

Town of Independence
Town Council Meeting
02/09/2021 7:00 p.m.
Meeting Held Electronically pursuant to UCA § 52-4-207(4).

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

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

Call to Order: Councilmember Duke called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

1. Ms. Hoffman read into the record a Determination of Public Meeting with No Anchor Location dated February 9, 2021.
2. Review and possible adoption of draft minutes for January 12, 2021.
 - Councilmember Duke moved to approve the draft minutes from January 12, 2021.
 - Councilmember Heaton 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 positive cases are down.
 - County has been receiving approximately 300 vaccine doses a week, the last two weeks they received 700 doses.
 - County residents over 70 that have not received the vaccine are encouraged to make an appointment. Residents over 65 and those with underlying conditions will begin getting the vaccination in the next two weeks.
 - The County reported about 4,400 residents have received their first dose, and about 1,000 have received the second dose.
 - The County is still asking residents to wear masks and physically distance until the vaccine has been fully administered.
 - Utah changed the method of test reporting to the "Test over Test" method which is the testing mechanism that the majority of states are using.
4. Roads Update.
 - Dominion Energy crews are boring a gas line under Center Creek Road to provide service to the Clark Sweat Home.
 - Dominion sent a franchise agreement offering to pay the Town a onetime fee of \$50.00 which is much lower than normal franchise tax agreement rate of 3% - 6%. Ms. Hoffman discussed the agreement with the Council and suggested the Town hold off signing the

agreement until further research can be done to determine if citizens are being assessed the franchise tax and if so, what entity is receiving it.

5. Development Update.

- Ms. Hoffman and Mel McQuarrie had a discussion about the Independence Water Company which is a private water company that Mr. McQuarrie would like to support the water system for the Town.
- The town center developers have deposited an out-of-pocket check for \$10,000 with the Town to proceed with the review of their proposed development.
- Paul Berg with Berg Engineering presented a preliminary plan for a proposed subdivision for Joan and Layne Binggeli. Ms. Hoffman reviewed the plan with him pointed out it does not meet the Town's criteria. Ms. Hoffman gave him input for changes.
- Mr. Berg is also working on the proposed Truck Stop, Hotel, Restaurant and other businesses' site plan for the Millstream Group located on Highway 40. Ms. Hoffman suggested he coordinate with surrounding corridor property owners to make sure the utilities that are being installed will be adequate to serve the area. They will need a zone change to the "Entry Corridor Zone".
- UDOT wants to meet with Mayor Sweat and the Mayor of Daniel about a proposed stop light at the intersection of Little Sweden Road and Highway 40.
- The Eagle's Rest subdivision is still working on required improvements.
- The Town has not received any applications to fill the vacancies on the Planning Commission.

6. Adjourn. Councilmember Sabey moved to adjourn at 7:46 p.m. Councilmember Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Dated this 9th day of March, 2021.

Phil Sweat, Mayor

Cathy Bingham, Town Clerk