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

Guests: Kacee John, Trenton Water Operator, Stacey Wangsgard, Ross Trowbridge, Marla Trowbridge, Sheri Newton, Ed Cottle, Janet Cottle, Sheriff Lynn Jensen, Craig Merrill, Cleon Allsop, Angie Erickson, Kathryn Rawson, Mike Lawler, Daniel Swett, John Nelson, Madi Soto-CAPSA representative.

The audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Payne called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

COUNCILMEMBER KINGSTON MOVED TO APPROVE THE APRIL 2, 2024, MEETING AGENDA WITH COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS SECONDING THE MOTION AND ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

Approval of the Minutes

Mayor Payne asked for a motion to approve the March 12, 2024, meeting minutes. COUNCILMEMBER MERRILL MOVED TO APPROVE THE MARCH 12, 2024, MEETING MINUTES, WITH COUNCILMEMBER KINGSTON SECONDING THE MOTION AND ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

Public Comment

There was no public comment at this time.

CAPSA presentation

Madi Soto- a representative from CAPSA shared some information about CAPSA with the Council.

Update from County Sheriff's Office- Sheriff Jensen

Sheriff Jensen gave a report on the previous year's occurrences in Trenton that resulted in interactions with the Sheriff's office. He shared that calls are remaining about the same, and that most crimes are drug crimes or related to drug crimes. He shared that in 2022-2023 there were 100-110 calls in Trenton and as of this meeting there had been 68 calls which looks like it will be about the same number as previous years. He stated that they have had a little bit of everything called in. Sheriff Jensen stated that there will not be an increase in the contract price for police services, he did anticipate an increase in the Animal Control contract, sharing that there were 17 calls and will probably end up being around 25 by the end of the year. He would like to increase the cost by \$2 an hour every year for the next three years, this would end up increasing the amount by \$200 a year. Mayor Payne asked for a report on the animal shelter, Sheriff Jensen stated that they are working with the Bridgerland program, and everything is running smoothly.

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.

Ethical Behavior Pledge

Clerk Smith stated that it is a requirement for all Councilmembers to sign an Ethical Behavior Pledge, she read the pledge and passed it out and asked all Councilmember to sign it.

Parks update : Park Parking Lot reconstruction update- Councilmember Simmonds

Mayor Payne stated that with Councilmember Simmonds not in attendance because of illness, he would share that there are two grants that are being pursued, he stated that one is for additional sidewalk at the park and the other is to help replace the asphalt on the parking lot at the park.

Water update: Water Ordinance review- Councilmember Davis

Councilmember Davis read the Water Connection Ordinance aloud. He expressed concerns with some of the current wording in the ordinance, including requiring a home to be built in conjunction with getting a water hook-up. He stated that with his experience as a general contractor he has seen that it has become difficult for someone to get a loan to build a house on a property that doesn't have utilities, he discussed changing the procedure to make it so that once you got a water hook-up and paid the connection fees the meter would be installed and you could either build a house or just let the meter sit as long as the monthly fee was paid. Councilmember Davis shared that he doesn't see a difference between water use on a home or on a vacant lot if the monthly fee was being paid. He did state that he feels that water needs to be classified for water drought purposes. He also clarified that a person would only be allowed to be on the list once. Councilmember Davis also discussed allowing water meters to be changed or moved to a different parcel than what was originally applied for. The Council discussed having a different rate schedule based on how the meter was being used. Councilmember Davis stated that he would like to see the clerk be the one that the applications are submitted to along with putting the list on the town website to help provide transparency. Councilmember Merrill stated that he feels that if a person pays for a meter, it should be installed and that there should not be a limit on the number of animals that are being watered on the meter. He wondered if animal watering should be considered a commercial hook-up.

Councilmember Kingston agreed with Councilmember Merrill but would be in favor of tiered rates.

Mayor Payne was concerned with taking Planning & Zoning out of the process. Janet Cottle asked about the cost of a water hook-up. Daniel Swett asked about the meters for 2024. Councilmember Davis stated that he would like to finalize this update on the hook-up process prior to notifying this years applicants.

Marla Trowbridge discussed tiered metering and stated that rates could be based on the size of the meter.

Craig Merrill suggested that the town require secondary irrigation as part of development. Sheri Newton asked about the difference between basic and active meters as well as wondering about abandon meters.

Daniel Swett asked what is considered an active meter, Councilmember Davis stated that an active meter is one that is being paid for. Councilmember Davis stated that he is in the process of getting grant money to pay for a Water Master plan, sharing that the last one was updated in 2013. Mayor Payne stated that he felt that the biggest concern was those times in the summer when the tanks didn't fill up overnight during the worst drought, and that is what the town's water should be based on. Councilmember Davis stated that he had no intention of increasing the town's water hook-ups that are given each year. John Nelson stated that he felt you should be able to have your name on the list multiple times and that the town should be proactively seeking water for citizen's use. Stacey Wangsgard asked for clarification on basic meters and if all water connections would be considered "basic", she also asked if multiple hook-ups coming online within a year would negatively impact the system.

Planning & Zoning update

Councilmember Kingston stated that Darrin Mathis is a new member of the Planning and Zoning Commission. They are working on the final parts of temporary dwelling language that will be added to the Zoning Ordinance, he gave a brief overview of the changes. He shared that he attended a Northern Utah Flood Risk meeting, and that he will continue to attend and give updates and information as it is available. He stated that the last time this was reviewed Trenton opted out of it.

Roads update :Discussion regarding extra dirt along 400 South and the South side of 200 North-Councilmember Merrill

Councilmember Merrill stated that the gravel roads have been graded and road base has been brought in to fill the low spots. He shared that there is a berm along the north edge of 400 South and shared that Tom Griffin is willing to take the dirt, making it easier to plow the roads in the winter and have water run off the road during rain storms. He asked how the other Councilmembers felt about it. Councilmember Davis wondered if the town could use the dirt, and John Nelson then wondered if a landscape company would be willing to purchase the dirt. Councilmember Merrill would like a timeline for removing the dirt. The Council discussed putting something in the newsletter that let the town residents know that the dirt was available, along with allowing the highest bidder to take the dirt and having a timeline for them to have it removed.

Mayor Update

The Mayor gave an overview of recent decisions in regards to the gravel pit, stating that the County would not be turning the running of it over to Trenton but would administer it themselves. He updated the Council on the rail road crossing on 1200 North and shared that he felt that it would cost more to pay an attorney to fight the railroad than to just split the cost with them. He thanked the Councilmembers for what they are doing and reminded them of the need to use resources wisely.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, COUNCILMEMBER MERRILL MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:50 PM WITH COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS SECONDING THE MOTION AND ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.