

PUBLIC HEARING ON COMMUNITY IMPACT BOARD SMALL PLANNING GRANT
AND THE REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING FINAL MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18th, 2023 AT 6:30 P.M.
CASTLE VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER - 2 CASTLE VALLEY DRIVE

****Due to concerns regarding the potential spread of COVID-19 this meeting was a hybrid meeting held electronically by Zoom and also in person at the anchor site the Town Building.**

Council Members Present: Mayor Duncan at the anchor site, Council Members Gibson, Hill and Holland on Zoom.

Absent: CM O'Brien

Others Present at Anchor Site: Dorje Honer, Colleen Thompson, Ron Drake and Javin Ivans from Jones and DeMille Engineering Inc.

Others present on Zoom: John Groo, Laurie Simonson, Norman and Peggy Llewelyn and Lesa Smith. Duncan called the Public Hearing and Meeting to Order at 6:30 PM, Buck called role.

Public Hearing on the Community Impact Fund Grant for 50% or \$9000.00 of the Town's portion for the FY2024 Water Budget study.

M Duncan explained that the purpose of this Hearing is take public comment; we have applied to the CIB for funding for some help with our portion of the FY2024 Water Budget Study. This Study is to help us determine safe yield from the aquifer.

Public Comment:

Colleen Thompson asked where the other 50% would come from. M Duncan verified that would be the Town's match.

No other comments or questions.

M Duncan closed the Public Hearing at 6:33PM

Regular Town Meeting

1. Open Public Comment-None

2. Approval of Minutes: Regular Town Council Meeting September 19th, 2023.

CM Hill motioned to approve the minutes from the Regular Town Council Meeting September 19th, 2023 as presented; CM Holland seconded motion passed unanimously.

3. Executive Reports:

*Water Agent and Water Committee Report - John Groo will be meeting with Janae Wallace (UGS) next Wednesday to start sampling wells for the Water Budget Study. The testing will include isotope analysis to help determine where the water comes from i.e. what geologic formation and how the water blends as it goes down the valley. The key to this Study is to determine the safe yield of useable/good water in the aquifer. Wallace will be back in November to do seepage runs and static level measurements.

Chemistry sampling will be done twice a year April and October, seepage runs and static level measurements will be taken before and after irrigation season. M Duncan added we have a Zoom Meeting October 26 with the CIB Board regarding the grant request.

*Road Department Report- Dorje Honer - report provided. CM Hill asked how Honer had removed the all the weeds along the sides of the roads. Honer responded it was done with the grader. CM Hill thanked Honer for a great job and asked that maybe this could be done earlier in the future before all the weeds go to seed. CM Gibson also thanked Honer for responding quickly to a resident's concerns.

*Planning & Land Use Commission- Colleen Thompson- there was no PLUC Meeting this month

*Community Renewable Energy Act-CM Gibson, see Item 10

*Fire District-Chief Drake reported on the siren test last month, it was heard outside in most areas of the Valley but not inside people's houses. There will public announcement on what to do when the siren goes off. M

Duncan added that the County's Alert sense test was not received by cell phones running through Wi-Fi. Chief Drake reported that the Burn window is now open.

*Treasurer's Report- CM Hill report provided.

4. Correspondence: None

5. Administrative Matters & Procedures: Town letters- CM Hill reported the Grand County Commission has approved the intent to apply for the Red Rock Round Up, a UTV event to be based out of Red Cliffs next June. There could be approx. 350 attendees; organizers will encourage participants to trailer their UTVs on 128. This will put a lot of extra traffic on 128 which will be public safety issue. CM Holland added that the UTVs are a traffic hazard they are not made to go the speed limit on a State Road and they also drive erratically. CM Hill asked for the Town to write a letter to the Grand County Commission to deny the event. M Duncan disagreed with asking to deny but suggested the Town write a letter offering mitigation strategies. CM Hill write draft letter to be approved by the Council next month.

PLUC Meeting on Wednesday November 1st 6:30 PM will hold a public information session on the National Flood Insurance Program with Traci Harrison, State Floodplain Program Manager | NFIP.

