

Mayfield Town Council Meeting
Wednesday July 15, 2020
7:00 PM

**This meeting was held electronically. Public link for zoom meeting is: <https://zoom.us/join>
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Anchor Location: None

Present from the public are Bryce Haas, Travis Childs, Steve Anderson, Taylor White, Heidi Langus, and Walt Jenkins. Also present are Mayor John Christensen, Councilmembers Aaron Peterson, Eric Peterson, Mike Bennett and Jake Dyreng, Brandi Meyer, Travis Good, and Amanda Bennett, Clerk/Recorder.

Meeting called to order 7:09 PM Prayer offered by Aaron.

Public Comment

7:22 PM Steve Anderson is present with an update from the Gunnison Valley Hospital Board. He begins with a COVID-19 update describing what the hospital's revenues and expenses have been during this. The additional sanitization they are doing, and that they have suspended all elective surgery at this time. He explains the update on the Home Health and Hospice Department and continues by saying the hospital is in good financial shape in relation to other rural hospitals. One area of growing concern is the virus going through the nursing facilities. He will address this further in future meetings. Mayor questions Steve about the number of Mayfield residents at the care center in Centerfield. Steve will find out.

7:32 PM Taylor White is present w/White's Sanitation he states the contract expires the first of next month. He has some changes on the contract he describes. One being an increase in the monthly rate to \$10.50/month, additional carts are still \$2.50 per cart. He has checked with surrounding areas and White's is still at or below other's costs. He reminds us that they collect extra trash that is set out by the carts, this service isn't allowed anywhere else in the state. The contract is designed to help regulate items they can collect, which allows for one bulky item per house per week. They will not pick up any carpet rolls due to health and safety measures.

7:39 PM Travis Good enters the meeting.

Taylor states he left the proposed contract and supporting documents at Town Hall for review. This matter will be on the next agenda for approval.

7:43 PM Travis Childs is present regarding the letter he was mailed about the vehicles in front of his property. He relays that he lives next to the post office and the street is a state highway. He has talked with the state road department representative, Preston Pritchard, in the area who had told him he doesn't have to move the vehicles. The Mayor indicates that the property of the state is shared with the laws and ordinances of the Town. Mike states he also talked to Mr. Pritchard who told him if the municipality has an ordinance in place, they follow that ordinance. Travis indicates he has no place to put them on his property, that the vehicles are not in-operable and have moved. He also offers to continue to trim those weeds, to allow for more space on the sidewalk. Eric asks Travis how he feels about the letter. Aaron gives Travis a heads up that we are going to continue to enforce our ordinance to mitigate maintenance and safety. Discussion ensues. Mayor asks Travis to schedule a time with Amanda for a meeting with him and see what some options are in the meantime while he works on moving the vehicles from the street. Mike states that we are willing to work with him, we are just trying to get the town to follow the ordinances.

7:54 PM Bryce Haas comments that we all have protection under the law, if we have an ordinance that requires something we shouldn't segregate. This is something we can't just make one person do, we need to be diligent and act accordingly so everyone gets the same treatment. Aaron agrees and asks for his input as he sees more things the council needs to address. Mike asks how many letters were sent, Amanda indicates that 10 other people got the same letter Mr. Childs did.

Review and approval of regular and special meeting minutes for June

7:59 PM Minutes are reviewed by sharing the screen for those in attendance. After review a motion is made by Mike to approve the minutes from the June regular meeting. Motion is seconded by Eric and the motion passes. Jake motions to approve minutes from the June 29 special meeting, the motion is seconded by Eric and the motion passes. Motions are unanimous.

Review and approval of July bills

8:07 PM Bills are reviewed for the month of July via screen sharing. After review a motion is made by Mike to approve paying the bills, the motion is seconded Aaron, Roll call vote is Mike-yes, Jake-yes, Aaron-yes, Eric-yes, Mayor-yes.

Brandi Meyer- Update on Lower 12 Mile Spring

Brandi indicates that to put our Lower 12 Mile Spring back into culinary use we will have to do a full new source chemistry before the Division of Drinking Water will consider approving it for use. The costs of these additional tests will be about \$2,965.00. Some additional costs above that would be cleaning the tank and adding chlorine treatment or new pipe, and a booster station. This whole process will take a couple years, nothing needs approval at this time, she just wanted everyone up to date on what it's going to involve to get the Lower 12 back into our culinary system. Right now there is approximately 160 gallons per minute coming from that spring, historically this spring stays producing pretty high.

Travis Good- Park Discussion and possible approval of upgrades to west side

Travis would like to see if they can put the cemetery on their route, he has moved a couple cans up there that are getting used regularly. EcoLife fixed the fence on the west side of the cemetery where the tree fell on it. They are donating this expense for the Town. At the park the lights by the pavilion and the west side of the park need to be replaced. We need to follow up with Rocky Mt. Power to get those lights replaced. This might help with vandalism. Travis indicates the west side of the park is unmanageable, they continue to try to maintain it, but it's an expense that is hard to keep up with while a decision needs to be made on what to do with that area. He would like to see if we can put up a snow fence along the west side and post that it's under construction there to keep some people out of the area. Mike will talk with Roger Willardson about it. Mayor indicates some communication needs to stay open with the Lion's club to circumvent some misunderstandings that may happen, such as service projects that may be duplicated. Mike talked to Roger about this as well, he indicates that everything was cleared up.

Amanda Bennett- Fraud Risk Assessment and Open and Public Meetings Act training

8:24 PM Amanda reviews the Fraud Risk Assessment sent to us by our auditors. This is a requirement from the Utah Office of the State Auditor. She explains that we are in the moderate risk category. The Mayor explains that we are in the process of looking into if we need a new treasurer with Kera's change in employment, in the meantime Mayor is filling in and cross checking things. The Open and Public Meetings Act training video is viewed by all, this video is found on the Utah League of Cities and Town's webpage under training resources.

