

Town of Independence
Town Council Meeting
01/12/2021 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 Bill Duke. Tracy Sabey was excused.

Staff attendance: Jodi Hoffman, Lauren Bolger, and Cathy Bingham

Call to Order. Mayor Sweat called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

1. Mayor Sweat read into the record a Determination of Public Meeting with No Anchor Location dated January 7, 2021.
2. Review and possible adoption of draft minutes for November 24th, 2020.
 - Councilmember Heaton brought to the Council's attention that the word "well" under paragraph number 7 should be "pump house."
 - Councilmember Ryan moved to approve the draft minutes from November 24th, 2020, with the stated corrections.
 - Councilmember Duke seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
3. COVID-19 Update. Information provided from participation in the Wasatch County COVID-19 Incident Management Team.
 - Wasatch County has begun the vaccination process. Approximately 150 teachers have been vaccinated. 900 doses have already been given County wide. Residents over 70 years old will begin getting the vaccination next week and they project it will take several weeks as only 300 doses a week are being received.
 - Test Utah Testing Site will be at the Wasatch County Events Center Thursday January 14th.
 - County wide percent positivity is still very high at around 30%. Wasatch County is continuing to ask residents to wear masks and physically distance until the vaccine has been fully administered.
4. Roads Update.
 - Mayor Sweat indicated Duke Lane and the top of Center Creek will require a seal coat in the spring. Duke Lane near Councilmember Sabey's house and a portion of the road in front of Councilmember Duke's property need to be repaired before the road can be seal coated in the spring. Mayor Sweat suggested the estimated cost of these improvements could be around \$40,000.00.

5. Development Update.
 - Dominion Engineering crews will bore under Center Creek Road to the Clark Sweat property to run a gas line.
 - Ms. Hoffman has received 3 inquiries on the 20-acre parcel at the top of Center Creek Road above Councilmember Heaton's house.
 - No progress has been reported since the last meeting on the Eagle's Rest subdivision. Councilmember Duke mentioned 1 lot in the subdivision still does not have a driveway. The 4" storm drainpipe has been replaced with an 8" pipe as requested by Chuck Richins. Ms. Hoffman explained that the subdivision plat would not be recorded until all improvements have been completed and inspected or a cash bond is provided and all inspections/review costs are paid.
 - UDOT wants to meet with Mayor Sweat and the Mayor of Daniel about entrance into the Town off of Highway 40.
 - Ms. Hoffman has received inquiry about a building permit in Deer Meadows, however no application has been received.
 - Ms. Hoffman received an inquiry from a potential buyer of a parcel at the top of Daniels Canyon. The lot has already been excavated without a permit from the Town and has access issues that the Town is attempting to help resolve.
 - Ms. Hoffman received an inquiry about a 6-acre parcel at the southwest corner of Duke Lane and Little Sweden Road. It is not yet a development lot but could potentially become one if certain requirements are met, including resolving access issues and dedication of the Rights-of-Way.
 - Ms. Hoffman has corresponded with Paul Berg an engineer representing Millstream Properties on the potential Truck Stop site plan on Highway 40. The plan does not currently align perfectly with the Town's General Plan for the area but could stand alone without affecting the surrounding "planning bubbles." Mr. Berg has requested a meeting with Ms. Hoffman to discuss the concept plan. At this time, Millstream has not submitted an application.
6. Discussion about new Planning Commission appointees. Ms. Hoffman will reach out to the suggested applicants and request résumés for council review. Any other interested party should submit a resume to independenceut@gmail.com.
7. Ethics Training and Fraud Risk Assessment.
 - Ms. Hoffman discussed with the Council the requirements from the State regarding the "Fraud Risk Assessment" questionnaire. Entities are ranked on the answers to the questionnaire. The Town will prepare a written statement for employees and elected officials to sign. According to the total score on the questionnaire the Town's Risk level is "low."
 - Review and discussion of the "Town of Independence Ethics Policy." Ms. Hoffman read and explained the policy to the council.

8. Adjourn. Councilmember Duke moved to adjourn at 7:56 p.m. Councilmember Ryan seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Dated this 9th day of February 2021.

Phil Sweat, Mayor

Cathy Bingham, Town Clerk