



**MINUTES FOR
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
Town Council Regular Meeting
Dutch John Conference Hall
August 14, 2024 7:00 p.m.**

MINUTES FOR MEETING AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLLCALL: August 14, 2024

		Present	Absent	Excused
Mayor:	Butch Johns	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Council members:	Sandy Kunkel	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	Al Pulham	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	Amy McDonald	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	Harriet Dickerson	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Mayor Johns informed Council that although our agenda was timely posted at the town post office there was a glitch with the UPN website because the date said July 14 instead of August but everyone who signed up for notice did receive notice and it contained the correct agenda.

Based on this information we continued with the regular meeting.

ATTENDANCE: Andrew Morse, JayDee Guymon. On-line.

1. CONSENT AGENDA

1.1 Minutes of meeting: July 10, 2024, July 24, 2024 Corrections made

1.2 Business Licenses: Andrew Morse, Corey Hassell, Dalton Weinant, Ryan and Amber Kelly, Stephen Lytle, Ryan Clarkson, Rusk House, Rod Folkerson, Michael Jensen. Rusk House was tabled.

1.3 Expenditures: BVE \$519.81, Daggett County \$679.00, Dominion Energy \$24.52., Union-Tel \$567.18, KLCY \$392.00 KIFZ \$392.00, (Ms. Dickerson said not to pay the radio station invoices. She will discuss the issue with the radio station.) Vernal City \$5,694.48, (This is for attorney fees to date.) iWorks \$5,000.

1.4 Correspondence:

1.5 Financial Report: Freedom Festival report. Discussion of costs and donations followed. This report will be submitted at our next meeting.

Mr. Pulham questioned if the majority of business license applications was for nightly rentals. The majority are for fishing guiding.

Mr. Pulham made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda with corrections to the Minutes and discussions regarding other items as noted. Ms. McDonald seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

2. COMMITTEE/STAFF REPORTS

Mayor Johns said he met with several people regarding town business - our attorney, Mike Harrington's information will be discussed later in the agenda; his meeting with Lori Hassel involved economic development; and Nate Zilles will be here on the 28th to discuss financial policy document he and Ms. McDonald have prepared, taxes, and economic development.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Andrew Morse expected his short term rental application to be on the agenda for tonight and it isn't there. He feels like he has submitted everything that is required and all inspections are approved. Ms. McDonald felt the hold up was probably something to do with Matt Tate not timely getting something to PnZ. Mr. Morse asked what he could do to help the process as he has a substantial investment in the property and would like to move forward.

JayDee Guymon reported on the Daggett Daze Event the end of the month. Saturday, August 31st there will be an emergency preparedness fair starting at 11:00 a.m. and Mr. Guymon hopes everyone can attend.

4. OLD BUSINESS

4.1 Airport Development – Discussion Only - Mayor Johns has asked Council before to give input about the airport development. He has only received negative comments. Mr. Colovich will be here at the next meeting to answer questions and hopefully gain some support for their project. Each Council member voiced some questions and concerns and the general feeling is that there is considerable more work to be done and possibly agreements with other entities involved before this discussion is ready to be presented to PnZ and Town Council. People want to make sure the trails are fully covered, concerns about elk and deer habitat have been raised, question about compliance with FAA regulations, and dealing with other commercial development. What is best for the Town of Dutch John should be the driving force for airport development.

4.2 Air Conditioning System – Discussion Only. Mayor Johns showed the Council an app that can be added to your phone which will allow the system to be better controlled.

4.3 Town Road Signs – Discussion Only – Mayor Johns said these signs are ready to be sent out for quotes and we need to decide exactly what our signs should look like and get them made.

4.4 Resolution to Adopt 2025 Fiscal Year Budget – Discussion and Possible Action. Mayor Johns said we adopted the budget but didn't sign the Resolution that also needs to be completed. Mr. Pulham moved to approve the Resolution and Ms. McDonald seconded. Discussion following the motion determined the Resolution only needed to reference the 2025 Budget. Mayor Johns called for a roll call vote. Ms. Dickerson took the vote: Butch Johns, yes; Amy McDonald, yes; Sandy Kunkel, yes; Al Pulham, yes; Harriet Dickerson, yes.

