

The following are the approved minutes of the Centerfield City Council meeting held July 21, 2021 in the Centerfield City Hall. Those in attendance; Mayor Tom Sorensen, Jaden Sorenson, David Beck, Jon Hansen, Jonah Christensen, and Jackie Huff.

Other employees in attendance: Stewart Jensen, Lacey Belnap & Lindzey Young
Meeting is being conducted by Mayor Tom Sorensen. Meeting opened at 7:02 PM.

- 1- Roll Call
- 2- Pledge of Allegiance - Jackie Huff
- 3- Invocation - Jaden Sorenson

Minutes of July 7, 2021

Jackie Huff moved to approve the minutes from July 7, 2021. Seconded by Jaden Sorenson.
Carries 5-0.

Public Hearing Ordinance 2021-4 WATER REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

Jaden Sorenson made a motion to move out of the regularly scheduled meeting and into a public hearing to discuss Ordinance 2021-4 at 7:07 PM. Seconded by David Beck. Roll call vote Jaden Sorenson, David Beck, Jon Hansen, Jackie Huff, and Jonah Christensen. Carries 5-0.

New ordinance states that one share of irrigation water would be required for lots up to .999 if a meter is installed. Currently would be for all new development. Requirement for everyone in town is not currently in this ordinance

Lynette Mincks is concerned that the city doesn't currently have enough irrigation water to have one share of water per half acre of water, let alone the equivalent of 1 acre.

Kasey Peterson is wondering what the advantage of having a smaller than 1 acre lot would be? The market is being manipulated by .999 acre of a lot according to this ordinance. Why stop at an acre if it's metered.

Duane Follett, thinks the metering would be great. You're not watering your driveway, sidewalk, house. Why does it matter how many acres someone has if they have a meter? It would hold the farmers and residents accountable for usage.

Weston Barney commented there will be no overage of irrigation water, because the meter will be in and will cut you off once you meet your allotment of water. Weston believes culinary water will be decreased, because there will be less homes on a block because there will be larger lots.

Ace Allred, wants to know if the city has applied for loan/grant money? Yes, Centerfield City has applied to purchase culinary water rights, as well as irrigation meters.

Nate Barney thinks that comparing irrigation watered land with residential lawn is totally different. Residential will never use as much water as an irrigated acre of farm crop.

Jaden Sorenson commented the purpose of the ordinance is to help future growth as well as the current situation. Requiring one share of water for 10 acres is uncalled for. Meters are a must.

Jackie would like to keep it at a half acre per share of water.

Jon meters are a must, and would like to stay at 1 share per half acre. Jon currently has 3 shares and .7 acre lot and can't keep up on watering his lawn.

Jonah Christensen was really for changing the lot size, until he witnessed what it was like to see when the irrigation water turned on and off to see what happened to the culinary tanks.

Mayor Sorensen wants the council to decide; does this ordinance benefit Centerfield City? Definitely want to move forward with metering.

Jackie Huff made a motion to move out of the public hearing and back into the regularly scheduled meeting at 8:01 PM. Seconded by Jaden Sorenson. Carries 5-0. Roll call vote Jaden Sorenson, David Beck, Jon Hansen, Jackie Huff, and Jonah Christensen.

David Beck made a motion to put Ordinance 2021-4 on the agenda for August 4, 2021. Seconded by Jonah Christensen. Carries 5-0.

Weston Barney- Subdivision

Weston is wondering if the council wanted to approve the 6 lots tonight or if it could be passed tonight. Council wanted to wait and see what happens with ordinance 2021-4.

Jackie Huff needs to be excused.

Josh Flake- Building Permit

Josh was able to purchase irrigation shares for his building permit approval. Josh would like to see what is done with Ordinance 2021-4 before he has the share(s) turned over to Centerfield City. If Ordinance 2021-4 is passed, Josh will be required to turn over one(1) share of irrigation water and install a secondary water meter. If Ordinance 2021-4 does not pass, Josh will be required to turn over two(2) shares of irrigation water. Culinary impact fee will be waived.

Culinary connection fee will be contingent on whether a new meter is needed. Stewart will let the office staff know. Only fees would be the irrigation connection fee (\$1,000) and the water connection (\$600) if a new meter is needed.

Kasey Peterson- Building Permit

Jason Edwards & Kasey Peterson are in attendance to get building permits for the last two lots in their subdivision. Lots 7 & 8, 260 North 200 East & 265 North 200 East. All setbacks have been met on both lots. Irrigation shares for these two lots were tied up with the city 1 ½ years ago.

David Beck made a motion to approve building permits for lot 7 & 8 for Jason and Kasey. Seconded by Jonah Christensen. Carries 4-0.

Kasey has acquired property outside of Centerfield City limits. Kasey is wondering if the city would be willing to annex property into the city limits to maintain a 660 foot block.

Mayor Sorensen is against annexing property into the city, due to the fact that there is an abundance of property in the city limits available. If annexing the property doesn't benefit the city in a financial manner, it isn't worth annexing.

Youth Worker

Jonah came to Mayor Sorensen with the thought of hiring a youth worker to weed and water at the cemetery. Lacey had a lady contact her about a child that needed to do community service hours. Council agreed that it would be great if Jonah could help supervise and sign off on the hours.

Culinary Water

Stewart has been pumping non stop for 2 weeks and is having a hard time keeping it at a safe level. When the irrigation water was on for 1-1/2 days Stewart was able to get the water levels to come back up. Stewart is wondering if an emergency rate needs to be in place?

Unfinished Business/Report of Council Members

Mayor Sorensen-

Water in Hayes' canyon, high in nitrates. Gunnison City wants to regionalize with Centerfield wondering if we would be willing to do a test drill on lone cedar road and back in Hayes' canyon. Gunnison is going to do a feasibility project, 20 years ago it was a 10 million project. Possibility of transferring water rights.

Courtney Lund has been spraying weeds in the town. Spent about \$1000 in chemicals, mayor would like to also compensate Courtney for his time. Mayor recommends \$500 for his time. Lacey will put it on the next agenda.

Complaint about Allen Seal. Eviction hearing was last Wednesday, felony hearings today.

Ned & Shirlene Sorenson have accepted the grand marshal position. Lindzey still needs help with games and set up. Council will be in the parade.

Jon Hansen-

Jon will check in with the sewer project and see how things are going.

David Beck-

David is still waiting for concrete to be poured around the building so the asphalt can get paved. The Horse 4-H club that the city sponsors each year is doing a service project cleaning up the highway from weeds and garbage before the parade on the 23rd.

Jonah Christensen-

Jonah talked with Lance Bushnell. Lance will get with the individual who dumped the garbage in his yard to get it cleaned up.

Lacey

Lacey has talked with the insurance company for the individual that hit a light pole on main street. All expenses will be covered. Stewart will be ordering three more poles.

Stewart

Stewart Suggested looking at a backup generator for the pump system for when the power goes out. If the city purchases the water rights, it is only for the right. Centerfield will still need to do the infrastructure on top of the purchase.

Jon Hansen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by David Beck. Carries 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:07 PM.

 Lacey Belnap, City Recorder
 Tom Sorensen, Mayor
8.18.2021 Approval Date