

BIG WATER TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES

Thursday February 27, 2020

6:30 PM WORK SESSION

7:00 PM MEETING

Work Session opened at 6:30 pm

- a) Michelle mentioned that we are moving next week's meeting because she and Jenn will be at training. David mentioned that Jenn isn't here because she is home sick with the flu.
- b) Carlucci lot discussion: Vince asked what the national standard for cul-de-sacs was. Michelle said she didn't know but the town's is 60 feet and that's what we go by and David explained that the mylar had already been signed by Planning and Zoning. David asked Chief Horning if he could get his fire trucks into the cul-de-sac and he said yes. Vince wanted to establish that he feels the 60 ft diameter is too small. He feels it should be increased to 100 ft. Paul Hyde asked the difference between this property and other driveways existing in town. Why are we requiring this now? David explained that this is a requirement of the town and we can't go back and change what has already been done, but we are trying to do things correctly going forward. Tony Brown explained that this has been a rule for a long time, but hasn't been enforced. We are trying to make sure that what we do things the right way. Vince found a reference requiring a 40 ft radius. He is concerned about the fire truck being able to get down there. Michelle explained that to change the requirements requires a change of the ordinances. David asked Vince to try driving the fire truck down Rose Garden tomorrow and test it out. Iron Rock made sure to point out that the design conforms to all current requirements of the town and therefore we don't have any grounds to deny their application. Wildland Urban Interface national standard is a 60 ft diameter cul-de-sac for a Type I Structure Engine, which is what we have.
- d) We have 4 letters of intent for the open seat, P&Z has asked us to wait to make a decision until they have a chance to review the letters and speak with the applicants at their next meeting. Then they will give us their recommendation to make a decision at our meeting next month.
- e) Tom Avant was not able to make it to help explain the process of annexation for the Under Canvas development. Will try to have Tom here next month.
- f) Someone had a question about the overage fund transfer and Michelle explained we would have to do something with it. We are only allowed to have a certain amount in our accounts and we are over that. We either need to budget it to be spent this year or create a Capital Fund to be used for future capital projects.
- Jennie Lasson asked where this overage came from, is it from taxes. Michelle explained that we can only have 75% of our revenue for use in our general fund budget. The rest needs to be set aside for specific projects. David said we've been wanting to remodel this building for years so saving up for a future capital project would be a good idea.
- Vince asked how many lots the Carluccis will have. There will be a total of 4, with a 40 ft road. David and Tony went out and measured things. Vince asked if there were any plans to put in sidewalks, no there are no plans and no money for such a project.

Work Session closed at 7:01 pm

AGENDA-

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:01 pm
2. ROLL CALL: David, Michelle, Sheath, Vince and Judah present.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES-1.27.20: Missing ending times for one of the public hearings. Michelle made the motion to approve with corrections, Vince seconded, all in favor.
5. MAYOR, COUNCIL AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Treasurer is out sick as well.

P & Z Administrator – There have been 2 permits applied for since the P&Z report. An application for a restaurant. 4 new homes on the other side of town, with a total development of 16 homes eventually. Have done several inspections for Short Term Rentals. Have had 15 businesses speak about coming into town. Annexation. AT&T tower, Working with SITLA to make sure everything is in compliance. That's why we are working on the new zoning changes.

Fire Department – The fire department is able to meet its contractual obligations. We have 8 people attending EMT school. When complete we will have 4 A-EMTs and 4 B-EMTs. We also have someone attending structural fire training. Chief Horning would like to apply for some grants from FEMA. There are 3 grants that will cover things from equipment to personnel. We need new radios, hoses, and PPE. Not looking to replace any of our fire trucks, but if we purchase brush trucks and a tanker we can better service areas without hydrants. We also become eligible to hire out crews for wildfires. The Amangiri contract funds our having 2 EMTs on shifts, one of the grants would give us the funds to have 6 full-time people for three years. Thinking of approaching legislators about a bill funding remote fire departments. ISO survey – insurance survey coming up. They come out and rate the town. Fire department has been testing hydrants in preparation for this. We should get a better rating because the firehouse is now staffed instead of relying solely on volunteers. Kanab is also applying for a grant for the region for new breathing apparatus. Just purchased 12 used ones from Colorado City. Spent some time with the Chief Barlow in Colorado City for advice on grants to apply for and the process of such. Also teaching CPR classes on Thursdays. Park Service, Amangiri, school district, and advertising to the general public. Searching for other revenue sources. Toni Carlucci mentioned the airport needing CPR certifications. Want to put some trailers behind the firehouse for temporary housing for firefighters who are coming from out of town. They are able to respond to emergencies much faster with a staffed firehouse. They are willing to pay for training for anyone interested in teaching a class or joining the department. Need a local support team for the fire department. The council gave their blessing to apply for these grants.