The PLUC Clerk position is now open for applicants. Buck asked if there was any interest in having a core sample done on the Big Tree. Council did not want to do that. Buck announced the Water 201 USU water series is 10.20.2023. Buck also announced the Town's IDA Application will be re-submitted next week.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Discussion and Possible Action re: Upper 80 Low Water Crossing options.

M Duncan thanked Javin Ivans from Jones and DeMille for attending the Meeting. The purpose of this item is for the Council to evaluate and determine which of the three options for each of the two crossings the Town wants, so Jones DeMille can finish that complete design. Jones DeMille's recommendation was to have the regular low water crossing at the upper crossing and the low water crossing with culverts for lower crossing. Both the crossings with the culverts and the arch type crossing we would not have to drive through water during a high water event. With the standard low water crossing we may have to drive through water in order to get across and it may also need some maintenance to remove debris from the slip after a high water event. CM Hill was wary of culverts because they could easily get plugged up with large boulders and that could cause the entire crossing to be washed out. Honer verified the culverts would have trash grates to prevent large rocks going in and blocking the culvert; silt could still collect in the culvert that could be cleared out with a high pressure fire hose. Honer also verified the arch type crossing does not have a concrete slip on the top driving surface. All the options are designed to withstand a 25-50 year flow events. Honer asked Ivan which option would be easiest to repair if they were under cut. Ivans responded they would go down to scour depth with rip raff and toe and head blocks to prevent any undercutting. The arch type crossing is the only option that would be still passable in a high flow incident. M Duncan added the grant funding sources they have been looking into are paid through reimbursements, so the Town would need the money up front to pay the contractor prior to reimbursement with the grant contract. Buck added that most grants want to see the Town do some kind of in-kind match. With CIB it would probably be a low interest loan, so this could be long term expenditure. Lowest cost would be \$261000.00 for both low water crossings. Discussion continued on that the expense of the crossings would serve only a handful of Upper 80 residents but also the crossings will be of value to the entire community as an emergency egress. Council also discussed doing only the lower crossing at this time. M Duncan thought the arch crossing would serve the Community better providing a dry crossing in flood events, but CM Hill asked if it was worth \$50,000.00 more and it also did not include a paved road surface. CM Gibson stated that the most important part of this project was public safety and to provide an emergency exit. CM Hill commented with a low water crossing at least when driving through some water she would know there was a solid cement slip surface underneath. CM Holland and Gibson agreed.

CM Hill motioned to select low water crossings for both the north and the south crossings on the Upper 80 road. No culverts, no arch, CM Holland seconded motion passed unanimously

7. Discussion and Possible Action re: Approval to pay \$14,775.00 for the Engineering Study of the Upper 80 Low Water Crossings to be reimbursed by the CDBG grant.

CM Hill motioned to pay the \$14,775.00 to Jones DeMille, CM Gibson seconded, motion passed unanimously.

8. Discussion and Possible Action re: Approval of the Ethical Behavior Policy.

CM Gibson motion to approve the Ethical Behavior Policy, CM Holland seconded, motion passed unanimously

9. Discussion and Possible Action re: Letter regarding the Manti LaSal National Forest Management Plan EIS to be approved unanimously via email.

CM O'Brien and Holland will work on this letter to be approved unanimously via email.

10. Discussion and Possible Action re: Approval of the Community Renewable Energy Program Utility Agreement.

Simonson had reviewed the document and found several typos and incorrect references to section 21 and 17.5 s that were not in the entire document. She will send her corrections to CM Gibson and C-REP.

CM Gibson motioned to tabled Item 10 until the corrected Agreement can be approved, CM Hill seconded motion passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS -None

13 Closed Meeting (If necessary)

14. Payment of the bills.

CM Gibson motioned to pay the bills and Rocky Mountain Power's bill when it received, CM Holland seconded, motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

CM Hill motioned to adjourn, CM Gibson seconded, motion passed unanimously.

M Duncan adjourned the Meeting at 7:52

Approved:

Attested:

Jazmine Duncan, Mayor

Jocelyn Buck, Town Clerk

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