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| Present: | Mayor: | Erick Simmonds |
| | Councilmember: | Kyle Kingston |
| | | Stacey Wangsgard |
| | | Donny Merrill |
| | | John Nelson 7:03 p.m. |
| | Clerk | Macall Smith |

Guests: Kacee John, Trenton Water Operator, Andrea Diamond, Ed Cottle, Janet Cottle, Cleone Allsop, Sheri Newton and Roger Nelson.

Mayor Simmonds called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

The audience and the Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Mayor Simmonds asked for a motion to approve the agenda. COUNCILMEMBER MERRILL MOVED TO APPROVE THE April 7, 2026, MEETING AGENDA, WITH COUNCILMEMBER KINGSTON SECONDING THE MOTION AND ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

Approval of the Minutes

Mayor Simmonds asked for approval of the March 3, 2026, meeting minutes. COUNCILMEMBER WANGSGARD MOVED TO APPROVE THE MARCH 3, 2026 MEETING MINUTES AS PRINTED WITH COUNCILMEMBER KINGSTON SECONDING THE MOTION AND ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

Approval of the February 2026 Checks

COUNCILMEMBER KINGSTON MOVED TO APPROVE THE APRIL 2026 CHECKS AS PRINTED WITH COUNCILMEMBER MERRILL SECONDING THE MOTION WITH ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

Public Comment

Roger Nelson asked about the green waste dumpster. The Council informed him that the dumpster behind the post office is a green waste and is for citizens to use. Councilmember Merrill shared that he has looked into a large community dumpster that the residents could use but it would require a charge from all water users, he stated that his estimate for a monthly cost of an extra-large dumpster would be \$1500. He proposed having a dumpster in Trenton and then charging a flat rate to all residents to pay the cost. He asked for feedback on the idea.

7:00- Public hearing on the following ordinance: Ordinance #2026-04-03-Water hook-up Ordinance

COUNCILMEMBER WANGSGARD MOVED TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE WATER HOOK-UP ORDINANCE AT 7:06 P.M. COUNCILMEMBER KINGSTON SECONDED THE MOTION WITH ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

Mayor Simmonds explained that at last month's meeting this ordinance was passed but there was no paper copy of the ordinance. Councilmember Merrill read the minutes from the March meeting to give an overview of the discussion. He also pointed out that there was also a public hearing held in December of 2025. He asked if there were any comments. There was no public comment at this time.

COUNCILMEMBER KINGSTON MOVED TO ACCEPT ORDINANCE #2026-04-03-WATER HOOK-UP ORDINANCE WITH COUNCIL MEMBER MERRILL SECONDING THE MOTION AND ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

COUNCILMEMBER WANGSGARD MOVED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:14 P.M.

WITH MAYOR SIMMONDS SECONDING THE MOTION AND ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

George Hernandez- Hay Press discussion

Councilmember Merrill shared that George Hernandez has withdrawn his request for a water hook-up for the hay press. He explained that after a study of the electrical power availability, Mr. Hernandez discovered that it would be very cost-prohibitive and decided to terminate the project.

Ordinance # 2026-04-01-Right-of-way Ordinance

Mayor Simmonds stated that this is still in the works, he shared that once passed it would establish right of ways with in the town. He hopes to have it for next month's meeting.

Sheriff Office Contracts

Mayor Simmonds shared that he has the contracts from the Sheriff's office but would like to hold off signing them until next month, when the Sheriff will be here to give more explanation.

COUNCILMEMBER KINGSTON MOVED TO TABLE THE ITEM WITH COUNCILMEMBER MERRILL SECONDING THE MOTION AND ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

Town Clean- up- Sheri Newton

Sheri Newton was in attendance to explain what she has organized for the town clean up day, planned for April 18. She shared that she divided the town into 47 sections and that 27 have been signed up for. She let the Council know that the youth in town would be participating next week, following she will provide them with root beer floats. She discussed with the Council having a lunch for all those who participated in the road side clean up. The Council was in favor of this. Ms. Newton explained that the dumpster will be delivered next week and that it will be reserved for town roadside clean up through the 18th and then would be available for town residents to use.

