

1 Mayor Leak called to order a regular Cornish Town Council meeting on August 18, 2021, at 7:07 p.m. at
2 the Cornish Town Hall.

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

4 Absent: Jana Williams

5 Citizens: Floyd Veibell, Dale Buxton, Chris Buxton

6 **Staff Report:**

7 Deyette informed the council that the transponders that were under warranty and on back-order were
8 delivered to Jay Williams this past week.

9 **Minutes:** August 4, 2021

10 Mayor Leak entertained a motion to approve the minutes for August 4, 2021.

11 Naegle – motioned; Fisher – seconded

12 Leak, Fisher, Naegle, Creech – Aye

13 **Action Items:**

14 **Business Items:**

15 *Unapproved Drinking Water System* – Mayor Leak stated that he talked to Chandler from CRS and told
16 him that if they are going to keep charging large amounts for adding things to the scope of work being
17 done, the town may find another engineering firm to work with. Mayor Leak told him that just because
18 the town might qualify for grants doesn't mean they can charge a lot more for what they have already
19 been working on or what the town might be required to do to be approved by the state. Mayor Leak
20 said he also reached out to Joel Ferry with the state and he said there is federal funding, but he has not
21 been told what the money can be used for. Mayor Leak stated that the town is probably going to have
22 to apply for some zero percent loans in order to keep the project moving forward and then if the town
23 gets a grant, they can use the grant money to pay off the loans. Fisher stated that he is concerned that
24 the town might not qualify for grants if they take out a loan. Mayor Leak stated that he has been told
25 that will not be the case.

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27 Mayor Leak said that the town is at the bidding stage on the repair of Pitcher Well and there are two
28 contractors in Cache County ready to start working on a project right now. Mayor Leak also stated that
29 he is a little nervous about using the reverse osmosis filtration system because he has been told that the
30 water does not taste good because it takes everything out and the system is very costly. Chandler is
31 concerned that the state will not o.k. any other filtration system other than the reverse osmosis. Fisher
32 asked if the town could go with a regular filtrating system and then dilute the water from the springs.
33 Mayor Leak said the TDS in the Pitcher Well is an additional problem that would likely prevent the well
34 water from being able to be used to dilute the springs' water.

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36 Creech stated that it really comes down to what the state will approve. Mayor Leak agreed and stated
37 that it is going to come down to an intensive filtration system or blending operation. Fisher asked if

there is any possibility that the equipment that is up to the well could be used. Mayor Leak stated that there is no way the state would allow any of that to be used again. Naegle stated that the taste is a big concern that he has because that is what the residents will notice and dislike.

Executive Session – Mayor Leak entertained a motion to enter an Executive Session.

Creech motioned that the regular Town Council Session close and the council enter an Executive Session to discuss the dedication of roads in the town and upon closure of the Executive Session, the Regular Session will adjourned as well.

Fisher – seconded

Leak, Naegle, Fisher, Creech – Aye

Executive session started at 8:55 p.m.

Executive Session ended at 9:13 p.m.

Old Business:

Council Reports:

Roads – Naegle stated that the fog seal went well. Mayor Leak said that some residents had complained that the county had piled gravel up on the side of the road and wanted to know if Naegle should give the county some feedback that some residents were not happy with the extra gravel. Naegle stated that he knew there would be some people that would be upset, but knew the loose gravel needs to be swept off the road before it can be sealed. Naegle also stated that he gave Chris Buxton a list of roads that need to have the sides mowed. Naegle also said that the speed monitoring sign is not staying charged for very long and he will look into it and see what is going on. Mayor Leak asked if he planned to pull it down during the winter and Naegle stated that he planned to see how bad the weather was and if there was a lot of snow. If so, he would take it down for the winter months.

Naegle said it is time to start getting the snowplow ready for the winter months and the hitch needs to be mounted. Fisher stated that a mud flap needs to be put on it as well. Naegle confirmed that he did talk to the department of air quality and the representative sent him a letter on things that the town needed to do to in order to apply for a grant. Naegle said the town will need to prove that it is using the old snowplow and also determine how much it would cost to obtain some kind of replacement vehicle for the snowplow. Naegle stated that he will begin working on getting the needed information.

Naegle said he had also looked into the federal GSA program that donates surplus equipment to municipal entities. After talking to the state representative, Naegle was told that the town would need to do a training, become qualified as an entity that is eligible, and then get set up for a search that would notify the town if something they are looking for becomes available. After finding a vehicle the town would like to purchase, the town would end up paying 5% of the original purchase price and be required to use it for at least a year before the title would be turned over to the town. Naegle stated he will begin working on getting all these things done in order to move forward and begin to prepare for the winter months.

