

Opening:

Presiding: Mayor Ronald Allred

Present from the Town Council: Ronald Allred, Andrew Aagard and Lucy Gold.

Present from the Town Staff: Marilyn Bronson, Rachel Bronson, Terry Allred, Benjamin Allred, and Casey Reynolds.

Others Present: Marilyn Kool

Invocation was given.

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

The council acknowledged that there had been a typo regarding the month of the minutes to be approved, and since March's minutes were mistakenly omitted from the agenda, they could not approve minutes at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Prior Town Office trailer: Regarding the ownership and history of the town office trailer originally federal excess property, and how it had been managed in relation to low-income housing. It was established that the town still owned the trailers and could not sell them, but only return them to the federal government after they were beyond use. The council deliberated on recouping funds mistakenly invested into the town office trailer, and managing its future use.

2. Adoption & Approval of Resolution 2024-01 & 2024-02; Clerk/Recorder & Treasurer Responsibilities: The responsibility resolutions, which were previously presented but not approved, are being revisited for approval at this time. A motion to adopt the Clerk/Recorder & Treasurer responsibility resolutions was made by Council Member Lucy Gold and seconded by Council Member Andrew Aagard; all others voted in favor with the exception of Council Member Joanna Covington and Council Member Bethany Sturgeon, who had been excused from the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Hiring of a Water Director:

The hiring protocol for a Water/EMS Director was discussed, taking into account the candidate, Water Department Head, Casey Reynolds extensive experience performing these duties as a volunteer. Casey has been fulfilling these responsibilities for the Town for several years and was considered the most suitable candidate for the position.

A motion was made to designate Water Department Head, Casey Reynolds to the position of Water/EMS Director by Council Member Andrew Aagard and seconded by Council Member Lucy Gold; all others voted in favor with the exception of Council Member Joanna Covington and Council Member Bethany Sturgeon, who had been excused from the meeting.

2. Paying Loan on Well #3:

Discussion about potentially making a lump sum payment on the loan for Well #3. Treasurer, Rachel Bronson presented the financial advantages of such a move compared to accruing further interest. It was felt that presenting this information beforehand would be advantageous for the Council's decision-making process, however, it was acknowledged that a final decision couldn't be reached yet due to the need for

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additional information on the procedure and potential savings; The Town would save \$159K over the life of the loan (loan of \$450K), which is 30 years. A history of money made in interest was given. Consensus was reached by the Town Council that paying down the loan appeared to be a positive step for the Town.

DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES:

1. **EMS/CERT:** The EMS/CERT update was brief, mentioning the team members pursuing advanced classes and the transition of CERT supplies to the new building.
2. **Water:** Updates provided pointed to waiting for the well repairs and the introduction of mandatory watering restrictions due to the reliance on smaller wells.
3. **Road: Trade agreement between Arrow Builders and Quonset Hut update:** Road Department Head, Terry Allred informed the Town Council that the agreement between the Town and Arrow regarding the Quonset Hut housing the Town equipment had been fulfilled and is now owned by the Town, following the trade completion.
Terry presented the updated version of the Town Hall Senior Center Rent Forms.
4. **P & Z:** None
5. **Admin: Monthly Expenditures:** Review of monthly expenditures were reviewed. Town Clerk/Recorder, Marilyn Bronson asked the Town Council for feedback regarding paying an annual amount of \$1,000 for an AI transcribing service named, "ClerkMinutes," to help with minutes, serving to save her considerable time, though still requiring review to ensure accuracy. Casey suggested the transcribing service "Otter AI," in assisting with meeting minutes, as the price was less expensive. Mayor Allred asked Marilyn to look into this option.

Mayor Allred asked that Marilyn add the railway project to the CIB list, ensuring the Town can apply for a grant to help with the expenses for this project if needed.

6. **Park:** None
7. **Library:** None

***OPEN FLOOR:**

1. **Citizen Items:** None
2. **Town Council Items:** Discussion regarding installation of 'no outlet' signs to deter traffic from using Town roads as a detour during freeway incident. Terry informed the Council that the cost for a single sign would be approximately \$500, therefore there was uncertainty regarding whether pursuing this option would be worthwhile for the Town.

The Council discussed the purchase of a projector screen for the new Town Hall and reviewed proposals for external signage to match the building, including the potential costs involved. The cost for the external signage would be covered by the CIB Grant.

Adjournment:

Council Member Lucy Gold moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Andrew Aagard seconded the motion, all others voted in favor; with the exception of Council Member Joanna Covington and Council Member Bethany Sturgeon, who had been excused from the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

/s/ Marilyn Bronson
Approved by Town Clerk/Recorder
Marilyn Bronson, UCC, CMC