

Mayfield Town Council Regular Meeting
September 11, 2024
7:00 PM

Councilmembers attending:	Mayor Steve Anderson, Mike Bennett, Catherine Bartholomew, Keston Christiansen, Catherine Medler
Councilmembers excused:	
Administration attending:	Jake Nielson, Amanda Bennett, Krista Dutton, Garrick Willden
Others attending:	Vance Taylor, Mark & Annette Hopkins, Brittney Later, John Glauser, Dave & Catherine Thomas, Sandy Powell, Celia Anderson, Leona Peterson, Liz Byington
Conducting:	Steve Anderson, Mayor

1. Public Comments		
2. Discussion and Action Items a. Sandy Powell-Discussion of culvert at 111 East Canyon Rd b. Celia Anderson-Discussion of noise and lights at pickleball courts	<p>Sandy Powell raised concerns about the culvert at her property, explaining that the ditch has not been maintained, leading to issues with water flow. She recalled that several years ago, Madsen Excavation had cleaned the ditch along Canyon Road. Mayor Anderson acknowledged that the town did not install the culvert and discussed two possible solutions: replacing it with a larger pipe or cleaning the existing culvert and adding a berm. Councilmember Mike Bennett noted that the natural drainage was disrupted when asphalt was laid, which may need to be removed. The Mayor will follow up with Sandy to explore options for resolving the issue.</p> <p>Celia Anderson expressed concerns about the late-night noise and lighting from the pickleball courts. She requested that the lights be turned off by 9:00 PM. Jake Nielson confirmed that the timer has been adjusted to comply with this request. There were suggestions from the public to angle the lights downward or install shields to reduce light pollution. Leona Peterson and Celia Anderson also mentioned that the paddles and balls create excessive noise, and the courts are used more frequently than anticipated. Councilmember Mike Bennett suggested installing sound barriers along the fence and shielding the lights to mitigate the impact. Councilmember Cat</p>	

	<p>Medler recommended placing signage to remind players of the noise concerns. The Mayor encouraged residents to continue reporting any issues, and Jake will monitor the timer settings. Brittney Later thanked the council for the pickleball courts and emphasized the value they provide to the community, noting her participation in a local league through GVRec.</p>	
<p>3. Department Reports</p> <p>a. Mayor Anderson- letter to residents on rv and animal violations</p> <p>b. Jake- discussion of employer contribution 401k match</p> <p>c. Review and approval of Claims- Invoice Register dated 8-15-2024 thru 09-11-2024</p> <p>d. Review and approval of Minutes- Regular meeting August 14, 2024</p>	<p>The Mayor discussed drafting a letter to residents addressing violations of recreational vehicle and animal ordinances. Mark Hopkins provided an update on dog control within the town. Councilmember Cat Medler inquired about a possible leash law, but the town ordinance does not currently require leashes. Mark shared details of incidents and calls related to dog control throughout the year.</p> <p>Garrick Willden provided a brief update on the town's water situation, reporting that the springs are still producing, and there has been no need to pump from wells. Regarding the culvert issue at Powell's property, Garrick suggested returning the ditch to its open state or replacing the culvert with one of adequate size, as the culverts were originally installed by property owners.</p> <p>The council also discussed the possibility of a rental agreement for the irrigation company to store equipment near the cemetery.</p> <p>Jake proposed that the council consider offering an employer match for his 401k, explaining that as part of his Tier 2 pension plan, he must contribute a portion out of pocket. The Mayor requested additional information before making a decision. Councilmember Mike Bennett abstained from the discussion due to a potential conflict of interest.</p> <p>The council reviewed and approved the invoice register dated August 15, 2024, through September 11, 2024, with the added stipulation to increase fire billing by \$2.50 per bill until January to correct discrepancies from July and August collections. A motion to approve payment on the invoice register was made.</p> <p>The minutes from the regular meeting on August 14, 2024, were reviewed and approved. A motion to approve the minutes without change was made.</p>	<p>Motion: Catherine Bartholomew Second: Keston Vote: Roll Call 'Unanimous Aye'</p> <p>Motion: Mike Second: Catherine Bartholomew Vote: Unanimous 'Aye'</p>

4. Unfinished Business	Councilmember Catherine Bartholomew reported on her attendance at the Gunnison Valley Coalition meeting, where she learned about resources available to the community. The coalition is seeking volunteers, particularly grandparents, to help children with reading in schools.	
5. Adjourn	Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 9:00 PM.	Motion: Mike Second: Keston Vote: Unanimous 'Aye'

Minutes Approval

By: Steve N. Anderson
Steve N. Anderson, Mayor

Date: 10-09-24

Attest: A. Bennett
Amanda Bennett, Clerk/Recorder

Date: 10-09-24

