

# BIG WATER TOWN COUNCIL MEETING Draft Minutes

## Wednesday April 20, 2022

### 7:30 PM (UT) WORK SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER 7:30 PM 7:57pm
2. DISCUSSION ON MEETING AGENDA ITEMS  
Boudicca previously granted a 15 ft water easement through her lot at no cost to the town. She later granted a full road easement through the same property at 1/3 acre. Her request at the time was for the town to put in the road and to pay to establish the parcel that was cut off. She looked at getting a similar easement from SITLA on the neighboring property and it would cost her \$8,000. She would like the town to pay to plat those changes. And to make sure the map reflects that parcel is still zoned commercial. Vince would like to see how much the engineer will charge for the platting.
3. ADJOURN – 8:05 pm

8:00 PM PUBLIC HEARING ON EMPLOYEE PAY SCHEDULE – pay raises were approved last month for the clerks and treasurer, need to have a public hearing for it. Anne Welsh asks when was the last time this was changed – it has been a couple of years. The raises have already been accounted for in the budget. closed 8:10

8:05 PM MEETING

### AGENDA-

1. CALL TO ORDER 8:10pm
2. ROLL CALL – Vince, Judah, Sheath, and David here, Levi absent
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. STATEMENT OF CONFLICT – none stated
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 3-23-22 Sheath motions, Judah second – all in favor
6. MAYOR, COUNCIL AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS:  
Mayor – Had a meeting with Sunrise about new intersections, Cannonball etc., have replaced a lot of meter sending units because they failed. They were under warranty. There are 25 more that need to be installed.  
Fire Chief –  
P & Z Administrator –
7. CITIZEN COMMENTS-(2 minutes per Citizen Comment) Tom Reneau – a new hydrant was installed on Independence a few months ago, he is really pleased with the work that was done and how clean it was left.  
Anne Welch – concerns about a couple of intersections along Independence, would like some stop or yield signs installed – We will be doing that as part of the highway turnout project as well as along Revolution.
8. Possible Closed Session – personnel leave details, personnel discussion, and Lawsuit - none
9. OLD BUSINESS-
  - a) Discussion and Possible Action on Employee Leave Accruals – have included the policy from Kane County on the amount of leave accrued based on longevity as well as the amount of leave allowed to be carried over, really need the board to settle this – tabled until next month.
  - b) Discussion and Possible Action on Employee Pay Schedule – needs to be settled before the next budget has to be filed. Will table this until next month as well. Russ would like to be considered for a raise. There are raises for law enforcement all over up to 30%. We will talk to department heads and send out an email to the board to consider while figuring out the scale. Vince asked to not pass notes.
11. NEW BUSINESS-
  - a) Discussion and Possible Action on Housekeeping for Deeded Easement through B-10-17 – waiting until we find out the cost.
  - b) Discussion and Possible Action on Approving Planning and Zoning Administrator – Motion to approve Denise Wood by Sheath, Judah second. Vince opposed all others in favor.
  - c) Discussion and Possible Action on Attorney Invoice – \$2,756 Vince motions to approve payment, Judah second – all in favor
  - d) Discussion and Possible Action on Sunrise Work Release and Invoice – General Plan, received a grant for this – Judah motions to approve the invoice, Vince second – all in favor. Work release 2021-2 approval motioned by Judah, Sheath second – all in favor
  - e) Discussion and Possible Action on Sunrise Work Release 2022-1 – Wastewater Study, this is a feasibility study and we received a grant for this – Sheath motions to approve, Judah seconds – all in favor
  - f) Discussion and Possible Action on Employee Benefits – Still need to figure out how we want our benefit package to look. Need to standardize what employees are getting. Right now the town pays 100% for health insurance do we want to continue this, some employees are getting dental while others are not. Right now there are 4 employees with health insurance at about \$20,000 each per year. This is only health insurance, there is also retirement and paid leave to be figured

in. – Council will take it home and think about it, and come to the next meeting prepared to make a decision.

- g) Discussion and Possible Action on Changing Home Size Requirements – Chrissy – Wants to reduce the home size requirement for RE-2. She was told by P&Z that we had an agreement with SITLA, there is no record of this. The town has a requirement for 2,000 square feet in RE-2, but there is no written agreement for SITLA for this. There was an understanding at the time, but nothing in writing. She does not currently have a property so any expense incurred would be on the town. Would like to purchase one but needs to have plans first. Doesn't want to build a 2,000 square foot home. It's unfair to have such a large requirement. The people on that side of town do not want smaller homes allowed to maintain property values. She has done research that shows this is not true. Will bring it in later. Can get a 1,600 square foot modular and would like to build that. RE-1 would allow her to have her animals with a smaller home. Vince is not opposed to making adjustments if it makes sense, it doesn't make sense here. The land she has looked at in RE-1 is too expensive. We are bound by the current rules and it is a big process to make a change like this. The town is not interested in moving this request forward at this time. She will bring in her research and support for this change. She can pursue it at her own expense.
  - h) Discussion and Possible Action on 2023 Budget – only have a couple of months to finalize this. It is balanced right now. All available money that we know of is in it now. Rob hasn't had an input in this budget and would like a meeting before it is approved. We will schedule a public hearing for next month.
  - i) Discussion and Possible Action on 2023 Tax Rate – Just on here to start thinking about. Vince wants to know why we can't vote on it to not change. Don't want to vote on something unseen. Will have the paperwork for next month.
  - j) Financial Reports – Vince motions to approve, Sheath second – all in favor
12. ADJOURN – Vince motions, Judah seconds – all in favor 9:14pm.