

## **Town of Independence**

Town Council Meeting

01/10/2024 7:00 p.m.

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

**Staff attendance:** Jodi Hoffman, Cathy Bingham.

Others in attendance: Kim Tolbert, Lauren Bolger, Luke Searle (Wasatch County Councilperson).

1. 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 November 15, 2023.
  - Councilmember Heaton moved to approve the draft minutes for November 15, 2023.
  - Councilmember Duke seconded the motion.
  - The motion passed unanimously.
4. Public Hearing for Resolution 2024-01 setting the Council Meeting Schedule for 2024.
  - Mayor Sweat explained that Council Meeting Schedule for 2024 would remain the same as the prior year. The Council will meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. except for July and December. Ms. Hoffman reminded the Council this Resolution could be amended in the future if needed.
    - Councilmember Duke moved to approve Resolution 2024-01 setting the Council Meeting Schedule for 2024
    - Councilmember Heaton seconded the motion.
    - The motion passed unanimously.
5. Roads Update.
  - Ms. Hoffman reviewed the current invoice for November and December 2023 from Wasatch County Public Works for snow plowing. The cost of snowplowing has gone

up substantially from last year. Mr. Searle offered to investigate the increase with Wasatch County Public Works. Ms. Hoffman will follow up with Mr. Searle.

6. Development Update. Ms. Hoffman reported on current developments she is working on.

- UBI (the Town Center Developer) contacted Ms. Hoffman and asked her to attend a meeting in January with UDOT regarding the Town Center entrance off Highway 40. The Developers presented a new idea for the wide portion of the Grand Entrance, which places the Town's Grand Entrance at a newly aligned Little Sweden Road, which will more directly access the Town Center Development. This plan would benefit the Town because this entry would be shorter and narrower than the proposed Grand Entrance in the General Plan and would thus yield a lower maintenance cost for the Town over time. However, this is not the entrance route the General Plan shows. Ms. Hoffman suggested the Town and the Developers contact the Sabey's and possibly the Nordgrans about this plan since the road would come very close to the Sabey's property and could come closer to the Nordgrans if the eventual alignment is located even further to the south than is currently proposed.
- Ms. Hoffman reported she told the Developers that she couldn't represent the Town as supporting this plan at a UDOT meeting in January since it is not in compliance with the General Plan and an amendment to the General Plan has not been discussed or approved by either the Planning Commission or the Town Council. She suggested the developers present a plan to the Planning Commission and then to the Town Council to see if it was something they would support.
- Ms. Hoffman is meeting with the Developers of the Kimball property next week.
- A subdivision application has been sent to the Andersons, no application has been received yet.
- A meeting is scheduled with Signature Development, the developers of the Ryan/Bodell properties.
- Pirouette Farms has a new contractor and has submitted new plans for barns and structures on its property.
- No new updates or plans have been received for the Rosalyn Estates Property.

7. Public Comments.

8. Mr. Searle asked the Mayor what the population of the Town was. The last census reported there were 170 residents. Since there have been no new approved developments Ms. Hoffman is wondering where that information is coming from. The Town has had only 1 subdivision approved since incorporation and that plat has not yet been recorded.

9. Closed Session. 7:45 p.m.

- Councilmember Heaton made a motion for the Council to go into closed session to discuss personnel matters.
- Councilmember Duke seconded the motion.
- The motion passed unanimously.

10. Regular Session. 8:39 p.m.

- Councilmember Wilson made a motion for the Council to return to regular session.
- Councilmember Heaton seconded the motion.
- The motion passed unanimously.

11. Adjourn.

- Councilmember Heaton moved to adjourn at 8:40 p.m.
- Councilmember Wilson seconded the motion.
- The motion was approved unanimously.

Dated this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February 2024

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Phil Sweat, Mayor

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Cathy Bingham, Town Clerk