

Mayfield Town Council
Wednesday November 11, 2020
7:00 PM

Present are Mayor John Christensen, Councilmen Jake Dyreng, Eric Peterson, Mike Bennett, Brandi Meyer Assistant Water Operator, and Amanda Bennett Clerk/Recorder. Also present are Paul Peckham and Nathan Abram w/Centracom, Ben Lasseter w/Sanpete Messenger & Gazette, and Brett & Misty Christiansen.

Meeting called to order at 7:06 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance is given.

Prayer offered by Eric.

Discussion and possible approval of Franchise Agreement between the Town of Mayfield and Central Telecom Services, LLC

Paul Peckham, Centracom manager and Nathan Abram local area technician are present to present a new franchise agreement for consideration. Mr. Peckham gives a brief history of Centracom. The proposed agreement allows them to use easements to provide their services throughout town. He explains there are no real changes from the expiring version, other than verbage for the FCC. After some discussion a motion is made by Eric to accept the agreement, second by Mike and the motion passes. A signed copy is given to Mr. Peckham at the meeting.

Brett Christiansen request for water connection outside Town boundaries

Brett & Misty Christiansen are present to discuss the possibility of a culinary water connection outside of the Town boundaries. They plan to build a home on property located just south of the cemetery by satellite dishes. The existing line deadends at the cemetery, so Brandi suggests, if this were approved, that we need to loop the lines. The question arises about annexation, which wouldn't be possible because it would create an island. Mike recalls that another person tried to purchase the same parcel in the past and the Council told them no on a town connection. Mayor suggests this be reviewed by the water operator for the impact it would have on our water system. Jake concurs because if this area will be an industrial park in the future we will need to be prepared. Mayor indicates this property is in our buffer zone, and the Town would likely not sign off on a residential building as we have it zoned as industrial. We will check on the previous decision and let them know.

Mike confirms later in the meeting, that the resident seeking approval previously was told no on connection to the culinary water at that location. The Council decides to keep the zone there for an industrial area as set in our general plan.

Public Comment

No one present with public comments.

Ben Lasseter introduces himself with the Gunnison Gazette and Sanpete Messenger.

Review and approval of October minutes

After review of the last meeting minutes, a motion is made by Mike to approve the minutes from the October 14, 2020 meeting. The motion is seconded by Eric and the motion passes.

Review and approval of November bills

Bills from the month of November are reviewed. After discussion motion is made by Mike to approve, second by Jake. Roll call vote-Jake, Eric, Mike, John yes. Motion passes unanimously.

Garrick Willden is absent. Brandi updates that the usage is down and well hasn't turned on for a couple days. Backflow preventers have been tested and passed. She states that she is waiting for a response about the backflow preventer on canyon road. She also indicates that we have had good responses to our cross connection survey. She will continue to work on follow up on those.

Travis Good is absent. Eric updates that Travis would like to repair potholes on 100 S and Main and 500 N. Brandi suggests 100 W @ 100 N. These may need to be put out until next spring if the hot plants aren't running. Eric will follow up with Travis.

Eric confirmed later in the meeting that Travis can get the asphalt, so he will go ahead with the pothole repairs.

Discussion and possible approval of creating an outlet street on 400 East

Mike explains the need for an outlet on 400 E. He would like the council's permission to approach some property owners about creating a road. Discussion of existing easements and a map are reviewed for possible areas for a street. Mayor suggests Mike get with Grant Hansen about the possibility. Mike indicates any future building on the street needs to be put on a moratorium until there is another outlet. Mayor asks Mike to continue and talk with property owners who would be willing to work with the Town in creating an outlet.

Update from Gunnison Valley Recreation Board meeting and discussion of appointment of a town representative

Mike continues with an update from the Gunnison Rec Board. He indicates that Lee Bjerregaard would like to be done with the board. Mike offers to represent the Town. Motion is made by Eric to appoint Mike as the Rec board representative, second by Jake. Motion passes.

Mike indicates that Garrick is drawing up a plan to redo the septic for the cabin restroom, which has been previously approved to use CARES funding due to the increase in recreational use we have seen this past season. It would cost around \$15,000-\$16,000 to do. Mike motions to approve redoing the restroom this next spring with funds being expended this month. The motion is seconded by Eric and the motion passes.

Mike was able to contact Lee during the meeting who recalled that he was declined a water connection because we desired that the connections be continuous within the town limits. After

discussion the Council agreed to keep the area asked about as an industrial zone as indicated in our general plan.

Jake Dyreng

States that he has been able to talk to the Forest Service and that we are backing off on purchasing land at white hills for our best interests. He is going to pursue establishing the campground on the property already owned by the land. Where Travis has offered to donate his time and equipment to help with this project, it seems the most likely to pursue at this time.

Aaron Peterson is absent.

Approval to post a permanent part time job opening for Town Treasurer

Amanda updates the council about Kera's resignation as Town Treasurer. She asks for input on posting the part time treasurer. Discussion ensues. Mike makes a motion to hold off on hiring a treasurer until the end of the fiscal year and have the mayor pro tem reconcile bank deposits and sign checks. The motion is seconded by Jake and the motion passes. The position of treasurer will be addressed after this fiscal year.

Closure of Town facilities to rentals due to the High Risk level of COVID19

Amanda explains the November rentals have been cancelled to follow the governor's directives on social gatherings. The council agree this is necessary at this time and we will readdress this matter after November 23rd. Perhaps a special meeting would be called to discuss.

Update on CARES Act Expenditures

Amanda distributes an updated spreadsheet of expenditures for the coronavirus relief funding. She indicates we are still waiting on bids from the plumber for installation of the hands free appliances, and the bid for the cabin septic system. We have approximately \$30,000 left to expend. Our deadline to use these funds is November 30th.

Amanda also expresses concern about who would be able to maintain the furnace due to a recent repair needed. She explains that Hill's Heating and Air replaced the blower motor on the furnace because it burned up. The council asks Amanda to approach Aaron the councilman over Town Hall about replacing the furnace filters regularly.

Eric reads the letter received regarding the Lower San Pitch Watershed Plan. Discussion ensues. He asks Amanda to post for the public to see and check what we need to input about the project.

Mayor John Christensen

Mayor Christensen explains that he has moved and the reason is due to his health. He continues by stating he is resigning and offers his formal resignation at 8:48 PM.

Eric continues by presenting him a gift and refreshments are given to those present.

Clarification is given on the process for seeking a Mayor. Going forward Eric will continue as Mayor Pro Tem until the public notice for the vacancy expires and the Council is able to vote on a replacement at the December 9th meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Eric Peterson

Eric discusses Christmas and indicates a need to make a change due to Covid 19 and current declarations by the Governor. Discussion ensues. Several options are on the table, each one evaluated for the best health safety measures. John makes a motion to have Santa 'sleigh' around town on the evening of Dec. 22nd and have the council toss out a treat. The motion is seconded by Jake and the motion passes unanimously.

Meeting is adjourned at 9:20 PM.