

BIG WATER TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday August 19, 2019

7:30 PM UT (6:30 PM AZ) WORK SESSION
8:00 PM UT (7:00 PM AZ) MEETING

AGENDA-

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL: Merle, Judah, David present. Michelle, Keith absent. Keith showed at 8:26pm.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES Merle approved, Judah seconded. All in favor. – 7.15.19

5. MAYOR, COUNCIL AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- Mayor: talked about someday a possible road that could go up for a water line to allow access for the citizens to get to their lots was shown on the map that was passed out to the public. Nothing has changed.

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS:

- John Snow and Jay Wilburn: Said the county and city line is 300 feet from his house, he is saying he is being blamed for every gun that goes off in his neighborhood. Merle asked if he has gotten a ticket yet, the answer is no, but John feels there were a lot of complaints being made against him, and that if an ordinance goes through he will start getting citations. Randy Yermo said that there is a city law that you cannot shoot across the road. Russ said that he knows that there are people in this community that live on the fringe of the community and shoot to the ground to check their bullets and he is okay with that. Someone said she was worried about the safety of shooting a gun anywhere. Russ explained as long as it's to the ground and there's no threat of ricochet, she said she explained when someone is speeding he has the law on his side, and Russ said that when a new ordinance is formed. Peggy asked what the fines are, Russ said say your bullet does cause damage, the cost would be the cost of the damage, and Peggy explained that in WA in 1980 the fine is \$80. Russ explained that based on state law the fine would be anywhere from \$150-300. The law being violated here is shooting a gun within 300ft of a dwelling. Brian said he was confused, that the issue was very simple, its legit to shoot an animal, but anything else is not (across a road, a target, etc.). Nadia said she is worried about her child, and asked what plan we had to protect our school. It was explained that it is a gun free zone, as well as the visitor center, and the Mayor explained that as citizens we keep a close eye on the school.

7. OLD BUSINESS- None

8. NEW BUSINESS-

a) Discussion and Possible Action on the re-opening 2020 Fiscal Year Budget:

- Citizen comments on the budget: None. Peggy explained where in the budget she was going to fix it specifically, in the fire dept. and park clean-up. Motion made to open the budget and make the specified changes. Judah seconded, all in favor. Budget closed.

b) Discussion and Possible Action on changing Treasurer pay from salary to hourly:

- Motion made to approve. Proposal was explained to Keith. Peggy proposed a new ordinance be created to allow a variance. Merle made the motion to approve and to add an amendment to the current ordinance. Judah seconded. All in favor.

c) Discussion and Possible Action on the addition of an ordinance with regards to firearms restrictions within town limits. Tony Brown

- Merle is not convinced it is necessary to have a new ordinance; Keith said it is worth looking into and that an ordinance should be presented to look over and considered. Judah is not opposed to having an ordinance. An agreement was made to put something together to present next meeting.

d) Financial Reports:

- Peggy explained that we are in the red and that it is expected this time of year. Motion was made to adjourn, seconded by Keith, all in favor at 8:56pm.

9. ADJOURN: 8:56 PM