People from Forestry Fire and State Lands – Spencer – the Kane County Fire Warden came to explain some cooperative agreements we should join. CWPP – Community Wildfire Preparedness Plan – he can help us create this and it opens us up to financial aid from the state if we have a wildfire in our area. There are training requirements we have to meet (have to have red cards) which they will also help with, and we have to show that we spend \$94.00 a year on wildfire prevention. We take care of any initial attack fires, small fires that are put out fairly quickly. Anything longer, the state will take over the funding. We don't have a big fire danger in this area, but brush fires are still a possibility. UWR-MOU We can also put our department up for hire by the state to help fight wildfires in other areas. We need to have a tank truck and a certified team to send out, but the department would receive monies for this service. This agreement would go into effect July 1, 2020.

Vic Carlucci thinks we need to petition Trump for a national fire department because wildfires are a national problem.

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS – no comments
7. OLD BUSINESS-
8. NEW BUSINESS-
 - a) Discussion and Possible Action on Annual Meetings Calendar for 2020: Michelle made the motion to approve, Vince seconded, all in favor.

- b) Discussion and Possible Action on Carlucci Lot Restructuring: Vince asked if the neighbors are aware of the change. Yes, they were sent certified letters. Richard Specht asked if the road was going to be a private or town road – it will be a town road. He feels we should change the cul-de-sac size to 100 ft because they have problems with their street and the town should look to correct this problem. His neighbor brings a large truck in and can't turn it around. Michelle motioned to approve, Sheath seconded, Vince voted nay, all others in favor.
 - c) Discussion and Possible Action on Filling Planning and Zoning Vacancy: the application letters were discussed and the applicants will be at the next Planning and Zoning meeting to give speeches on why they would like to be on the Board.
 - d) Discussion on Zoning changes south of BLM visitors center - Question about what is currently in the areas we are looking to change. Only one area is already developed, and that is the industrial area that includes the arena. Ross Culbertson - Under Canvas is creating an amenitized campground behind the water tanks and wants the zoning of the area to match their use. Vince wants to know who is responsible for the fire protection of the area – the town is. The engineer (Josh) from Iron Rock is also in attendance – he made a comment on the Carlucci earlier. Vince asked who pays for the water line. The developer is responsible for the installation then the town is responsible for maintenance. Josh – it's a wise move for the town because it opens that land up for a larger variety of uses.
 - e) Discussion on Annexation of Under Canvas, etc. Michelle asked if our annexing a larger portion of land, would that mean the town is responsible to provide services. Josh and Tony both said it would not. The property owner is responsible to put in roads, water lines, etc. Reclamation planning – Under Canvas is required to return their site to previous conditions when they leave. Sheath asked for clarification on the area of development and making sure the access won't be impeded. It is a county road and has to have public access along it. They are still developing their plans. Michelle – P&Z wants us to review the zoning changes and send any suggestions back to them. Under Canvas wants to be kept up to date on where we are in the process.
 - f) Discussion and Possible Action on Fund Overage Transfer: Michelle explained that if we put the money in a Capital Fund it will have to be spent for a Capital project. Vince and David like the idea of having money for future opportunities or a remodel of the building. Vince would like to know if there is any other money already in a capital fund. We don't know. Michelle motioned to put the money in a capital fund, Judah 2nd, all in favor
 - g) Financial Reports: Michelle explained the financial statements. Vince asked why the phone bills for the town are so high – we pay for the town and the care and share as well as the town and the fax machine. Vince motioned to approve, Michelle 2nd all in favor
9. ADJOURN: Michelle moved to adjourn, Judah 2nd, all in favor at 8:43 pm.