

1 Mayor Leak called to order a regular Cornish Town Council meeting on July 7, 2021 at 7:05 p.m. at the
2 Cornish Town Hall.

3 **Attendance:** Mayor Leak, Colton Creech, Brad Fisher, Conrad Naegle, Jana Williams

4 Fisher left at 8:30 p.m.

5 Absent: none

6 Citizens: Dale Buxton

7 **Staff Report:**

8 Deyette informed the council that she had received a GRAMA request wanting to know if the town had a
9 policy regarding elected officials use of social media, if the town had a policy for retention of texts
10 messages on elected official's phones, how many GRAMA requests the town received/approved/denied
11 in 2021, and contact information for the town's records officer. It was decided that Deyette would
12 respond that the town does not have policies regarding social media use because the town doesn't have
13 any social media platforms. In addition, Deyette will say the town does not pay for any employee's or
14 elected official's cell phones so does not have any records to retain regarding texts and she will provide
15 the additional information requested.

16 Delinquent accounts were reviewed and it was decided that one shut-off letter needed to be delivered.

17 The council reviewed an invoice from the Utah League of Cities and Towns regarding a one-time fee to
18 hire a temporary employee that will help towns and cities comply with the guidance on how ARPA funds
19 can be spent. Deyette said she had found that paying the fee was not mandatory and the council
20 decided to not pay the fee because they felt the town could spend the funding appropriately without
21 help from an outside source.

22 Deyette told the council that the town would not be getting the transponders that were under warranty
23 until September because they are back ordered.

24 **Minutes:** June 16, 2021

25 Mayor Leak entertained a motion to approve the minutes for June 16, 2021.

26 Naegle – motioned; Creech – seconded

27 Leak, Creech, Fisher, Naegle, Williams – Aye

28 **Action Items:**

29 Mayor Leak will contact Chris Wilson and ask for assistance in obtaining state funding to help get the
30 town's water system repaired and updated.

Deyette will contact Curt Ludvigson in order to work on getting an application submitted for emergency funding through Rural Water to help the town pay to have a master plan created.

Deyette will check with Bear River Health Department to see what the requirements are regarding having a food handlers permit in order to serve breakfast at the 24th of July Celebration.

Business Items:

Unapproved Drinking Water System – In a prior meeting, the mayor explained the town's water situation to David Zook, the Cache County Executive, and Zook told him that the county does have some money that is earmarked to be applied to water system improvements and suggested the town write a letter to the county board explaining that the town has been denied grants, etc. and ask them for some funding. Mayor Leak asked the council who they thought should write the letter. Williams suggested Dale Buxton. The mayor said he would go meet with the county council if he needed to and Williams thought that would be a good idea.

Buxton said he could definitely make some introductions to the county council members if the mayor would like him to. Creech stated that the letter needs to be written as soon as possible and then the town could go from there. Creech offered to start working on the letter and then work with the mayor on fleshing it out. The mayor would like to send a letter to Zook's secretary, ask Zook about sending the letter to each council member, and then work on getting on the agenda for the meeting on July 27th. Mayor Leak stated that Chandler with CRS thought that 1.5 million would cover all that needs to be done on the water system.

Ordinance 21-14 Repeal Ordinance 08-04 – Mayor Leak said he and Creech met with Zook and he gave them some really good advice on what to do regarding the Synergy building. Zook suggested that the town rezone the property and repeal the group home ordinance as soon as possible. Creech summarized what Ordinance 08-04 added to the Cornish Land Use Ordinance (which was certain permitted and conditional uses to each zone as well as a few chapters with definitions of group homes and facilities). Williams asked if repealing this would cause a legal problem if somebody came in and wanted to start another group home there. Mayor Leak said that this would not cause problems but would make it so if somebody wants to put a group home there again, the town would be put back into the original situation that the town was in a few years ago. Creech stated that repealing the Group Home Ordinance is the first step and later, if the area is rezoned to commercial use, it takes the ability for the structure to be claimed as having a residential use and having any conditional uses permitted.

Mayor Leak entertained a motion to adopt Ordinance 21-14 which repeals Ordinance 08-04.

Naegle – motioned; Fisher – seconded

Leak – Aye; Fisher – Aye; Creech – Aye; Naegle – Aye; Williams – Aye

Ordinance adopted unanimously.

