

**Town of Independence**  
Town Council Meeting  
11/24/2020 7:00 p.m.  
Meeting Held Electronically pursuant to UCA § 52-4-207(4).

**In attendance:** Mayor: Phil Sweat, Councilmembers: Gary Ryan, Rose Heaton, Bonnie Wilson, and Tracy Sabey. Bill Duke was excused.

**Staff attendance:** Jodi Hoffman, Lauren Bolger

Call to Order. Mayor Sweat called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

1. Mayor Sweat read into the record a Determination of Public Meeting with No Anchor Location dated November 13, 2020.
2. Review and possible adoption of draft minutes for October 13, 2020.
  - Councilmember Heaton moved to approve the draft minutes from October 13, 2020. Councilmember Ryan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Consideration and possible adoption of the Resolution 2020-03 Setting the Council regular meeting schedule for 2021.
  - Mayor Sweat briefly summarized Resolution 2020-03, stating that it follows the same method for setting dates, the second Tuesday of each month, as the prior year's resolution.
  - Councilmember Ryan moved to adopt Resolution 2020-03. Councilmember Heaton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Discussion of Council Member Salaries.
  - Ms. Hoffman reviewed the Town's history with setting the Council salaries, including a salary survey the Town conducted and a previous discussion of payment regardless of strict attendance versus payment only for meetings attended.
  - Councilmember Heaton expressed the desire to review the salary policies and the rationale behind their choice for State reporting purposes and to review Councilmember's duties in exchange for the salary.
  - Mayor Sweat stated he understood that other communities often pay Councilmembers regardless of attendance at every meeting, so long as a certain minimum number of meetings are attended. This is due to the duties outside of scheduled meetings the Mayor and Councilmembers are expected to perform including public outreach, answering public questions, and observing community roads and needs.
  - Ms. Hoffman spoke about the unusually low demands on the Councilmembers this year due to the COVID-19 outbreak—but that will change shortly.

- Councilmember Wilson stated even when she is not at a council meeting, she keeps the Town in mind throughout the day and typically helps other residents find answers to questions regarding the Town. Councilmember Wilson also asked about the ULCT Local Government Handbook and other training materials that the Councilmembers received when they first were sworn in. Ms. Hoffman noted that the ULCT handbook is now online at [ulct.org](http://ulct.org).
5. Discussion of Potential Planning Commission Appointees.
- Councilmember Heaton suggested Sean Collins, a property owner at Daniels Summit.
  - Mayor Sweat suggested Maverick Bolger, a former associate of Hoffman Law.
  - Ms. Hoffman confirmed that the Planning Commissioners do not have to live in Town and stated that she would reach out to potential candidates for a résumé and an interview.
6. COVID-19 Update. Information provided from participation in the Wasatch County COVID-19 Incident Management Team.
- Wasatch County is in the “High Transmission” level.
  - To-date there have been 1,971 cases in Wasatch County. One third of the total, or roughly 700 cases, are currently “active”.
  - Wasatch County has had COVID-19 related deaths.
  - Statewide ICU utilization is at 91%.
  - Wasatch County is continuing to ask residents to wear masks and physically distance until the vaccine has been fully administered.
  - The new public health mandate from the Governor requires alcohol sales to end at 10pm.
7. Development Update.
- Construction has begun on the Center Creek Culinary well. They are working with the Town and with WC3 to complete the permitting process.
  - A permit is nearing issuance for the Clark Sweat property. The plans submitted are for a single-family home. Mayor Sweat added that the foundation has already been poured for the home. Councilmember Wilson asked what the plans are for the septic system and the water for the property. Ms. Hoffman stated that the property did have a septic system that has been approved by the County.
  - A few items are still being worked out on the Eagle’s Rest subdivision. The storm water pipes underneath the driveways have been upgraded from 4” pipes to 8” pipes. The developer has also asked for the Town to provide a logo to place on the new street signs.
  - Ms. Hoffman has met several times with the proposed Town Center developers about a vision for the project and planning. No application has been submitted at this time.
  - Ms. Hoffman received a site plan for a proposed Truck Stop project along US 40. No application has been submitted at this time.

8. Adjourn. Councilmember Sabey moved to adjourn at 7:48 p.m. Councilmember Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021.

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Phil Sweat, Mayor

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Cathy Bingham, Town Clerk

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