

Town of Koosharem Public Hearing/ Regular Meeting Minutes
Koosharem Town Council Room
June 12, 2024

Public Hearing:

- **Annexation**

Letters were sent to affected entities and surrounding properties as well as posted on the public notice website. The annexed area is 79.55 acres, which the town is already servicing water to half of that area. Roads will still be taken care of by the county. Ladon will need to sign an agreement agreeing on annexation and water shares. Brian is concerned about the water Ron says the study has been done to support the town and the new subdivisions.

- **Budget**

Tina was worried about the cemetery budget, what cost so much and would we need a donation? Potentially bump Sandy budget for recreation. Sandy is going to do a fundraiser for her department over the 4th of July this will also help upgrade the town hall.

138k in general fund revenue, Expenditures by department is 58k, public safety and fire department 19k, highways 32k, parks is 1400, recreation is 4300, Cemetery 12k, Fund balance transfer 14k, water revenue 127k expend 140k. Tina asked what is the expense of the cemetery, those expenses would be power, opening and closing of graves, wages for that and mowing lawns as well as taking care of the weeds etc. Tina suggested having a donation for the cemetery because it's a big expense. The Mayor does not see that being successful because we do that to make things easier for the community.

Roll Call:

Mayor Ron Torgerson, Council: Jeff Hatch, Brian Woolsey, Tina Perry, Sandy Luscher

Clerk: Kenzie Bagley

Absent: Sandy

Public Comments:

Consent Agenda

Minutes from April meeting,

April Check Detail

Council member Tina Perry made a motion to accept the January minutes and January, February check details. Council member Jeff Hatch seconded the motion. Roll call vote: voting aye – Council members Hatch, Perry, Luscher, Woolsey

NEW BUSINESS

Potential approval of Northfield Annexation

Annexation was approved for the Northfield Properties. Plat map will need to be signed by the town council, planning commission and surveyors to receive the certificate.

Council member Ron Torgerson made a motion to approve the annexation of the Northfield Properties. Council member Brian Woolsey seconded the motion. Roll call vote: voting aye – Council members Hatch, Perry, Luscher, Woolsey

Resolution approving 2024-2025 Budget (R2024-5)

Council member Tina Perry made a motion to accept the 2024-2025 budget resolution. Council member Brian Woolsey seconded the motion. Roll call vote: voting aye – Council members Hatch, Perry, Luscher, Woolsey

Resolution approving the Certified Tax rate (R2024-5)

Council member Jeff Hatch made a motion to approve the Certified tax rate. Council member Tina Perry seconded the motion. Roll call vote: voting aye – Council members Hatch, Perry, Luscher, Woolsey

GOEO Grant Opportunity (Brock)

Our share went towards fixing and upgrading roads in town. The Merc used their share to redo the mural and upgrade some other things outside the store.

Green Grant was talked about, It would be used on the new community center to install solar panels and maybe some other things to help save energy. Support is favored in any way that energy can be saved.

Look into the CDBG grant. Maybe something we want to apply for in the future. Attend meetings to be able to apply for this grant.

GOEO grant will be available again this year the application for the intent to apply will be open on July 1st.

Utah Cyber Center Services (Brock)

Hazard mitigation plan is a year and a half long process. Basically apply for the grant and then give updates throughout the year on what is going on.

Utah Cyber Center, passed an allocated fund to the state for antivirus protection. This would be IT services, since we are small enough we don't need a person just for that but there are options for a pilot program which is one person who would represent multiple places that would be able to stop in and help when needed.

CDBG Community development block grant this one is administered through the state it will help with recreation and playgrounds etc. Koosharem is already qualified to apply but we do have to have proof of documentation and show that it's been discussed in meetings.

Presentation on Fees (Brock)

Cities and towns get most of their money from property tax. Fees can be charged for a service or to manage behaviors. Cost should be adjusted with inflation. Charges need to be reasonable, doing research and finding out what would be appropriate is ideal vs just charging what the neighbor charges. Koosharem would benefit from adjusting the fees to make sure the town's not losing any money.

Road Agreement

The County wants an agreement on the roads and what they need to maintain. Right now they are maintaining browns lane, Ladon's road and the Koosharem Canyon rd. They just want to make sure that it's ok they continue to maintain these roads.

Council member Tina Perry made a motion to accept the road agreement we have with Sevier County. Council member Jeff Hatch seconded the motion. Roll call vote: voting aye – Council members Hatch, Perry, Luscher, Woolsey

Approve and Adopt new Ordinances

A Business License ordinance was discussed. A question that was discussed is how do we enforce a Business License? The only way to really be able to do this is to know what's going on in the town and what people are doing in their homes. There is a specific code for people who work out of their homes. The land use ordinance was changed from 1100 sq ft to 1000 sq ft due to state code. They also included that a duplex will be required to stay together unless there are 2 separate septic tanks. Walter's building permit was accepted.

Council member Tina Perry made a motion to accept the Business License ordinance and the Land Use ordinance. Council member Brian Woolsey seconded the motion. Roll call vote: voting aye – Council members Hatch, Perry, Luscher, Woolsey

Southtown Annexation - Rick Andrus Water Right Purchase

Rick Andrus is requesting to be annexed into town, The town would like to include Jack Burr and Merle Bagley into the annexation as well. Rick would like to start working on building a house before winter. The town will require him to buy a water share and then donate it to the town. It was mentioned if we should have him give money or the water before the hook up is actually done. The town would like for him to buy the share then put it directly into the Town's name. Brock is going to create an agreement before any more of this process is started.

Council member Jeff Hatch made a motion to accept the water right purchase for the Southtown Annexation. Council member Brian Woolsey seconded the motion. Roll call vote: voting aye – Council members Hatch, Perry, Luscher, Woolsey

Get Healthy Utah

.The committee will have to commit to 1 item out of 4 categories to qualify. Brian thinks it will be hard to get 4 people to commit to doing it.

Playground Equipment from School

The playground equipment at the school has been offered to the town. It will be stored on the east side of the maintenance shed for storage. Brian had mentioned putting it up somewhere by the community center, Ron said we can maybe put it south of the Bowery at the Town Hall.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

a. Planning Commission

Applied for grant and Andrea agreed to sign, to approve everything that's been done at the store

b. Fire Department

c. Cemetery

d. Roads

Spray weed in asphalt on 3rd west Tina also put down ground sterilant. Mow all roads by 4th of July

e. Culture/Recreation

f. Water Department

g. Office/Administration/ Budget/ finances

\$200 bonus to everyone for all the hard work.

ADJOURNMENT

Time:8:17

Motion: Tina

TOWN OF KOOSHAREM, UTAH

Mayor Ron Torgerson

ATTEST:

Approved this 13th day of March, 2024

McKenzie Bagley, Town Clerk

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