future growth. They reviewed a map street by street and decided where the roads should be extended and where there was room to do so. They have several on each side of town along with plans for a 200 E and 200 W. After talking to Dave Dodds, the county engineer the commission decided to require the new streets to be 66 feet as is written in the ordinance. There are a couple that are not that wide that will be grandfathered in.

7.7 Cemetery

The cemetery is working each month on the map to get it straightened out.

8. Public Input

9. Unfinished or New Business

The next meeting will be on April 17th.

10. Adjournment

Councilor Sawyer motioned to adjourn and Councilor Spendlove 2nd the motion, the meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.