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Present:	Mayor:	Lynn Payne
	Councilmember:	Randall Davis
		Donny Merrill
		Erick Simmonds
		Kyle Kingston
	Clerk	Macall Smith

Guests: Seth Mayberry, Kacee John, Trenton Water Operator, Stacey Wangsgard, Katie Simmonds, and Teanna Beckstead.

The audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Payne called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

COUNCILMEMBER KINGSTON MOVED TO APPROVE THE MARCH 12, 2024, MEETING AGENDA WITH COUNCILMEMBER SIMMONDS SECONDING THE MOTION AND ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

Approval of the Minutes

Mayor Payne asked for a motion to approve the February 6, 2024, meeting minutes. COUNCILMEMBER SIMMONDS MOVED TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 6, 2024, MEETING MINUTES, WITH COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS SECONDING THE MOTION AND ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

Public Comment

There was no public comment at this time.

2024 Water hook-up fees-Councilmember Randall Davis

Councilmember Davis shared that he didn't feel that the fee's needed to be changed for this year's water hook-ups. He felt that the current amount for hook-up as well as impact fees were adequate. COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS MOVED TO HAVE THE WATER HOOK-UP FEES AND IMPACT FEES REMAIN THE SAME FOR 2024 WITH COUNCILMEMBER MERRILL SECONDING THE MOTION AND ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

Update on ".gov" state requirements- Jeff Young, Alltech Inc

Mr. Young was not in attendance at the meeting the item was tabled until next month.

Discussion regarding priority list for grant options

The Council discussed that there seems to be lots of money, but Trenton has a difficult time getting any of it. Councilmember Davis stated that there is a possibility of getting a grant for updating the Water Master Plan.

Review Employee Wages

The Council reviewed the employee wages. They noted that Clerk Macall Smith was currently being paid \$20.50, Justin Adams was being paid \$17.00 and the Councilmember Davis is proposing that the new water employee Kacee John be paid \$20 with increases to happen after the Certified Water Operator test is passed along with the Cross Connection certification. Councilmember Davis stated that he feels that

what is being paid currently may not reflect what the market dictates. The Council discussed raising both Macall Smith and Justin Adams to more realistic wages, he suggested raising Ms. Smith to \$30 an hour. Councilmember Merrill suggested that in addition to this the town consider hiring someone to be back up or assistant to Clerk Smith to provide some protection for the town. The Council discussed having Kacee John shadow Clerk Smith to ensure that there is a backup in case of a catastrophic event, they decided to let Ms. John think about and discuss it at next month's meeting. COUNCILMEMBER MERRILL MOVED TO INCREASE CLERK MACALL SMITH'S HOURLY WAGE TO \$30.00 AN HOUR WITH COUNCILMEMBER SIMMONDS SECONDING THE MOTION AND ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

The Council discussed Justin Adams and stated that they felt he needed an increase in his hourly rate. Councilmember Simmonds stated that he is very happy with the job Justin is doing but acknowledged that he doesn't have as much regulation as Clerk Smith or Kacee John. He shared that he feels that Justin deserves a raise and suggested \$20.00 an hour. COUNCILMEMBER SIMMONDS MOVED TO INCREASE JUSTIN ADAMS TO \$20 AN HOUR WITH COUNCILMEMBER KINGSTON SECONDING THE MOTION AND ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

Discussion on refund of Mayberry Water hook-up

Councilmember Davis stated that Seth Mayberry ended up installing his own meter and as a result the costs to install the water meter has already been paid for by Mr. Mayberry. He shared that an initial deposit of \$1500 for installing the meter was paid and after the meter was paid for there is \$1180 credit. COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS MOTIONED TO REFUND THE \$1180 LEFT ON THE DEPOSIT WITH COUNCILMEMBER KINGSTON SECONDING THE MOTION WITH ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

Request to use Trenton Pavilion for 4-h meetings for March, April and May- Melissa Archibald

The Council discussed the request of Melissa Archibald to use the pavilion for 4-h meeting for March, April and May. The Council was in favor of letting the 4-h group use the pavilion, but discussed having Justin Adams check after the meeting is held to ensure that it is cleaned. The Council discussed allowing other 4-h groups to use the pavilion, and determined to start with this group and see how it goes and then review other requests. COUNCILMEMBER MERRILL MOVED TO ALLOW THE WEST CACHE 4-H CLUB TO USE THE PAVILION FOR THEIR MEETINGS AT NO COST PROVIDED THAT THE BUILDING IS CLEANED UP AFTER WITH COUNCILMEMBER SIMMONDS SECONDING THE MOTION AND ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

