

**STATE OF UTAH
COUNTY OF SEVIER
TOWN OF ANNABELLA**

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
June 8, 2023**

Minutes from the Annabella Town Council Meeting held Thursday, June 8, 2023, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers, located at 295 East 300 North, Annabella, Utah. Mayor Brent Christensen conducting.

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Public in attendance:

Eric Nielson

Kent Poulson

John Chartier

Annabella Youth Council & parents

1. YOUTH COUNCIL-OATH TO OFFICE. The following Annabella Youth Council members took the Oath of Office:

Lincoln Hansen, Kayla Johns, Brindee Selin, Presley Blackburn, and Ethan Squire.

Mayor Christensen administered the oath.

2. ROLL CALL. Roll call was taken by Mayor Christensen. In attendance were Councilmembers Jill Anderson, Ken Blackburn, Hayven Dunn and Kelvin Johns. Tina Mitchell, Clerk, and Scott Thomsen, Maintenance Supervisor, were also in attendance.

3. OPENING REMARKS. Councilmember Dunn offered a prayer.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. Councilmember Anderson led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.



5. **PUBLIC HEARING-2022/2023 AMENDED BUDGET AND 2023/2024 PROPOSED BUDGET AND CERTIFIED TAX RATE.** Mayor Christensen explained that the purpose of the hearing is to obtain public comment on the proposed budget and certified tax rate, as well as the amended budget. The public hearing opened for comment at 6:03 p.m. Tina Mitchell gave descriptions of each budget category, along with proposed revenues and expenditures for the upcoming fiscal year. She also reported that the proposed certified tax rate is 0.000362, which would result in approximately \$26,905 in property tax revenue for the upcoming fiscal year. The Town Council reviewed detailed copies of the budget as well as the budget narrative, which included reviewing line items over budget in both revenues and expenditures. Tina also explained the long-term debt payments and reserve requirements. The Town Council discussed the 2% annual increase to the culinary water rate. It was noted that the increase has been in place for five years and needed in order to keep up with inflation. The Council agreed to keep the increase at 2%.

The Town Council discussed the upcoming 2023/2024 budget. Budgeted increases in both revenues and expenditures were reviewed and explained. Upcoming projects, including the playground, cross gutters, the secondary meter project and spring box project were also discussed and budgeted for.

No public comments were received.
The public hearing closed at 6:16p.m.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** Minutes from the May Town Council meeting were presented for approval. **Councilmember Dunn made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. (Summary: Yes=4). Yes: Jill Anderson, Ken Blackburn, Hayven Dunn and Kelvin Johns.**

7. **APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER.** The warrant register was presented and reviewed for formal approval. **Councilmember Blackburn made a motion to approve the warrant register as presented. Councilmember Johns seconded the motion and the motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. (Summary: Yes=4). Yes: Jill Anderson, Ken Blackburn, Hayven Dunn and Kelvin Johns.**

8. **OPENING OF THE 2022/2023 BUDGET, BY RESOLUTION, FOR ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.** Councilmember Dunn made a motion, in the form of a resolution, to open the 2022/2023 budget and to adjust, as needed, in the general, special revenue, capital projects and enterprise funds. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Blackburn. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. (Summary: Yes=4). Yes: Jill Anderson, Ken Blackburn, Hayven Dunn and Kelvin Johns.



9. **BUDGET ADOPTION, BY RESOLUTION, OF THE 2023/2024 BUDGET AND CERTIFIED TAX RATE.** Based on the information reviewed and discussed regarding the proposed budget, **Councilmember Anderson made a motion, in the form of a resolution, that the proposed budget and certified tax rate (.000362) for 2023/2024 be approved. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Johns. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. (Summary: Yes=4). Yes: Jill Anderson, Ken Blackburn, Hayven Dunn and Kelvin Johns.**

10. DEPARTMENT BUSINESS.

Councilmember Anderson asked for input regarding the Independence Day Celebration. The Town Council decided on cooking hamburgers for lunch and sending out sign-up sheets for the salads and desserts (as opposed to having it catered). Councilmember Anderson also reported that she has received three bids for playground equipment. She will have Tina email them to each Councilmember for opinions.

John Chartier, Planning Commission Chairman, discussed a concern regarding the lack of a turnaround area on 270 South. He explained the safety issue of emergency vehicles not being able to turn around, as well as concerns from a neighbor. John then presented a survey by Rex Friant from May 2020, which shows the turnaround on the property. He also noted that the Ford's have set their house back to accommodate the turnaround and there have been email correspondence with the Ford's indicating that they would keep it available. Mayor Christensen and Chairman Chartier agreed on an interim plan to meet with the Ford's to discuss the concerns. Councilmember Johns noted that there is a perpetual easement on the property and emphasized the importance of addressing the issue soon. He also mentioned water drainage from the road and the option of installing a dry well.

Scott Thomsen explained that he would like to rebuild the irrigation screen. He does not want to mess with the concrete, only dismantle and rebuild the screen. Scott also noted that the spring box project has been advertised for bids. He added that the contractors he has reached out to would not be able to fit the project into their schedule this summer. Councilmember Johns noted that it could be bid for spring.

Councilmember Anderson asked if it is possible to cut back on the water restrictions and conveyed residents' concerns regarding the two-day consecutive restriction. Scott recommended leaving the restrictions because they are needed to replenish the pond after allowed watering days. Mayor Christensen noted that if there is a point when restrictions can be lessened, it needs to be considered.

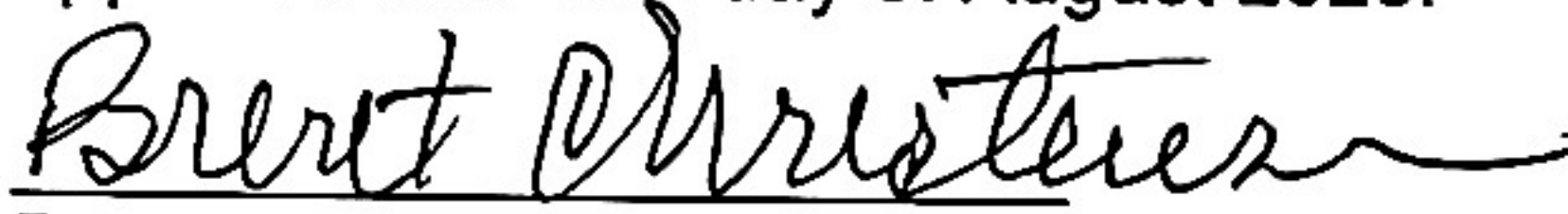
Councilmember Johns reported that Baldauff Excavating will install the cross gutters on 5th East in the near future. He noted that traffic will need to be detoured around the ballpark at that time.

Councilmember Dunn noted that he would like to look into a cemetery expansion. He added that doing so would help to obtain funds for a veteran's memorial. He mentioned the option of using some property from the east ball field area, or the possibility of trading property. Councilmember Johns noted that, during the flood project, it was discovered that Annabella has some landlocked property within the Quarnberg's property located south of the cemetery. He reported that some of it was traded for the flood project, but there is still property remaining.

The Town Council reviewed a letter from Laine Crane asking for a sponsorship as she seeks the position of Vice President of the National high School Rodeo Association. **The Town Council unanimously approved a \$500 donation.**

11. ADJOURN. At 7:09 p.m. Councilmember Blackburn made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Anderson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Minutes of the Town Council meeting held Thursday, June 8, 2023, were approved this 10th day of August 2023.



Brent Christensen, Mayor



Tina Mitchell, Town Clerk