

Town of Independence

Town Council Meeting

06/21/2023 7:00 p.m.

In attendance: Mayor Phil Sweat; Councilmembers Rose Heaton, Bill Duke, Gary Ryan, and Bonnie Wilson. Councilmember Tracy Sabey was excused.

Staff attendance: Jodi Hoffman and Cathy Bingham.

Others in attendance: Lauren Bolger and Wayne Heaton.

1. Call to Order. Mayor Sweat called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmember Duke offered the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Review and possible adoption of draft minutes for May 8, 2023.
 - Mayor Sweat wanted the minutes regarding gravel pits (page 3 last paragraph, line 4) to better identify where “batching” plants could be located. The Council expressed interest in allowing “batching” plants as long as “batching” is defined as gravel excavation for use on the same property *or nearby property within the Town of Independence* and restrictions are put in place.
 - Councilmember Ryan moved to approve the draft minutes, as amended, for May 31, 2023.
 - Councilmember Duke seconded the motion.
 - The motion passed unanimously.
4. Consideration and possible adoption of Resolution 2023-2, adopting amendments to the FY2022-2023 Town Budget and the approval of FY2023-2024 Town Budget.
 - Ms. Hoffman explained the changes as discussed from the prior meeting.
 - Current Year estimated revenues for Sales and Use tax were increased.
 - Current Year expenses for Charges for Services were increased \$30,000.00 for developments in review. Councilman Heaton asked if it would be better to classify the funds under the Out-of-Pocket Trust Fund. Ms. Hoffman agreed and will make the change.
 - Current Year Administration budget was slightly increased.
 - FY 2023-24 revenue for Sales and Use taxes were increased.
 - FY 2023-24 revenue for Charges and Services were decreased due to inactivity on the Town Center project.

- FY 2023-24 expenses for Repair and Expense under Highways and Streets was increased slightly.
 - Councilmember Heaton moved to adopt Resolution 2023-02 adopting amendments to the FY2022-2023 Town Budget and approving the FY2023-2024 Town Budget.
 - Councilmember Ryan seconded the motion.
 - The motion passed unanimously.
5. Roads Update.
- Mayor Sweat asked about the traffic and speed on the new road that Signature Development put in.
 - Councilmembers who live on the road reported it appeared the traffic was the same as before, speed limits and traffic signs are not being obeyed.
 - Councilmember Heaton reported that proper signage was missing when the new road was being paved and suggested the Town be more aware of this when roads are being constructed or repaired.
 - Councilmember Ryan said the road was a little wavy but was pleased with the overall project.
 - Mayor Sweat inspected the roads to the forest property line and said this portion of the road will only need grading work done this year. He contacted Wasatch County Public Works department and asked them to add this to the work they were already doing in the Town.
6. Development Update. Ms. Hoffman updated the Council on the development projects she is working on.
- Ms. Hoffman did a site visit to the proposed site of the Kimball development.
 - Ms Hoffman encouraged Councilmembers to visit the site to get a refreshed look at the topography and the ridgelines. Ms. Hoffman asked the council if she should draft a ridge line ordinance, this would require choosing specific viewpoints throughout the Town. Councilmembers were encouraged to identify specific viewpoints throughout the town (roughly 6).
 - Millstream RV Park and Travel Center concept plans are getting close to being finalized.
 - More architectural design work is needed.
 - New plans show no frontage road.
 - New plans are not incorporating semi-truck traffic.
 - Current concept is for 140 RV Sites
7. Public Comment.
- No public comment.

8. Adjourn.

- Councilmember Duke moved to adjourn at 8:06 p.m.
- Councilmember Heaton seconded the motion.
- The motion was approved unanimously.

Dated this 9th day of August 2023

Phil Sweat, Mayor

Cathy Bingham, Town Clerk