Review/ update of 2024 24th of July celebration- Katie Simmonds

Chairperson for the 24th of July Celebration Katie Simmonds stated that she is working on the celebration and introduced Teanna Beckstead stating that she would be helping as the assistant this year. The asked if the Council had a theme in mind, Mayor Payne suggested, "*It's a Grand Ole Town*". The Council were all in favor of this being the theme. Some of the activities were discussed, including a dunk tank, foam party and perhaps a greased pig or kids rodeo. Ms. Simmonds stated that she would like to see more activities geared towards teens. Councilmember Simmonds discussed not doing the zip line this year, COUNCILMEMBER SIMMONDS MOTIONED TO NOT DO THE ZIPLINE THIS YEAR WITH COUNCILMEMBER MERRILL SECONDING THE MOTION AND ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE. Ms. Simmonds discussed raising the price of things, Mayor Payne stated that he would like to see everything stay at what it costs the town. Stacey Wangsgard asked for the town to purchase some coolers to use during the event, she stated that they have borrowed them in the past but noted that it would be much easier if the town purchased their own. She stated that 6 large coolers would be enough to take care what was needed.

Cemetery Parking discussion- Stacey Wangsgard

Stacey Wangsgard discussed the need for additional parking at the Cemetery. She shared that during the winter parking is very limited and dangerous. She suggested adding a graveled area south of the tree line, in the hay field that is South of the cemetery. The Council discussed having a plan for installing a parking lot to provide a safe spot to park when visiting the cemetery. They also discussed cutting the tree roots that are damaging the road way.

Grant Writer discussion- Mayor

Mayor Payne stated that he no longer wanted to discuss this issue.

Parks update

Councilmember Simmonds shared that he applied for RAPZ funding to install a sidewalk to the pavilion along with purchasing new picnic tables, including a handicap accessible one for the pavilion. The Council discussed the need to update the parking lot at the park. Councilmember Merrill provided two bids for tearing out and replacing the current parking lot. The Council agreed that the current one was in bad shape and unable to be resurfaced and restored. The Council also discussed repairing the rail road crossing on 1200 North and noted that the two projects could be completed by the same company which could result in a better price for both. Mayor Payne discussed having the town attorney write a letter to Union Pacific regarding participating in fixing the rail road crossing.

Water update

Councilmember Davis shared that a water test came back showing lead levels that were higher than the allowed rate, in an older home in town, he has given notice to the property owner, and shared that additional testing will need to be done. He shared that he is working on an update to the Water Master Plan along with starting the process of stockpiling parts for the water system in case an emergency repair needed to be done. Councilmember Merrill suggested using the West side of the shop for all the water system storage.

Planning & Zoning update

Councilmember Kingston stated that Planning & Zoning continues to update the Zoning Ordinance that deals with temporary dwellings, he anticipates a public hearing being held in May or June by the Council.

Roads update

Councilmember Merrill shared that he has talked with Clair Cole about grading the gravel roads in town and then hauling in gravel on those roads to help build them up, stating that they are in rough condition. He asked about getting extra money to help with the gravel. He was concerned that there wouldn't be enough in the budget to cover the gravel and chip sealing this year, and asked if either was a priority. Mayor Payne stated that it was up to Councilmember Merrill. He discussed possible options for road projects for the upcoming summer season. Clerk Smith stated that there may be money left over from the Center Street COG project that may be able to be used for chip sealing. She stated that she would investigate it and let Councilmember Merrill know. He expressed that he was worried about having the funds to do the projects that need to be done. He will have Clair Cole start on the gravel roads as soon as possible.

Mayor Update

Mayor Payne updated the Council on the recent discussions on the Trenton gravel pit. He hasn't heard a final word from the County but should be hearing from them in the next week. He shared the people that he has contacted from the Rail Road. He discussed that in the long run it will probably be cheaper to work with Union Pacific to repair the 1200 North rail road crossing.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, COUNCILMEMBER MERRILL MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:38 PM WITH COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS SECONDING THE MOTION AND ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.