

Rocky Ridge Town Monthly Meeting
September 16, 2020
7:30 PM
MLA Building

Opening:

Presiding: Mayor Ronald Allred

Present from the Town Council: Ronald Allred, Shannon Allred, Lucy Gold, Forrest Lewis, and Dallin Mangels

Present from the Town Staff: Bethany Sturgeon, Terry Allred, Casey Reynolds, and Rachel Bronson

Others Present: Alvin Jenson and Andrew Aagard

Invocation was given.

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

No changes to July's minutes. Council Member Lucy Gold motioned to approve July minutes and Council Member Forrest Lewis seconded the motion. Dallin Mangels abstained because he had not been at July's meeting. All others voted in favor.

August's meeting had been cancelled.

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business on the agenda.

New Business:

1. Discussion regarding putting an annexation around the Town's property in our General Plan. Casey Reynolds said some of that work had been done years ago. The general consensus was to put the annexation in the General Plan for future protection.

2. Chris Lewis asked Planning & Zoning to allow him a variance to build a triplex on his second lot. Forrest Lewis reported that Planning & Zoning wanted to have a pre-requisite that Chris clean up the abandoned property on his lot before recommending to the Town Council that he could obtain the variance. There was much discussion about this and other issues, such as water rights, septic system, etc.

It was the Council's decision that Council Member Forrest Lewis would go to Chris Lewis and tell him the Town Council cannot grant him a variance at this time because of water hookup count. He needs to talk to the land owner and obtain his permission first and then the request would go back to the Town Council for further discussion.

3. Review of June, July, and August's monthly budget reports. There was a question from June's expenditures regarding a window repair and what it was for. The cost was \$777. The Clerk Bethany Sturgeon and Road Department head Terry Allred could not remember what the window repair was for. Bethany was asked to look into this and report to the Council at the October meeting.

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Budget Report for September: Assistant CAO Cathy Lummus was ill and not able to attend September's meeting. She will present the third quarter budget in October. Bethany indicated that we will also be having a public hearing in October to amend the 2020 – 2021 Annual Budget.

Departments:

1. **EMS/CERT:** Council Member Lucy Gold reported that she had ordered 25 brochures for CERT training purposes and they had arrived. Alvin Jenson asked Lucy how many people were involved in CERT. Lucy indicated there are 17 members but not all of them are really active.

Casey Reynolds reported that the town of Levan had closed their EMS department and turned all responsibility of it over to Juab County. Juab County had requested of Casey whether Rocky Ridge would be willing to take on the responsibility of an ambulance for the northern section of the county. Casey discussed the fact that we ~~have~~ only have 10 EMTs and they are already stretched to the limit with their quick response duties. There was a lengthy discussion regarding this with input from Council Member Dallin Mangels as he has been on the EMS department for almost 15 years. Mayor Allred said it did not sound like we were equipped to take this on. Casey was given permission to continue to talk about this and alternatives with the EMTs and appropriate county officials and we could discuss it more at a later time.

2. **Water:** Casey Reynolds reported that as of the end of August this year the Town had used as much water as we did in all of last year combined. We are using about 1% of what the state finds acceptable but we need to cut back on water or look at changing the flat rates and rates for overages again. Next year it is going to be harder to build homes.
3. **Road:** Terry Allred reported that we had lost our dump truck this year due to an accident. He has looked on the Federal Surplus site and there is nothing available there at this time. He will continue to research options to obtain another one.

Mayor Allred asked Terry approximately how much money we had spent to date on the road paving. Terry said we had spent \$117,114 for the asphalt; approximately \$50,000 for road base, and about \$15,000 for the contractor's labor.

4. **P & Z:** Council Member Forrest Lewis said the Board is continuing to work on the General Plan and should have a recommendation for the Town Council in the next month or two.
5. **Admin:** Bethany Sturgeon reported that Cathy was having Heber Allred look into replacing our main computer in the office because it is very old and needs to be updated; together with looking into the price of a laptop so that Rachel would be able to work from home.
6. **Park:** Lane Allred was not present to give an update.
7. **Library:** Sarah Allred was not present to give an update.

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Citizen Items: David Dye had approached the Mayor with a proposal on how to fix our animal control problem. As he was not at the meeting, we will ask him to come to our October meeting to discuss that.

Dallin Mangels gave information he was asked to pass on regarding Lt. Governor Cox hosting a breakfast next Friday. He will not be there but his running mate Deidra Henderson, will be. Dallin had been requested to invite all Council Members.

Town Council Items: Mayor Allred suggested that we should start working on our ordinances again so the Council should be prepared to discuss Title 10 at the October meeting.

Adjournment:

Council Member Shannon Allred moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Lucy Gold seconded the motion, all voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

/s/ Bethany Sturgeon

Approved by Town Clerk