Old Business:

Council Reports:

74 *Roads* – Naegle is trying to get the crack seal repair scheduled and stated that the speed monitoring sign
75 is out of batteries so he will get it charged and moved this week. The county will let Naegle know when
76 they can do the fog seal and Naegle asked the council if they wanted to pay the county to do a more
77 gradual approach to the railroad crossings. After some discussion, the council decided that the railroad
78 approaches were o.k. but thought that the one by Heiner’s might need to be done after things settle so
79 the town will look into possibly doing that next year.

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81 Mayor Leak stated that Zook said the town should apply for COGS funding every year and it might also
82 be possible for the town to obtain funding for a new snowplow through the Division of Air Quality.
83 Naegle said he would look into applying for funding from these sources. Naegle asked about attending a
84 zoom meeting for the Petersons to request an approved access to their land. It was decided that the
85 town might not have much to do with the request and the mayor asked Naegle to contact Jeff Gilbert
86 with the county and see if the town needs to be on the meeting to answer questions, etc.

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88 *Planning & Zoning* – Creech said he was contacted by the surveyors regarding the Veibell’s subdivision
89 by the cemetery because they had a question regarding the setbacks and Creech was able to address the
90 question by referring them to the Subdivision Ordinance on the town’s website.

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92 *Parks/Town Hall/Finance* – Williams asked the council what time they wanted to do the breakfast at the
93 July 24th Celebration. It was decided that the breakfast would start at 8:00 p.m. and the menu was
94 discussed. Williams asked if the council if they wanted to have a flag ceremony and it was decided that
95 Williams would look into having some scouts do the flag ceremony. It was also decided that the mayor
96 would give some remarks at the celebration as well.

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98 Williams talked to Jay Williams about replacing the lawnmower and Jay thinks the town could sell it for
99 \$2,000. In addition, there is a guy who would bring up lawnmowers for Jay to use and test out and the
100 council thought that would be a good idea to see what the options are as long as it doesn’t commit the
101 town to buying one.

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103 Williams is working on getting bids on replacing the doors at the Town Hall and she feels best about
104 using Beazer’s but she will let the council know if she gets a bid that comes in lower than Beazer’s bid.
105 Williams said that Beazer’s bid doesn’t include installation so she will get bids from contractors that will
106 be bidding on doing other work in the town hall and will add the door installations to the list of things
107 that need to be done. Mayor Leak suggested contacting electricians to get bids on redoing the lighting
108 and getting a contractor to replace the doors and do the other work.

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110 Williams asked the council if they wanted to pay a landscaper to make up a plan or if the council would
111 like to plan the landscaping themselves. It was decided that Williams could take care of the plans for the
112 landscaping. It was also decided that the council would like to look at ideas the contractors have for
113 remodeling the outside of the building before any final decisions were made. Mayor Leak told Williams
114 there might be a rebate program through Rocky Mountain Power that would pay for having the lighting
115 replaced and suggested she look into that.

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117 *Water* – Mayor Leak thanked Fisher for his time in diluting the water. Fisher asked about taking chlorine
118 samples. Mayor said that the town probably isn’t going to have to take chlorine samples anymore
119 because the mayor told the state that the town is not chlorinating the water and the test results for the
120 choliform came back negative. Mayor Leak said that because the town hasn’t been taking chlorine
121 samples due to Pitcher resigning, the state required the town to collect some water and have it tested

122 for bacteria. Both choliform and E. coli came back not detected. Mayor Leak will also ask the state
123 about having to take nitrate samples again in July or if the samples taken in June would suffice.

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125 Naegle asked how the water levels were looking and after reviewing the SCADA system, it was decided
126 that the springs were producing at an acceptable level. Williams asked if the town had hired a water
127 operator and the mayor said he needs to confirm that the person he had talked to is still interested in
128 accepting the position. In addition, the mayor found out that the Bear River Health Department could
129 also collect water samples for the town if need be as they already do that for several municipalities in
130 the area.

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132 **Mayor's Report:**

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134 **Citizen comments:**

135 Dale suggested that the council ask the YW and YW to do the flag ceremony at the July 24th Celebration.

136 **Next Meeting:**

137 **Bills:**

138 Bills were reviewed.

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140 Total = \$2,237.45

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142 Mayor Leak entertained a motion to pay the bills.

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144 Fisher – motioned; Naegle – seconded

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146 Leak, Creech, Fisher, Naegle, Williams – Aye

147 **Adjourn:**

148 Mayor Leak entertained a motion to adjourn.

149 Naegle – motioned; – Creech seconded

150 Leak, Creech, Williams, Naegle – Aye

151 End at 9:14 p.m.