Parks/Recreation/Cemetery Update- Councilmember Wangsgard

Councilmember Wangsgard updated the Council the town Easter Egg hunt was planned for this weekend- April 11. She discussed the CDBG project at the cemetery, sharing that they are waiting on the state for the correct form for putting the project out to bid.

Roads Update- Councilmember Merrill

Councilmember Merrill let the Council know that grading will be happening this week. Councilmember Wangsgard asked if 1200 North, west of the state road, would be done, she expressed concern about the condition of the road. Councilmember Merrill said he would investigate. Councilmember Merrill shared that he has been made aware of a situation that involves the dumping of dead cow carcasses. He stated that the individual who called him stated that it is an ongoing problem, one that has been happening for several years. He gave a brief history of the problem and shared that the Bear River Health Department has been involved and required that the individual clean up the carcasses, but that has with the current situation the health department has stated that the municipality must be involved by contacting the State. Councilmember Merrill shared that he has called the individual with the dead animals, with a response that the individual was unsure what to do with the animals, and that disposing of them at the dump would be costly. Councilmember Merrill suggested that they are no longer able to bury the animals on the property, he shared the ordinance and language from the State code. The Council discussed the possibility of putting the deal animal in a compost pile. Councilmember Merrill feels like the town is being drug into an issue between two parties and it shouldn't involve the town. Councilmember Kingston suggested sending a certified letter to the individual, Mayor Simmonds suggested that the town attorney could write a demand letter regarding cleaning up of the animals. Mayor Simmonds volunteered to talk with the property owner and see if he could resolve the problem. The Council discussed no parking signs being installed on the road near IFA. Sheri Newton asked about plans for the bridge going to Lewiston.

The Council stated that as far as they are aware the project should happen this summer.

Planning & Zoning/Fire Department Update-Councilmember Kingston

Councilmember Kingston shared that there was no Planning and Zoning meeting last month. He explained that the County is considering a new plan for the county fire department. He also informed the Council that Trenton would be getting a new fire truck. Councilmember Kingston explained that County is considering increasing taxes but then passing that money on to the individual departments throughout the County, this would increase the department budget but would make Trenton responsible for all costs. He shared that the other option would be unified fire district. He stated that the updates are anticipated to go into effect in 2029.

Water Update-Councilmember Nelson

Councilmember Nelson stated that the new meters have been ordered. He shared that the change should take place from the end of April to beginning of May. He shared that the leak on Goody Spring has been resolved. The Council discussed the meter issue/ water use issue. Councilmember Nelson suggested that the town issue a 2” meter to IFA Agronomy and increase the current meter on the feed mill to a 1.5 inch, he felt that this would increase the revenue for the town but not increase the amount of water being used. The Council discussed the fire hydrants and how to prevent them from unauthorized use. Councilmember Nelson asked about locks that could be used on a fire hydrant. Councilmember Kingston stated that he would investigate it. The Council discussed the potential of different water tiers. Councilmember Merrill asked about water inflows compared to last year, Councilmember Nelson shared that May 19, 2025 the flow was 422 thousand gallons and April of this year was 400 thousand gallons a day. He asked that 3 lock and 3 keys for each hydrant be ordered for the IFA fire hydrants. The Council discussed the six water hook-ups that were to be given out this year.

Mayor Update

Mayor Simmonds stated that the bathrooms at the park are just waiting on an inspection and then work can proceed. He thanked all the Councilmembers for their work on behalf of the town.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, COUNCILMEMBER WANGSGARD MOVED TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR MEETING AT 8:10 PM WITH COUNCILMEMBER KINGSTON SECONDING THE MOTION AND ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

COUNCILMEMBER NELSON MOVED TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR MEETING AT 8:10 PM WITH COUNCILMEMBER KINGSTON SECONDING THE MOTION AND ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

Councilmember Nelson informed the Council that he has been made aware of the possibility of purchasing water from an individual in Smithfield. He asked for their okay to talk with this individual. The Council was in favor of this. They discussed some of the details.

COUNCILMEMBER MERRILL MOVED TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR MEETING AT 8:19 PM WITH COUNCILMEMBER WANGSGARD SECONDING THE MOTION AND ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.