

August 31, 2024

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

Staff: Tyler Mendenhall, Jacie Torgersen & Janett Young

Public: Gary Goble, Ben Neilson, Tyler Mackaben, Scot Walter and Cassie Mack

1. Meeting Called to Order

The meeting began at 7pm and Tyler Mendenhall offered an opening prayer and those present recited the pledge.

2. Approval of July 17, 2024 Minutes

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

3. Review July Invoices, checks & financial report/budget

In the audit that was done for the town the auditors said that the council should sign the financial report each month instead of the check register so they can say that they have reviewed the finances each month. Each councilor can review their department for expenditures, that is the same information that is on the financial report. Councilor Barney motioned to accept the expenditures and Councilor Spendlove 2nd the motion, the vote was unanimous.

4. Public Hearings

5. Petitions, Remonstrations and Communications

5.1 Fraud Risk Assessment

The council went through the Fraud Risk Assessment and filled out the form by answering each question.

5.2 Resort Tax for Hatch

Mayor Barney learned about the resort tax from the county commissioners. Jacie Torgersen has contacted the state tax commission and has a form to fill out to see if the town can qualify for it. She will get it turned in and try to get more information on it for the council to decide if they want to do it.

5.3 Liquor License Fees for Class A & B and bond amounts to go with new ordinance

The council will go with the following fees for the new liquor license ordinance:

Class A - \$200

Class A Bond - \$750

Class B - \$250

Class B Bond - \$1000

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Councilor Barnhurst motioned to accept the fees and bond amounts and Councilor Barney 2nd the motion, the vote was unanimous.

6. Ordinances

6.1 2024-06 Recreational Vehicle Ordinance

Councilor Barnhurst read the ordinance aloud so everyone could hear what changes were being made. Councilor Barnhurst motioned to approve the ordinance and Councilor Spendlove 2nd the motion, the vote was unanimous.

6.2 2024-02 Compensation Amendment for Council Wages

Councilor Barney motioned to approve the amendment for the council wages going from \$52 to \$60 with the raising of the water rates. Councilor Barnhurst 2nd the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

7. Report of Officers – boards – committees

7.1 Water Department – Water Usage

Water usage for July 2024 was 1.54 million gallons from well #5. All the fire hydrants have been lubricated and all but five hydrants have been flushed.

Proposed costs for fire hydrant to be installed by Lee Porter's home:

\$5,506 parts

\$2,000 Kade Iverson Excavation

\$400 for wages for Tyler & Ben

\$8,000 Total

Councilor Barney motioned to go ahead and get the fire hydrant taken care of since it has been planned and will help the town be in compliance and Councilor Barnhurst 2nd the motion, the vote was unanimous. The hydrant will be installed on September 9th and those on the that water line will be without water for the day.

The town was billed twice for the same amount from VFC. Janett Young contacted them and they will be sending a check back for \$1300 of overpayment.

Tyler Mendenhall has been working on pumping the water during the off-peak hours for power. Jacie Torgersen called in to have the power changed over at well #5 to the other program for using power only during off peak hours. This will start on August 15th and the first bill will come on September 15th.

7.1.a Stand by fee for water lines on property

The stand-by fee will be charged if you have a water line stubbed off the main line onto your property. If the water line is on your property and you can access it then the stand-by fee will be charged for that water connection. Councilor Barney motioned to adopt this as the policy for stand by fees and Councilor Barnhurst 2nd the motion, the vote was unanimous. Jacie Torgersen will get this policy written up.

7.1.b Impact Fee for new water connections

Richard White prepared an impact fee for the town when he was working on another project. The impact fee has to be done by an engineer. There are specific rules and regulations for the impact fee. This is a one-time fee and is paid by a new customer connecting to the system. In the study the maximum amount that could be charged is \$5,511.

The price of drilling a well was discussed and it is very expensive. A well recently drilled outside of town was \$60,000. The impact fee is something a lot of communities have in place. Jacie Torgersen will look up the code and get some references for next month so that the council can be informed on this.

7.1.c Weed eating around well #5

Tyler Mendenhall would like to have permission for Torgersen Lawn Care to weed eat around the well house for fire and security purposes. Councilor Barnhurst motioned to go ahead and Councilor Spendlove 2nd the motion, the vote was unanimous. A discussion was held about using a sterilant there but decided against since the water would run into the adjoining pasture.

7.1.d Ben Neilson as water consultant for Hatch Water System

Tyler Mendenhall would like to have Ben Neilson be the water consultant for the Hatch Water System. A suggestion was made to pay Ben \$25 a month to be a consultant. Ben Neilson said he is willing to answer questions and be a reference and he does not need to get paid for it. If he does need to do physical labor for the town then he would like to get paid at \$25/hour. Councilor Barney motioned to approve Ben Neilson as the water consultant for the town and Councilor Barnhurst 2nd the motion, the vote was unanimous.

7.2 Fire Department

The radios are almost ready. Councilor Spendlove will schedule a time to get them installed in the trucks.

7.1.a Fire Fees for properties and transfer to savings

Jacie Torgersen suggested that the town transfer some of the fire fees to the PTIF savings account to earn interest on them. The town charges \$5 for each water connection for a fire fee each month. Councilor Barney motioned to transfer \$500 each month to the fire savings account and Councilor Barnhurst 2nd the motion, the vote was unanimous.

7.3 Road Department-

Councilor Barnhurst was asking who the UDOT contact is for the town. The speed limit sign has been out for 5 months. He would also like to ask them about getting a cross walk across the highway at the church. The town is in Richfield Region for UDOT, Jacie Torgersen will try and get some contact information.

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Tyler Mackaben said there is a ditch on 100 S that has been created from the rain and run off. It is just passed his shed and it is a safety hazard. It is a liability and on the town's property, Tyler requested that the town repair it.

Francis and Dale Porter have contacted the town regarding the run off from Lucky 7 road that is draining onto the Porter's property. Those present brainstormed ideas of how would be best to address this issue. Scot Walter said he will work on diverting the water off the Lucky 7 road before it gets into the ditch.

Cassie Mack had some concerns about her irrigation ditch, she will take them to the irrigation board. Cassie also had some concerns regarding the cemetery that she will reach out to the cemetery board to ask.

7.4 Parks & Recreation-

7.4.a 9-11 day of service

The council decided to have the 9-11 day of service on September 21st since Hatch Ward has several other things planned on the other Saturdays. The day of service will be held at 9am and they will replace the wood chips in the play ground area and work on building a fence along the south side of the park.

Jacie Torgersen also suggested that the town plant some more trees in the park to replace the ones that were cut down. The council decided to spend \$300 on trees from the Red Rock Nursery to plant in the park.

7.5 Grants-

7.6 Planning & Zoning Commission

7.7 Cemetery

8. Public Input

9. Unfinished or New Business

10. Adjournment

The next meeting will be on September 18th. Councilor Barney motioned to adjourn at 8:45pm and Councilor Barnhurst 2nd the motion, the vote was unanimous.