

January 15, 2025

Town Board: Mayor Kerry Barney, Jon Spendlove, Kurt Sawyer & Janell Barney. Duane Barnhurst came for 15 minutes.

Staff: Jacie Torgersen, Tyler Mendenhall & Janett Young

Public: Kade Iverson, Gary Goble & Brett Burrows

1. Meeting Called to Order

Kerry Barney offered the opening prayer and then led those present in the pledge. The meeting began at 7pm.

2. Approval of November 20, 2024 Minutes

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

3. Review Invoices, checks & financial report/budget

3.1 November

3.2 December

Councilor Sawyer motioned to approve the November & December invoices and Councilor Barnhurst 2nd the motion, the vote was unanimous.

3.2 Extra Monthly Invoices

Janett Young presented an invoice from Kade Iverson for changing the oil in the fire trucks and doing some maintenance on them and Councilor Sawyer motioned to approve the invoice for payment and Councilor Barney 2nd the motion, the vote was unanimous.

4. Public Hearings

5. Petitions, Remonstrations and Communications

5.1 Appoint new council member

Gary Goble submitted an application to be appointed to the Hatch Town Council since Duane Barnhurst has resigned. Councilor Sawyer motioned to appoint Gary Goble to the council and Councilor Spendlove 2nd the motion, the vote was unanimous. Jacie Torgersen swore Gary Goble in as the new councilmember and Duane Barnhurst stepped down and Gary Goble took his seat on the council.

5.2 Open & Public Meeting Training

Jacie Torgersen reviewed the chapter on open and public meetings from the book Powers and Duties from the ULCT to provide the open and public meeting training to the town council for the year.

5.3 Brainstorming for future Hatch events

Mayor Barney wanted to get some feedback for some possible future events in Hatch. The county office of tourism makes a card to distribute each year for tourists and the

town just had the 4th and 24th on there. Mayor Barney would like to see the town have a few more events and there is funding available to do some of these things also. One suggestion was made that the town could do an aide station or something at the ultra-marathon that is held here in May. Councilor Barney thought that would be a good idea. Mayor Barney suggested possible sponsoring a Mt. Bike race going from Tropic Reservoir to Hatch. Councilor Barney also suggested a bike course from Hatch to Panguitch Lake. Tyler Mendenhall suggested joining in with Panguitch on the ATV Poker run in the fall with some ATV rides based out of Hatch. Mayor Barney and Councilor Barney attended a grant meeting and thought that the town could get possible funding for an ATV start/recreation area.

5.4 Town of Hatch maintenance position

Jacie Torgersen did post the maintenance position for the town and there was one applicant. Mayor Barney would like to set up an interview with Kelby Howard. Mayor Barney would like to see the position be \$20/hour with 30 hours a week for 8 months. Jacie Torgersen wanted to know where it was coming from in the budget. Councilor Barney wanted to know if it was an hourly position how the town would track the hours since we do not currently have any hourly positions. She also wanted to know who this employee would report to. Mayor Barney suggested getting an app on the phone to track hours and said he had heard of the state giving a grant for a full-time employee. Things aren't being done so he feels like this is a way to get some of those things done. Mayor Barney also suggested using the resort tax money to pay for the maintenance position. The business owners were all in favor of implementing the resort tax if it would be saved for a future project to improve the town and main street.

Brett Burrows stated that a lot of businesses are for sale in town and in order for the town to collect the resort tax those businesses need to be operating in town. He also suggested having a big town clean-up and getting volunteers to show up and help do big projects that need to be done like last fall when the fence and the woodchips were done. The DUP building needs to be painted and he suggested having a big town project to do that.