Eric Peterson-

Letters sent out about the streets are reviewed. Eric states that he would be willing to follow up on the resident that had a deadline today to move the vehicles off the streets.

Mike indicates that in the past they had been verbally contacted many times about moving the vehicles and the landlord had to go move one of them so the meter could be read. Mayor asks Eric to get with him about looking into a towing company that would be willing to come out and move the vehicles. Mr. Haas asks if this individual is in the military, and if he is, that we can't move his property. Eric will make sure of his military status before additional action is taken. Mr. Haas states it's important that we make sure residents know we are serious about these issues and things are followed through.

Mike Bennett-

Mike indicates that he does feel like we had verbal communication with the Child's family, he had stopped by the house a few times with no answer. He talked with Travis' dad to find out his name and let him know the concern as well.

Mayor updated about property north of the park. He talked to the bank to make sure, whatever is happening, that we are still on the list.

Mike also reports that EcoLife has replaced the park fence.

Jake Dyreng-

Jake has talked with Kevin Christensen a couple times about development at the White Hills area, there is no particular plan at this time. He is open for all ideas and suggestions for use of the land. Jake is seeking opinions from individuals who are more professional in this area of land use. We already own 25 acres where the old town dump used to be. There have been some feathers ruffled in the community, and it's important that everyone knows we are only in the beginning exploration phase. We will look into a committee to help with planning for how the land should be best used. Mr. Haas indicates that if dust is an issue we should look into applying Magnesium Chloride on the dirt trails.

8:56 PM Travis Good enters back to the meeting. He indicates he will donate time this fall or winter to help develop the land by the white hills. He would like to see us present a good plan to the county to help us get funding for recreational projects.

8:59 PM Mayor Christensen expresses concern about agenda items. He states that texting a motion and voting is not a legal way to get items on the agenda. Aaron indicates anything we did on text isn't something that couldn't be entered on a public record. Discussion ensues.

Aaron Peterson-

Aaron begins with discussion and possible approval of changing a cemetery rule regarding flowers and objects on the headstones. He indicates there has been some miscommunication with rules and a request for restitution that has brought the need for possibly changing our policies. Travis indicates that there is no way for them to safely say what goes and what needs to stay. He requests that we clearly post the day that we set for items to be removed by, not remove that day, but gone by that day. Discussion ensues about items attached to the headstone versus not attached to headstone. Travis also states that there was a piece of rebar driven in the ground that took out a gearbox on the mower. Things like this are an expense to the town. Our current cemetery rules are reviewed and they do address our current issues. We need to make sure our rules are posted, Amanda will look into getting them put on a sign.

Aaron continues by discussing a restitution request for Janet Hanson-Haight. Mayor with background of how this request came about. He indicates she wasn't necessarily looking for reimbursement, but he asked her to detail her request for the Council. Mike states that if we approve reimbursement for one we need to reimburse all the others who had items taken too. Travis offers to send a letter of apology to Janet and acknowledge her loss.

Aaron states that he would like to start regulating a fee area for camping on Town property south of the cemetery. He would like to open that up for discussion and seeks approval to make this happen. Mayor indicates he discussed this issue with Kevin Christensen with Sanpete County, and the BLM about the opportunity of more of the land by the white hills to be deeded to the town. Aaron would like us to formally proceed with the necessary steps to get something like this in place as a source of revenue for the town. Mayor wishes to communicate with concerned citizens about what our intent is before any decisions are made. No motion at this time. This matter is tabled.

Aaron continues with discussion of fixing the access road to Town property southwest of the cemetery (old town dump). He would like the town to take the backhoe up and smooth out some areas where people could park their camp trailers and move them further away from the town and the concerned neighbors. He would like to make the road more accessible for people to access town property to recreate. Travis states he will donate an operator and the time to do this. The council agreed that the expense for this would come from the park budget.

Discussion and possible approval of Water Operator posting. Aaron states he sent an email to the council and inquires if the Mayor got the email. Mayor states that this item

was not supposed to be on the agenda and that it would need to be moved to another meeting. Eric questions when this could be discussed and if there needs to be a closed session. Mayor responds that portions of it do need to be closed due to a contract. He has not had an issue like this arise before and would like to consult with legal counsel before proceeding. Eric continues by questioning the Mayor if there is anything we need to do to help facilitate communication with legal counsel as some have not been able to reach him, Richard Chamberlain. The council feels there is inconsistency with the Mayor's recollection and information concerning the posting of the water operator position. Discussion ensues.

The Mayor states we need to get the rules of what the council's job is, and that he has not done anything outside what the duties of Mayor are such as hiring and firing of employees. Aaron feels he has taken appropriate measures to properly agendaize this item and continues with making his motion. Mayor states the item was not authorized, and won't call for a vote. Aaron continues by making a motion to open the water operator position to the public for application with an annual salary starting at \$6,000 where the public, including the current water operator, may apply. He also motions that the council dissolve the employment of the current town water operator and duties by August 5th. Aaron states that this means that the unilateral decisions made by the Mayor have affected the budget that the council is responsible for. Aaron also states that the Mayor is hindering his duties as a councilman with fiduciary responsibility to the town by prohibiting a vote on his motions. Discussion ensues.

Mayor John Christensen

Mayor indicates he is keeping up on COVID-19 situations and has moved all our public meetings back to electronic meetings with no anchor location due to the increasing number of positive cases in our area.

Amanda states that she attempted to reach David Church via text to see if he is available to talk during our meeting and received no response.

Unfinished Business

There is no unfinished business discussed.

Move to adjourn

Motion to adjourn is made by Aaron and seconded by Jake.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 PM