

**STATE OF UTAH
COUNTY OF SEVIER
TOWN OF ANNABELLA**

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
September 12, 2024**

Minutes from the Annabella Town Council Meeting held Thursday, September 12, 2024, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers, located at 295 East 300 North, Annabella, Utah. Mayor Brent Christensen conducting.

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| 1. ROLL CALL | 8. ANNUAL REVIEW OF CAPITAL PROJECT LIST |
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Public in attendance:

Eric Nielson
Jack Reider
LaRayne Reider

Taya Jensen
KC Ford
Karrie Ford

1. ROLL CALL. Roll call was taken by Mayor Christensen. In attendance were Councilmembers Kelvin Johns, Stephanie Morgan and Chris Nielson. Jill Anderson attended via electronic participation (Zoom). Tina Mitchell, Clerk, was also in attendance.

2. OPENING REMARKS. Mayor Christensen welcomed those in attendance. A prayer was offered by Councilmember Nielson.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. Councilmember Morgan led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. CITIZEN INPUT. Mayor Christensen introduced a new format for citizen discussions, allowing community members a maximum of three minutes to share their concerns. This structure is aimed at providing an orderly forum for public engagement without necessarily consuming excessive time per speaker. Taya Jensen took this opportunity to speak about the issue of the 270 South turnaround. She expressed concerns about the accessibility for emergency vehicles due to obstacles created by large rocks in that area. Mayor Christensen acknowledged the matter, assuring the citizens present that this issue was on

the agenda for further discussion later in the meeting. Concerns over public safety, especially in emergencies, were noted.

5. APPOINTMENT-JACK REIDER.

- *270 South 400 East Cul-de-sac*: Jack Reider explained the challenge that neighbors surrounding the cul-de-sac face, particularly in navigating trailers through the area due to obstructive rocks. Mr. Reider asked that the rocks in the cul-de-sac be moved, emphasizing the current state that prevents proper vehicle turnaround. KC Ford replied that the rocks cannot be moved at this time. Councilmember Johns noted that the cul-de-sac is currently private property with limited town intervention. Jack Reider and Taya Jensen expressed safety concerns and potential temporary solutions.
- *Pressurized Irrigation Meter Rates*: Questions regarding future charges linked to recently installed irrigation meters were presented by Mr. Reider, questioning the timeline for new fees. Councilmember Johns explained that changes to rate structure won't happen until the beginning of 2025 or possibly into 2026, citing the ongoing process for ensuring full operational capacity before implementing updated fees.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Mayor Christensen opened discussion for approval of the minutes. **Councilmember Nielson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember Morgan seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. (Summary: Yes=4). Yes: Jill Anderson, Kelvin Johns, Stephanie Morgan, and Chris Nielson.**

7. APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER. The warrant register was presented and reviewed for formal approval. **Councilmember Nielson made a motion to approve the warrant register as presented. Councilmember Johns seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. (Summary: Yes=4). Yes: Jill Anderson, Kelvin Johns, Stephanie Morgan, and Chris Nielson.**

8. ANNUAL REVIEW OF CAPITAL PROJECT LIST. Tina Mitchell guided the Town Council through the annual review of the Capital Project list, ensuring compliance with state requirements. After accounting for the playground equipment expenses, the remaining balance stands at \$128,977.03. Tina highlighted that these funds are invested in the Utah Public Treasurers Investment Fund, which offers a higher interest rate compared to traditional banks. Mayor Christensen proposed paving the road to the cemetery, a suggestion that received positive feedback from the Council.

9. DISCUSSION-LEE NEBEKER CULINARY WATER CONNECTION.

Tina Mitchell reported that Boyd Nebeker had emailed her a copy of an agreement dated August 20, 1996, which involved accepting a Macey Ferguson

tractor in exchange for a water meter at the Lee Nebeker property on Annabella Road. She noted that she had contacted Rex Friant, who was Mayor at the time, to confirm the trade. It was confirmed that the Town did accept the tractor, which paperwork shows was later sold to Dwight's Auto in 2001. According to Mr. Nebeker, the connection had not yet been put in place, and he wanted to ensure the agreement was upheld. The Town Council discussed their obligation to honor agreement, with Councilmember Nielson noting that it would be ethical to honor the agreement. They concluded that a clearer understanding was needed regarding the allocation of a third meter and its intended usage. Tina Mitchell was asked to contact Mr. Nebeker to inquire about the intended use and location of the meter. The Council decided to table the discussion until these questions were answered.

10. DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

Beautification, Parks & Activities:

Councilmember Nielson noted that Trunk or Treat and the Pheasant Hunters Dinner are approaching soon. He will coordinate with Shalane Stubbs about the dinner and will provide Tina with the Trunk or Treat details for the newsletter.

Cemetery: Councilmember Nielson inquired about the schedule for placing flags at the cemetery, and it was confirmed that flags are placed on Memorial Day and Veterans Day

Roads: The Council discussed the importance of crack sealing for road maintenance. Mayor Christensen noted deterioration on the loop near Tim Shaw and Bob Nebeker's properties. He will provide Councilmember Morgan with the contact information for a company to obtain a repair bid.

Water: Councilmember Johns noted that the irrigation will be turned off October 1st. He also gave an update on the spring box project, which is now underway. Councilmember Johns and Eric Nielson also discussed potential solutions for the crawdad problem in the pond, with potential measures including draining the pond & reinforcing screens. He also noted the possibility of introducing predatory fish. The Council also noted that Kinley Peterson and Kent Poulson scuba dived into the pond to find problems. They found some issues with the outflow structure and the Town Council is hoping to have it fixed for next season.

Councilmember Nielson mentioned that he recently planted the Mathis pasture and needs to keep it moist. He explained that he hasn't used the water all summer, waiting until fall and cooler temperatures to avoid straining the system. He requested permission to water during restricted times. Eric Nielson responded that he had no objections, advising that watering should be staggered and moderate, given the Town's current reliance on pumped water due to the depletion of mountain water.

11. CLOSED MEETING. The Council adjourned the regular meeting and entered a closed session for purposes allowed by the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act.

12. ADJOURN. At 7:32 p.m. **Councilmember Nielson made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Morgan seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.**

Minutes of the Town Council meeting held Thursday, September 12, 2024, were approved this 10th day of October 2024.



Brent Christensen, Mayor



Tina Mitchell, Town Clerk