Ms. McDonald made the appropriate changes and the Resolution was signed by Council Members. Ms. Dickerson will post the Resolution as required.

4.5 Senior Citizens Center MOU Review – discussion and Possible Action.

Ms. Kunkel just received the finalized document. It was previously approved that Ms. Kunkel could sign for the Council. This document also requires signature of our attorney and hasn't been reviewed so the matter was tabled.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 tpa – Eligible Projects for Grants – Discussion and Possible Action. Mayor Johns had sent the list of eligible projects to council members to review. Discussion followed. Roads and a transportation plan seemed like the most important one.

5.2 Conference Hall Remodel – Discussion and Possible Action Discussion. Mayor Johns said during the time the Firefighters were here the bathroom flooded. They cleaned it up. It has almost done it a second time. There doesn't seem to be a way to turn the water off to the building in the event of an emergency. Mr. Parker is brining up a snake to see if perhaps there are tree roots. Discussion of what kind of pipe currently exist and the adequacy of the sewer needs to be checked.

If we remodel the bathrooms, we need to do it right, and it might entail more than just changing the look. Mr. Pulham suggested hiring a professional to scope the sewer. When that is determined, then the rusted pipes, particularly the urinal flushing device need to be dealt with. We absolutely need a shut off valve. We will investigate further.

5.3 Conference Hall Sprinkling System – Discussion Mayor Johns has ordered parts which hopefully will make it possible to get the water going on the property this year. Next year we can do some landscaping.

5.4 Mayor Emergency Declaration Powers – Discussion. Mayor Johns wanted to discuss why we had to have a town council meeting to sign the fire strictions resolution. He feels like if an emergency situation arises, the Mayor should have the authority to make a decision without calling a special meeting. His decision would be discussed/reviewed/approved at a meeting called – perhaps within three days. He feels that we should have a policy that gives the mayor some limited power in emergency situations. Mr. Pulham agreed, giving the example if we found ecoli in our water and needed to declare that everyone boil water, it isn't reasonable to have to call a special meeting first. Ms. Dickerson said State law said basically if anything is going to jeopardize the safety or health and welfare of any of the residents in the town, the Mayor can declare what needs to be done. It also has a component that says you should dissolve the declaration of emergency when it no longer exists.

5.5 Mike Hansen Subdivision Questions – Discussion. Mayor Johns said there are three questions that Mr. Hansen is requesting we answer. Council members offered input. Mr. Hansen is asking for direction as he goes forward our subdivision document. PnZ is having a work meeting to discuss this as well. We will get a recommendation from them and then will have to act on that. Mayor Johns is asking members to look at this and see if there is a possibility where Town Council is involved in the beginning stages of a develop project rather than at the end just for approval.

5.6 Flooding in Cicada Cove – Discussion. Mayor Johns said Cicada Cove flooded into DNRs house. It appears Longhorn Construction designed the portion of the system controlling this, but it is wrong. Factors involved may include: There may not have been adequate supervision of the work as it was being done. There was just a great volume of water and moving debris and this may not occur again. The culvert seems not right and the concrete wall may not be sufficient. Mayor Johns said we need to be careful of what we sign off on, because it means we believe everything is right. We are aware of it now, and we are going to have to fix it.

5.7 Dumpster – Discussion. Mayor Johns said he has a picture of somebody dumping construction material in the dumpster. There was also an issue with a lawnmower. He said we need a way to hold people accountable, i.e. send a bill for an infraction.

Ms. McDonald moved to go out of regular session and into executive session. Ms. Kunkel seconded. Council went into executive session at 9:05 p.m.

6. Executive Session, if necessary& Pursuant to 52-4-20

6.1 RDA Legal Update.

Ms. Kunkel moved to come back to regular session. Mr. Pulham seconded. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.


Harriet Dickerson, Clerk