

May 21, 2025

Town Board: Mayor Kerry Barney, Jon Spendlove, Kurt Sawyer, Gary Goble and Janell Barney

Staff: Jacie Torgersen and Tyler Mendenhall

Public: Lillee Torgersen, Russ Riggs, Ryker Ogden & Carly Burrows

1. Meeting Called to Order

The meeting began at 7pm with Councilor Sawyer offering the opening prayer and Lillee Torgersen leading those present in the pledge.

2. Approval of April 16, 2025 Minutes

Councilor Goble motioned to accept the minutes and Councilor Sawyer 2nd the motion, the vote was unanimous.

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

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

4. Public Hearings

5. Petitions, Remonstrations and Communications

5.1 Request from Lillee Torgersen for Governors Honors Academy

Lillee Torgersen was selected to attend the Governors Honors Academy at Southern Utah University and is looking for sponsors to help her go. She needs to raise \$1300 to attend. Councilor Barney motioned to give her \$600 to attend and Councilor Sawyer 2nd the motion, the vote was unanimous.

5.2 Town Code Enforcement

The mayor is looking for help enforcing town ordinances. He would like to find a way to have everyone help enforce the ordinances and do their part so that so many things are not slipping by. The mayor and the town council are the code enforcement officers. Building permits, cargo storage containers, set-back requirements etc. are some of the things that need to be enforced.

A concern was brought up about the porta potties at the gas station. Many feel like real restrooms should be provided at the place of business instead of porta potties. Councilor Sawyer will reach out to the health department and let them know that there is a business that is out of compliance and have them come make an inspection. Mr. Sawyer is frustrated that the town does all they can to help out business owners and those owners are not showing respect to the town by following the ordinances and permits as outlined.

5.3 Signage for town park/bathrooms/amenities

The town would like to get a sign with an arrow pointing up center street saying park, bathrooms, DUP museum. Councilor Sawyer approved \$1000 for the sign and Councilor Barney 2nd the motion, the vote was unanimous.

5.4 Teen summer employees

The town received 3 applications for the summer job - Lillee Torgersen, Reuben Torgersen and Xavier Burrows. Councilor Sawyer motioned to hire all three and have them start as soon as school is out. Councilor Spendlove 2nd the motion, the vote was unanimous. The focus will be for them to clean up Mainstreet.

5.5 Grant for Christmas lighting and snowflake repair

Jacie Torgersen submitted the grant today to Garfield County Tourism for the jelly lights on the community center. The county would pay \$3,750 and the town's portion would be \$3,550. She got two bids for the project. Someone from the council needs to measure the snowflakes to see what needs to be ordered to replace those.

5.6 Open & amend 2025 budget and set 2026 budget amounts

The fire department would like money set aside for more helmets and boots in the budget.

The water department would like to get a 2-inch meter setter to replace the one at Mt. Ridge that is not working well. It would be approximately \$4,000. Councilor Sawyer does not think the town should have to replace the business meters. Businesses should have a shut off valve on their side of the meter to turn off their own meter instead of having to access it through the towns. If they don't have a shut off meter then they should have one installed. There was a lively discussion held on this matter and some suggestions made were to have the town pay half of the cost and the business owner to pay half. Several felt that the ordinance can't be retroactive, if there was not a shut off valve on your side of the meter when you bought the property you shouldn't have to pay to put one in.

Another fire hydrant was discussed on the north east end of town. A hydrant is approximately \$5,000-\$6,000. The town will budget for one this year and do an evaluation of the system and see where it needs to be placed.

The budget was reviewed line by line with adjustments made to the 2025 budget and amounts decided for the 2026 budget.

6. Ordinances

6.1 Possible Recreation Vehicle amendment

Mayor Barney would like to see the recreation vehicle ordinance amended and added to. He would like added back into the ordinance that a travel trailer located in town needs to be licensed and insured as was in the previous ordinance. Seasonal use is stated in the ordinance as 6 months or less. There are three typed of trailers listed in the ordinance:

- 1- Travel Trailer

2- Mobile home

3- Park model travel trailer

Russ Riggs stated the trailers that were placed on Tyler Mackaben's commercial piece of property are park model travel trailers. This is not what was approved to be placed there - it was a travel trailer. Mr. Riggs does not feel that the town should approve a conditional use permit to break their own rules. It was suggested to call the health department to see if they have been contacted concerning Mr. Mackaben's project and if everything is up to code.

6.2 2025-03 Business License Ordinance

Councilor Barney motioned to approve ordinance 2025-03 and Councilor Spendlove 2nd the motion, the vote was unanimous.

7. Report of Officers - boards - committees

7.1 Water Department - Water Usage

63,200 gallons of water were used from well #5 in April 2025. The 2024 drinking water report was posted on April 17, 2025.

7.1.a Homeland security report

The findings of the report were that all employees should go to training. The town need to place cameras at the water tank and put a padlock/chain over the ladder to the fence at the tank.

7.1.b Post Office water meter

The post office water meter is unreadable because of the depth of it. The town might be held liable if there are problems and the meter is not being read. The town council does not want to spend the money to replace it right now.

Russ Riggs had a water concern. There has been a truck filling up at the fire hydrant just outside his home and when it does, he does not even have enough water pressure to flush a toilet. Trucks have filled up there before and he has never had a problem until now. He is wondering if there is a valve that is shut and didn't get opened back up or something. Tyler Mendenhall will look into it.

7.2 Fire Department

There is a meeting tomorrow for cancer screenings for the fire department if anyone is interested. SB40 has been passed that would tax properties that are interfacing wildland.

7.3 Road Department-

7.4 Parks & Recreation-

7.4.a Town clean up June 14th

The town will combine town clean-up and planting the flowers with excavating and getting things ready for the pickleball court project.

7.5 Grants-

7.6 Planning & Zoning Commission

7.7 Cemetery

8. Public Input

9. Unfinished or New Business

Ryker Ogden from Ensign Engineering came to the town council meeting to see what projects the town had going on right now.

Jon Spendlove and Gary Goble's terms are up for re-election. The declaration of candidacy for anyone that wants to run need to be filed between June 2nd and June 6th.

Councilor Barney motioned to sponsor ½ page ad in the Garfield County Livestock Show Fair book for \$250 and Councilor Sawyer 2nd the motion, the vote was unanimous.

The next meeting will be on June 18th.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10pm.