

Town of Independence

Town Council Meeting

10/11/2023 7:00 p.m.

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

Staff attendance: Jodi Hoffman.

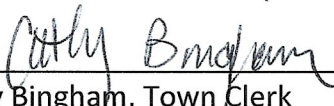
Others in attendance: Lauren Bolger, Clair Provost, Eric Hales, Kim Tolbert.

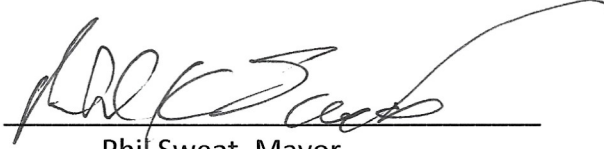
1. Call to Order. Mayor Sweat called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmember Ryan offered the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Presentation by Wasatch County EMS. Chief Hales explained that Wasatch County Proposition 9 would allow the County to collect a "Rural Health Care Facilities Tax" up to 1% of sales in the County for EMS services. State law recently changed to allow 4th class Counties, like Wasatch County, to collect this tax to fund EMS services. On the upcoming election ballot, Wasatch County Council will propose a .5% tax through the "Rural Health Care Facilities Tax" as Proposition 9. This tax would not be charged on groceries, fuel, or prescriptions.
4. Review and possible adoption of draft minutes for September 20, 2023.
 - Councilmember Duke moved to approve the draft minutes for September 20, 2023.
 - Councilmember Ryan seconded the motion.
 - The motion passed unanimously.
5. Review and possible adoption of Resolution 2023-03 Cancellation of the 2023 Town of Independence Municipal Election.
 - Ms. Hoffman explained that only three (3) people signed up for the three (3) open Council seats, therefore, no election is needed.
 - Councilmember Ryan moved to adopt Resolution 2023-03 Cancellation of the 2023 Town of Independence Municipal Election.
 - Councilmember Wilson seconded the motion.
 - The motion passed unanimously.
6. Discussion and possible approval of the updated Geosyntec Creekside Ranch contract.
 - Ms. Hoffman reviewed the revised contract based on the Council's recommendations from the September 20, 2023 meeting. Geosyntec agreed to all the proposed revisions.
 - Councilmember Duke moved to approve the Geosyntec Creekside Ranch contract.
 - Councilmember Ryan seconded the motion.

- The motion passed unanimously.
7. Roads Update.
- Mayor Sweat reported there were no new road updates.
 - Ms. Hoffman will prepare a budget amendment for next month's meeting to reflect the additional expense of the road projects completed last summer and for plowing and maintenance until the end of the fiscal year.
8. Development Update. Ms. Hoffman updated the Council on the development projects she is working on.
- Creekside Ranch.
 - Ms. Hoffman will be meeting with developers tomorrow. Consultant Dave Millheim will also be attending. Culinary Water will be served by Twin Creeks. Road alignment will also be discussed. Developers are adhering to the roof top/ridge line concerns. They are proposing a modest number of resort "pillows" on the existing Kimball property where the original Kimball house is.
 - Millstream RV Park and Travel Center are still moving forward and are hoping to start construction next spring.
 - General plan shows the Town Center entrance road coming into the northern portion of the Millstream property, winding around the Millstream property, following the Duke property to the Town Center entrance. The Town Center developers would like the entry corridor to the Town to be closer to Little Sweden Road and the run directly to the entrance of the Town Center. The Millstream proposal is for a Travel Center and RV Park on the same parcel without splitting the parcel.
 - No building permit has been submitted for electrical work at Daniels Summit Lodge. However, we expect to see one shortly.
 - Building inspector is watching and inspecting a house in the Pirouette Farms Subdivision and another in Daniel Summit Estates.
9. Public Comments.
- No public comments.
10. Adjourn.
- Councilmember Duke moved to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.
 - Councilmember Wilson seconded the motion.

- The motion was approved unanimously.

Dated this 15th day of November, 2023


Cathy Bingham, Town Clerk


Phil Sweat, Mayor