83 *Planning & Zoning* – Creech asked if Cassidy Creech can work directly with Bracken in order to get his
84 water line and meter installed. Mayor Leak stated he would like Bracken to check back with the town on
85 what is expected and then verify what he has done. Mayor Leak said he believes the town should
86 probably give Bracken a guideline on what the town expects to be done and what the specs are.
87 Consequently, Creech summarized what was discussed and stated that it appears that the town needs
88 to be in on the loop on what was done and Bracken would need to provide the council with a summary
89 of what was installed. The council agreed that was a good idea.

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91 *Parks/Town Hall/Finance* – Fisher stated that he believes that if the church is involved with the 24th
92 Celebration, that it could turn out a little bit better. Fisher said in the past, the town and the church
93 would be in charge of it every other year and then eventually, they started splitting the cost half and
94 half. Creech suggested doing a door-to-door invitation and thought it would be worth considering
95 including the church.

96 *Water* – Fisher stated that the last nitrate sample came back as .01 which is negligible. Fisher stated
97 that Bear River Health Department will take the bacterial samples, but the town will have to take the
98 nitrate samples and turn them in. Fisher also sent a bacterial sample in and it came back as
99 nondetectable so the quality of the drinking water is very good. Fisher also stated that he really needs
100 the SCADA computer fixed so he will not have to manually pump water from the Ganscheff Well to
101 dilute the water from the springs. Mayor Leak stated that the representative from Wetco is working on
102 getting the licensing done as soon as possible so it will be online again. Fisher stated that the Ganscheff
103 Well is staying about 55 feet and thinks it will be o.k. for this summer season, but the town will have to
104 make some real adjustments for next year.

105 106 **Mayor's Report:**

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108 Mayor Leak received an email from the Lewiston City mayor stating that he believes Cornish is not
109 providing financial support to Lewiston City for them providing the town's EMS services. Mayor Leak
110 asked the council if they knew how the taxes that Cornish residents pay are taken care of to cover
111 payment of EMS services. None of the council members knew and Dale Buxton wasn't sure how it
112 worked either. Creech suggested the mayor get some context about how this is funded before reaching
113 out to Mayor Fields. Mayor Leak stated that he will tell Mayor Fields that the council is looking into it
114 and they are interested in what his thoughts on the subject are.

115 116 **Citizen comments:**

117 Floyd Veibell asked the council if the road on 5800 West had to be 66 feet wide and the council said they
118 hadn't told anybody that. Veibell said that he owns that section of the road in front of the cemetery and
119 he owns the right-of-way to go through it. Fisher stated, however, that the county plows that road and
120 the council confirmed that this was the case even though that part of the road is within town limits.
121 Veibell stated that since Cornish Town doesn't own the road, he doesn't think that the town can specify
122 how wide the road has to be.

123 Creech stated that if Veibell plans to subdivide his land along that road, it would need to be 66 feet wide
124 in order to comply to the requirement outlined in the town's subdivision ordinance. Creech then
125 referenced the subdivision ordinance on the town's website and noted that it states that in order to be

126 approved, all subdivision lots need to have access to a dedicated road and these roads must be a
127 minimum of 66 feet wide with a minimum of 24 feet of asphalt. Creech stated that in order for the
128 subdivision to be approved along that road, the road would need to be dedicated.

129 Veibell asked if the town would be interested in getting that section of 5800 West surveyed in order to
130 get the road dedicated. Fisher stated the council would need to get some advice on what should be
131 done. The council agreed and said they would need to confer and decide and come to an understanding
132 what they are willing to do in order to work towards getting the road dedicated. Creech stated that as
133 soon as the council comes to a decision, they would contact Veibell and let him know. Mayor Leak
134 stated that the town will need to review what the cost would be and what the pros and cons would be
135 before making a decision and moving forward.

136 **Next Meeting:**

137 **Bills:**

138 Bills were reviewed.

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140 Total = \$8,953.59

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142 Mayor Leak entertained a motion to pay the bills.

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144 Naegle – motioned; Creech – seconded

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146 Leak, Fisher, Naegle, Creech – Aye

147 **Adjourn:**

148 Mayor Leak entertained a motion to close the Executive Session and adjourn the Regular Town Council
149 Meeting.

150 Naegle – motioned; Fisher – seconded

151 Leak, Naegle, Fisher, Creech – Aye

152 End at 9:13 p.m.