

JUNCTION TOWN BOARD

MARCH 8, 2024

6:30 P.M.

JUNCTION TOWN OFFICE

PRESENT: Mayor Greg Pearson
Councilman Sherm Buck
Councilman Coy Morrison EXCUSED
Councilmember Jodi Hurdsmann
Councilman LeRell Barnson
Town Clerk - Teresa M. Pearson
Town Worker - Toni Jensen
Piute County Superintendent - Koby Willis
Ensign Engineering - Tyson Jewks

Meeting was called to order at 6:32 P.M. by Mayor Greg Pearson.

He then turned the time over to Superintendent Koby Willis to give the town board an update on things happening with the schools in the district. He stated that there are many college classes available for the students at the high school. They have Career and Tech Ed classes. They will be doing a Drone class in the fall and there are many options for a CTE pathway to complete. Once these pathways are complete they can receive a scholarship for that department. Snow College also has a truck that hauls things from school to school to get students involved. He also stated that the ACT will still be taken by the Juniors at the high school even though it does not count towards college admittance, but it should be implemented next fall for College admittance. The high school did a career survey and the results were that more than ½ of the students were interested in Health Care so they have started offering HOSA. The enrollment at the schools is slowly declining but they will be building two new elementary schools. They are hoping to break ground in the spring of 2025. They will be building one in Circleville and one in Marysvale. A copy of his presentation is attached to the minutes.

Time was now turned over to Tyson Jewks from Ensign Engineering. He stated that the Division of Drinking water did the final inspection of the tank. The old tank is up in the air. They will be isolating it to look at everything to see what needs to be done to repair it. Tyson stated that there was no update from Brad from Petersen's on the meters but he will contact the mayor on Monday. The tie in to the outlet valve does not seal all the way so they are working on it. He stated that the valve at the tank will be replaced and some other shut off valves in town will be replaced with the extra money. Tyson also stated that no change orders have been paid out. The float will need to shut off while they check the old tank so Paul will need to consistently check the well. They will talk to Tyler Moore with KMECO to see if it is possible and feasible to move the float to the new tank.

The clerk will email Brad to see if he can give us an update on the meters.

Time was then turned to discuss the roads. Some roads need to be chip sealed this summer. We need to figure out the budget and see about getting Ensign to work up a plan to help us stay on top of the roads. Bid it with chip seal and crack seal and then figure out what to do with the budget we have available. The budget is about \$80,000 right now. Professional service to have help with this is a concern for the mayor. Tyson will work up an estimate and send it to the clerk on how much it will cost for Professional Service. Tyson also had a letter for the lead and copper water line grant that needs to be sent out in the water bills for those with meters in town.

The ordinances have to be updated due to the state bill. We have received some information from 2 businesses on the list that are willing to help us with this matter, Hansen Planning Group and Sunrise Engineering. The board discussed who they would like to help the town with this.

MOTION: Made by Councilman LeRel Barnson to have Hansen Planning Group help the town of Junction with the ordinance update.

SECONDED: Councilman Sherm Buck VOTE
UNANIMOUS

Minutes for the February 2024 meeting were reviewed.

MOTION: Made by Councilman Sherm Buck to approve the February 2024 minutes.

SECONDED: Councilmember Jodi Hurdsman
VOTE UNANIMOUS

The clerk had an application for a business license for Rannie Beaver to open up a second hand shop in Junction.

MOTION: Made by Councilmember Jodi Hurdsman to approve the business license for Rannie Beaver.

SECONDED: Councilman LeRel Barnson
VOTE UNANIMOUS

Time was turned to Mayor Pearson to discuss the fire department. He stated that the main truck is geared for 50 mph so they have found a way to fix it. They will need to have the rear ends changed. The money for this will come out of the wildland funds.

Overdue water bills were discussed. Most of the bills that were on the list last month were paid. The clerk will send out letters of concern to those on the list and 2 disconnect notices. The puddle across from the grocery store needs to be checked to make sure that it is still not leaking. The water leak that was by Delbert Martin's home should have been fixed but the Mayor will talk to them to see.

Councilman LeRel Barnson stated that the Junction Irrigation Company is filing out an application for a grant to pipe the canal. It may take some time but they are working on it.

Time was turned to Councilman Sherm Buck to discuss the cemetery. He stated that the garbage still needs to be dumped. Mayor Pearson will get a hold of Paul to take care of this. The flag at the entrance needs to be replaced also. Councilman Sherm will get this taken care of.

Councilman Sherm Buck then reported on the airport. He stated that he is waiting to see if Ryan goes to the operators meeting. They have not said anything more about the drag races at this time.

Councilmember Jodi Hurdsmann stated that Easter is on Saturday March 30. We will start spreading eggs at 8:00 and would like all board members to be there. The clerk will take care of the donuts and juice.

Councilman LeRel Barnson discussed the park. He stated that they are planning on spraying the grass around May 1st. They would like to fix up the baseball field. The school district has a sod cutter that the town may use to help with the baselines.

ORDER: Claims were available for the March payroll and accounts payable which goes from Check # 12198 to Check # 12221.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:36 P.M. by Mayor Greg Pearson.

MOTION: Made by Councilman Sherm Buck to adjourn the meeting.
SECONDED: Councilman LeRel Barnson
VOTE UNANIMOUS

ATTEST:


Mayor Greg Pearson

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Clerk - Teresa M. Pearson