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

Guests: Kacee John, Trenton Water Operator, Sheri Newton, Ed Cottle, Janet Cottle, Cleon Allsop, Roger Nelson, Tom Griffin, Jeff Young, Shea Buttars and Brynley Buttars.

The audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Payne called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

COUNCILMEMBER KINGSTON MOVED TO APPROVE THE MAY 7, 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 April 2, 2024, meeting minutes. COUNCILMEMBER MERRILL MOVED TO APPROVE THE APRIL 2, 2024, MEETING MINUTES, WITH COUNCILMEMBER KINGSTON SECONDING THE MOTION AND ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

Public Comment

Cleone Allsop asked if the water hook-ups for this year have been awarded. Councilmember Davis stated that they have been, and they went to the Ludwinski's and the Smith's.

Barney and Sheri Newton- petition to abandon road.

The Newton's discussed their request to abandon the roadway between their two properties. They reviewed the plat map and shared that they are on both sides of the roadway. It was discussed if the Newton's would need a survey for the process to occur. Councilmember Merrill stated that it isn't a legal road width. COUNCILMEMBER MERRILL MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING BARNEY AND SHERI NEWTON'S PETITION TO ABANDON A ROADWAY WITH COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS SECONDING THE MOTION AND ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

Budget Workshop- Clerk Smith

Clerk Smith reviewed the financial numbers from the 2023-2024 fiscal year and the proposed 2024-2025 fiscal year. She asked all Councilmembers to review their departments and let her know if changes to the proposed budget were needed.

Parks/cemetery update

Councilmember Simmonds stated that he has contacted Alma with Cache County regarding the RAPZ funding, but no decisions have been made yet. Mayor Payne let the Council know that Newton Town's Mayor shared that they were only given \$15,000 toward a pickleball court, he advised that this is kept in

mind for future request and be aware that most of the funding towards pickleball courts would need to come from private donations.

Parking lot reconstruction update- Councilmember Simmonds

The Council discussed the parking lot at the park. They reviewed the bid from La Grand Johnson that was for \$67,000. Mayor Payne stated that he felt uncomfortable with spending that much on a parking lot. He asked for input from the public in attendance. Sheri Newton stated that she sees a lot of accidents for kids on the sidewalk along Center Street across from her house and stated that may be a priority as well. Councilmember Davis stated that he would be in favor of improving the looks of the town, he suggested painting lines for pickleball or foursquare. The Council discussed redoing sidewalks versus the parking lot for updating. COUNCILMEMBER KINGSTON MOVED TO APPROVE REDOING THE PARKING LOT AT THE PARK USING THE BID PROVIDED BY LA GRAND JOHNSON WITH COUNCILMEMBER SIMMONDS SECONDING THE MOTION AND ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

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

Jeff Young explained the new requirements for .gov designation on all city and town emails. He shared that his company could help with making the required changes. He shared that there are grants available that would help pay the costs of the designation for three years. The Council asked what the cost would be to have his company take care of the town’s changeover. Mr. Young stated that it is \$500 a month, Ed Cottle asked how long this would last. Mr. Young stated that it would be ongoing.

Cemetery Regulation review

Councilmember Simmonds reviewed his proposed update to the Cemetery regulations. COUNCILMEMBER SIMMONDS MOVED TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED CEMETERY REGULATIONS WITH COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS SECONDING THE MOTION AND ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

Discussion on trees & parking lot at cemetery

Councilmember Simmonds stated that he has discussed cutting tree roots with other Cemeteries, and they don’t recommend cutting tree roots, he is suggesting removing the trees instead this will allow the road to settle back down. He has investigated prices, and the cost is around \$12,000, this includes grinding the stumps. The Council discussed asking the youth to participate as part of a service project. Ed Cottle asked that they wait until after Memorial Day. They discussed trying to get the price below \$5000 using volunteer work and go ahead and remove the trees.

Water update

Councilmember Davis discussed the time frame of meter reading, he shared his concern that there was such a long time between readings and committed to reading them in a timelier manner. He proposed that as an expression of good faith that the town reduce overage charges by 50% when the customer discusses the issue with the clerk. Councilmember Davis also discussed having a payment program that would deal with past due accounts. He proposed that if a past due account presents and sticks with a payment plan, they will be given half off what they currently owed if the full amount is paid within a year. The Council discussed both proposals. COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS MOVED TO ALLOW ANYONE WHO HAS AN OVERAGE CHARGE FROM APRIL’S METER READING TO HAVE THE CHARGES REDUCED BY 50% AND HAVE A PAYMENT PLAN THAT IS TAKEN CARE OF WITHIN TWELVE MONTHS IF THEY DISCUSS THE ISSUE WITH CLERK SMITH WITH COUNCILMEMBERS DAVIS, SIMMONDS, KINGSTON, MERRILL VOTING AYE AND MAYOR PAYNE VOTING AGAINST IT.

Water Ordinance review- Councilmember Davis

Councilmember Davis reviewed his proposed changes to the Water Ordinance. He clarified that 5(e) means that if the water hook-up is not installed within 120 days a credit will be given to the customer's account. Tom Griffin asked what would happen if a customer had a legitimate reason to delay in getting the meter installed, he suggested that the town require them to start paying for the water that way the town is still collecting for the meter. The Council discussed this. COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS MOTIONED TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE WATER HOOK-UP ORDINANCE WITH COUNCILMEMBER SIMMONDS SECONDING THE MOTION AND ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

Planning & Zoning update

They are working on the final parts of temporary dwelling language that will be added to the Zoning Ordinance, some final tweaking is all that is needed to finalize the language.

Roads update

COG approval for chip sealing North Center Street

Mayor Payne stated that COG has given permission for Trenton to use leftover funding for chip sealing the north end of Center Street. Councilmember Merrill shared that he is compiling a priority list for road projects and COG applications. He stated that the next application will be to cover redoing 400 East to Main Street.

Mayor Update

New County fire truck

Mayor Payne stated that the County is planning on purchasing a new fire truck that will be replacing the truck currently in our fire station. The Council discussed purchasing the old truck from the County and replacing the truck owned by the Town. Mayor Payne stated that COG is now requiring municipalities to have a two-year plan for all proposals.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, COUNCILMEMBER KINGSTON MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:14 PM WITH COUNCILMEMBER SIMMONDS SECONDING THE MOTION AND ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.