Jacie Torgersen has a conflict of interest because her husband is also a town employee but she just wanted to say that she feels like that is not a very good way to treat your employees who have worked for you for 20 years to tell them that they are not needed anymore and the town is giving their job away. Mayor Barney says that he is wanting to get a full-time employee so that things can get done that are currently not being done especially main street at the request of the business owners. The Torgersen kids mow lawns and do some of the things for the town for their dad, Russell Torgersen who is the town employee and Mayor Barney does not think it should be done that way. He feels like if they kids are going to do the work then the town needs to hire them as employee's so they get paid by the town to do the work. Jacie Torgersen did check with the insurance and the town can hire youth to work for them. Councilor Spendlove feels like hiring a teenager for the summer would be a

good solution. Councilor Goble also said if the town council had a list of things that needed to be done, he would be willing to work on them

Mayor Barney would like to see the job go from March - October of each year. The council would need to come up with a list of interview questions to interview Mr. Howard. Kade Iverson can be hired for special projects on an hourly basis if needed.

5.5 Conflict of Interest forms to file

Each council member filled out a conflict of interest form and there is special link on the website for those. Jacie Torgersen will get them uploaded and posted as required by state law.

5.6 CASI (Asset Inventory) Review

The council did all receive a copy of the CASI and thought it looked good. Jacie Torgersen has been working on it with Roger Carter from the Five County Association. Councilor Sawyer feels like a metal shed for the backhoe and dump truck should be 50x70 and it would be better at the fire station. Councilor Sawyer motioned to accept the CASI and Councilor Goble 2nd the motion, the vote was unanimous.

6. Ordinances

6.1 Ordinance 2025-01 Meeting Ordinance

Councilor Sawyer motioned to approve ordinance 2025-01 setting the meeting date for the 3rd Wednesday of each month and Councilor Spendlove 2nd the motion, the vote was unanimous.

7. Report of Officers - boards - committees

7.1 Water Department - Water Usage

Water usage from well #5 was 316,000 gallons for November and 310,000 gallons for December.

7.2 Fire Department

7.3 Road Department-

There are a lot of cracks that need to be filled in on the roads. Councilor Sawyer suggested the town look at having someone come in to do it. Kade Iverson said that a tar pot could be rented to the town could do it themselves and save money.

7.4 Parks & Recreation-

7.4.a Holiday Celebration dates for 2025

April 19th - Easter Egg Hunt

June 14th - Town Clean up

July 4th - Friday (Independence Day Celebration)

July 24th - Thursday (Pioneer Day Celebration)

October 31st - Halloween party

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7.4.b Snowflake decorations C7 bulb replacements

The town council decided it would be better to put rope lights on the snowflakes instead of replacing the bulbs every year. The rope lights could be zip tied to the snowflakes. Jacie Torgersen will get a bid of what those would cost.

7.5 Grants-

7.6 Planning & Zoning Commission

7.6.a Gottschalk Subdivision

Councilor Barney motioned to approve Jean Gottschalk's subdivision on the recommendation of the town council and Councilor Spendlove 2nd the motion, the vote was unanimous.

7.6.b Engineering firm for subdivision review/Land Use authority

The town has received two bids for this, Jacie Torgersen will check with Roger Carter and see if he has any other recommendations.

7.7 Cemetery

The town just received a phone call for a burial in the cemetery for a Hoyt and there is no record of a plot under that name. The Hatch cemetery is looking for further information on this.

8. Public Input

9. Unfinished or New Business

Russ Torgersen joined the meeting by phone at the request of Mayor Barney because he felt that he should represent himself instead of his wife. Mayor Barney said that the town has decided not to hire a full-time maintenance person at this time and to hire a teenager to help Russ out instead. The town can't hire Reuben until he turns 14. Lillee is of age and could be hired as an employee. Mayor Barney asked Russ if he would be willing to continue doing what he is doing and the town could hire a teenager to do some of the extra tasks around town. Mr. Torgersen said he would continue to do whatever the town needed him to do.

The next meeting will be on February 19th.

10. Adjournment

Councilor Sawyer motioned to adjourn and Councilor Barney 2nd the motion, the meeting adjourned.