Rocky Ridge Town Monthly Meeting
July 17, 2024
7:30 PM
MLA Building

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Opening:
Presiding: Mayor Ronald Allred
Present from the Town Council: Ronald Allred, Bethany Sturgeon, and Andrew Aagard. Council Members Joanna Covington and Lucy Gold asked to be excused.

Present from the Town Staff: Marilyn Bronson, and Terry Allred.

Others Present: Chuck Todd, Tim Allred, and Katie Allred.

Invocation was given.
Meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m.

MINUTES: Approval of June's Public Hearing & Town Meeting Minutes:
A few grammatical errors were noted. Council Member Andrew Aagard motioned to accept the minutes as amended. Council Member Bethany Sturgeon seconded the motion; all others voted in favor with the exception of Council Member Lucy Gold and Council Member Joanna Covington who were absent.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Credit Card Approval/Denial; Tim Allred, Katie Allred**
   Discussion regarding the issuance of Town Cards to volunteers Tim Allred and Katie Allred:

   It was noted that the topic was previously tabled due to its absence from the agenda. As it was now on the agenda, the Council was prepared to make a decision. Council Member Andrew Aagard expressed that the matter should be administratively handled and would support the decision that was made. Council Member Bethany Sturgeon noted Clerk/Recorder Marilyn Bronson's prior concerns about issuing too many cards. It was clarified that the Town currently has four (4) cards in circulation, with potentially two (2) more if approved for Tim and Katie, bringing the total to six (6). The general consensus was that as long as the cards were monitored there should be no issue.

A motion was made by Council Member Andrew Aagard to issue Town cards to Tim Allred and Katie Allred. Council Member Bethany Sturgeon seconded the motion and Mayor Allred voted in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Security Measures for Rocky Ridge Town Hall**
   Mayor Allred expressed that he and Marilyn recently attended a Zoom meeting with Verdaka Security Systems, a 45-minute presentation. The presentation was regarding a security system for the building, focusing on cameras. The system presented was highly regarded, but it was noted that Colton Allred also provides similar services. It was proposed that it would be beneficial to move forward with installing security cameras both inside and outside the building, with an emphasis on entryways. Verdaka offered to send a representative to provide a quote, and it was suggested to have Colton do the same.

   Terry, the building superintendent, supported the idea, recommending at least three cameras for the entryways. The Council agreed there was no harm in seeking quotes, acknowledging that costs vary widely among companies. The discussion also touched on the security of money kept in the building, emphasizing concerns about potential vandalism.

The Council considered Colton's previous work on the church's security as well as the possibility of what Casey and Heber installed at the Fire Station. These options may provide a more affordable solution. and Marilyn was tasked with following up, with offers of assistance from the Mayor.

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DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES:

1. **EMS/CERT:** None
2. **Water:** Terry reported that the well company had returned to finish assembling the well rods. They successfully installed 120 feet of new pipe out of the required 330 feet. While the company initially faced a delay due to missing parts, they are expected to resume work within the week or early next week. Terry highlighted the urgency expressed to the company due to the delay, which was originally projected to have been resolved four months ago. The completion date remains uncertain, and no expenses were discussed during the latest communication.
3. **Road:** It was reported that work on the road base for 300 South is nearly complete. The road is looking good, though there was a mention of fatigue from the effort, humorously noting that the tires are especially "tired" from carrying all the dirt.
4. **P & Z:** Zipflow is being Updated: Marilyn conveyed that Town Inspector Lane Allred expressed that Nephi City is currently finalizing certain aspects of the program before transferring those updates to Rocky Ridge's system. Nephi City is effectively serving as the test case for these updates.
5. **Admin:** Monthly Expenditures: The Council reviewed the monthly expenditures and addressed specific items. There was a query about a repair by Three (3) Brothers on the park's sprinkler system, where some zones had stopped working due to damage from trucks running over the sprinkler heads. Terry noted that Benjamin would be handling those repairs. In regards to the park use for recreation purposes, specifically for wear and tear due to the Soccer Season, Tim mentioned plans to compare park maintenance costs with Summit Ridge but hasn't completed this yet. Terry reported issues with the white dump truck, including broken leaf springs and a rear axle problem. The dozer, which cost $8,000, was used to clean around the gravel pits and organize topsoil. The Council discussed the purchase of a gate at the back of the cemetery for storage access. Expenses for the Town Hall exterior signage was noted due to the high cost. Mayor Allred asked if that expense would be covered by the CIB grant. Marilyn responded in the affirmative and added that all the necessary paperwork has been submitted to CIB for the completion of the project.
   Water Moratorium Update: Marilyn highlighted key dates: *August 21 will mark 154 days since the renewal of the Water Moratorium, and by the next Town Council meeting on September 18, it will be 182 days.* The Council would need to decide, with input from Water/EMS Director, Casey Reynolds, whether to renew the Moratorium in August, before reaching 180 days, or in September. It was suggested to add the topic to the August agenda to stay ahead of the deadline.

   Council Member Andrew Aagard expressed that while existing water rights are sufficient to cover current commitments, there aren't enough water rights for new permits under the moratorium. Mayor Allred informed those present that Terry has submitted water flow readings to Jim Riley, who forwarded them to the State to support their case for obtaining additional water rights. Additionally, attempts to seek legislative help from Burgess Owens' team were redirected to Representative Steve Lund, but Jim Riley advised that legal assistance might be more effective. Consequently, the Land Owner’s attorney is writing a letter to the Water Rights Division to expedite the process.

   The discussion also highlighted advice from Council Member Bethany Sturgeon against continuous Water moratoriums (Shay Morrison, Six County & the Rural Water Association of Utah). Shay had previously suggested a Resolution to temporarily hold water allocation, rather than an official Moratorium. Marilyn offered to prepare both a Water moratorium renewal as well as a Temporary Water Restriction Resolution for the Council. This approach aims to maintain transparency and compliance, with further information to be shared for review before the next meeting.

6. **Park:** Sports Courts at a standstill:
   Mayor Allred expressed that Benjamin has been dedicating significant hours to the park. Additionally, bark has been placed in the swing sets and playgrounds to meet insurance requirements for safety. Tim announced plans

for running a fall sport in the park, coordinating with Benjamin. They will monitor the number of participants to manage wear and tear on the park, noting that fall is a better season for this activity.
In regards to the Sports Courts there is an issue with funding. After several meetings progress is stalled until additional funding is secured. Consequently, the plan is to fix the sprinkler systems and zones but leave the pathway torn up until sufficient finances are available to bring in the heavy trucks needed for the concrete work. The decision is to wait, likely until spring, to avoid fixing the pathway only to have it damaged again by the necessary construction vehicles. Fundraising efforts to support the project.

7. **Library:** None

***OPEN FLOOR:**

1. Citizen Items: None
2. Town Council Items: None

Adjournment:

Council Member Andrew Aagard moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Bethany Sturgeon seconded the motion, all others voted in favor with the exception of the absent and excused Council Members; Council Member Lucy Gold and Council Member Joanna Covington. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

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