

BIG WATER TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
Monday Oct 19th, 2020

7:30 PM (Utah Time) WORK SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:47 PM
2. DISCUSSION ON MEETING AGENDA ITEMS
  - a) No Discussion
  - b) No Discussion
  - c) No Discussion
  - d) No Discussion
  - e) No Discussion
  - f) Dumpsters: Michelle explained that it costs us \$2k to place a dumpster, then it was discussed to give a key to the fire dept. Vince asked if town council would be opposed to increasing the garbage can cost so they can have access to the dump for free. Michelle made the suggestion to talk to Republic and ask them what they can do for us with regards to our contract and then consider if we need to supplement by increasing the monthly fee. David commented that we have an issue with people abusing the transfer station as it is and it is barely manageable as it is. More discussion needs to be made with more information.
3. ADJOURN at 7:59 PM

8:00 PM MEETING

AGENDA-

1. CALL TO ORDER: 8 PM
2. ROLL CALL: Vince Olsen, Judah Schmuker, Michelle Dufour, Sheath Guevarra and David Schmuker present.
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES-9.21.20: Vince made the motion to approve, Sheath second, all in favor.
5. MAYOR, COUNCIL AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS:  
Fire Dept: Chief Horning discussed how they have had a busy month and that they had a meeting with the County.  
Mayor: Mayor Schmuker commented that we hired Sunrise Engineering to help us with the Under Canvas Water Project and other P&Z items, and so that the citizens understand the town is not paying for the water Under Canvas is, that he has been working with the highway department to help us with the roads and the highway.  
P & Z Administrator - Tony Brown had to leave on an EMS call but his report says that he has 3 building permits that we have approved this month.

## 6. CITIZEN COMMENTS:

- Kristy Watkins commented that if the road goes by her residence she wanted to know if there will be an entrance and an exit and David answered there will be a main entrance in and an exit out, and that will be developed now. She said she was told that the RV park right before Kanab only had 1 entrance and it was explained because it is privately owned by one person. She asked how far into her property is that road being built and the answer was 66 feet from the easements on both sides. She then commented and said she doesn't like that there is so much traffic on the highway. She said she was told that there was going to be an RV park and it was explained that it is still being considered. She also said she was worried that it would be "trashy" and David explained that it would be a high-end RV park. She then asked about the original water line, did the money come from a grant, and David explained that part of it was from a grant and the rest was loaned to us to pay for it from the state. On the new pipe that was put in, is it multi-use or single family and it was explained that it is for new developments, and she asked would it be engineered and the answer was that it would be developed when a project is being built (i.e. RV park/condominiums, etc). Kristy Watkins also commented that some of the building permit applications are incomplete but approved by the P&Z administrator and David explained that we have hired an outside company to help us make sure those are done right.

- Alicia Robertson asked if the townhome project had started because she had not been able to attend meetings prior to this and it was explained that we are still working with Sunrise Engineering to make sure all the paperwork and the master plan is updated.

- Patty Jensen questioned about the Lake Powell Pipeline and there was no information provided. She asked about the P&Z position and asked if anyone was interviewed and the answer was no. She also commented about the fire service to Church Wells, Clark Bench, etc and that we should look into creating a fire protection district. She commented with regard to the dumpsters that she has never used the dumpsters and does not appreciate her bill going up. She also commented that we are being watched and that we should show the citizens everything.

- A citizen asked about the recycling bin and was told we did not have one at all because the school requested that it be removed due to the fact that it was being abused. She said she had looked at the general plan and asked if we were allowed to amend it and David explained that it would be public noticed for public comment before they are approved.

- Hyrum explained that there hasn't been any recycling in over 2 years. He also commented that although he is "super glad" we have had a fire dept for over 40 years, his concern is that lately it seems like they are trying to drum up more money and that it seems that they are struggling financially. David explained that it is staffed 24/7 and that there is 2 people on call at night and on the weekends someone

is working at the fire station for \$50/night and that we have to pay wages for the EMTs to be there and for the fire crew to be up and running and that we are working on requesting money from the County. Hyrum commented that it isn't really fair to charge citizens \$150 all of a sudden.

- Peggy asked what has changed in the last year and David commented that as Big Water grows we will need more assistance. She also explained that the Amangiri contract was underbid by \$29,000. David explained that we are in discussion with them to increase our contract.

- Richard Swanson from Under Canvas came forward to talk to public and town council and made himself available for questions, and that they plan to start building 50 units in November.

#### 7. OLD BUSINESS-

a) Discussion on Annexation: tabled

b) Discussion on Allowing the Fire Department to do Random Business Inspections:  
- tabled because the fire dept is absent due to a call, and also we need to create a resolution.

#### 8. NEW BUSINESS-

a) Discussion on Future Sewer System:

- David explained that if we continue to grow, we will have to build a sewer system and that the first step is to do a study sponsored by the CIB using a grant with the DEQ. Sunrise will help us with this and it will take years to complete but that he wanted to get the discussion started. He asked Town Council what their thoughts were and Sheath asked if we had to pay for it and David explained it would be with funds from the DDW (Division of Drinking Water) possibly. He was asked where it would be placed and he says he thinks it should be placed where it could drain the clean water into the lake, or by ponds on SITLA or BLM land. Town Council agreed that if we get a grant that they would be supportive in pursuing this.

b) Discussion and Possible Approval of Fire Department using CARES ACT funds to Purchase Computers and a Pager System

c) Discussion and Possible Action on Using CARES ACT funds to Purchase a Laptop and Microphone/Camera for Zoom Meetings

- Michelle explained that the laptop would be in case the pandemic would force us to close the office and we would have to work from home, and the microphone and camera would enhance hearing/watching on Zoom meetings. Michelle made the motion to approve, Sheath second, all in favor.

d) Discussion and Possible Action on Selecting a New Planning and Zoning Board Member:

- David explained that he wanted to get in contact with the candidates to come in or join via Zoom to get interviewed at the next meetings.

- e) Discussion and Possible Action on whether the Fire Dept should provide service to the communities of Clark Bench, Church Wells and Paria
    - We are going to continue our service, and that David explained that he talked to the County Commissioner who assured him that we would be reimbursed the CARES Act money that was used for the fire dept, but this will be tabled until the Fire Chief can be here to explain this.
  - f) Discussion and Possible Action on placing dumpsters in the town twice a month instead of twice of year
    - Tabled until we get more information
  - g) Discussion and Possible Action on modifying office hours
    - Peggy explained that since May our office has been closed on 9 Fridays and that it saves us money on utilities and that it will be more appealing to new personnel if we were closed on Fridays and moved to extending our hours 4 days a week. It was agreed to table this until we provide a breakdown of the cost it would save.
  - h) Discussion and Possible Action on Fire Dept Invoices
    - Sheath made the motion to approve, Michelle second, all in favor.
  - i) Financial Reports: Sheath made the motion to approve, Judah second, all in favor.
9. ADJOURN: Michelle made the motion to adjourn, Sheath second, all in favor at 9:23 PM.