

Mayor Leak called to order a regular Cornish Town Council meeting on September 1, 2021, at 7:01 p.m. at the Cornish Town Hall.

Attendance: Mayor Leak, Brad Fisher, Conrad Naegle, Jana Williams

Absent: Colton Creech

Citizens: Dale Buxton, Chris Buxton

Staff Report:

Deyette asked the council if it was o.k. to put a little more information on the website regarding purchasing the book, Cornish a History, as Wendie Hansen had asked. The council decided that it was o.k. and thought it was good information to provide the residents of the town.

Delinquent accounts were reviewed. It was decided that no shut-off letters needed to be sent out since late notices had been sent to those that were 60 days past due.

The council reviewed a worksheet regarding what adjacent municipalities' elected officials are paid as well as a statement from the ULCT that stated that there is not a set minimal amount that elected officials must be paid. Discussion incurred about the fact that most municipalities pay their elected officials amounts that are what the base water rate is in the town. Williams wanted confirmation that if the town increased how much it pays elected officials, that the officials would receive a separate payment and that the town would not be paying the elected officials' water bills. Mayor Leak confirmed that this would be the case if the town increased the officials' pay.

Fisher expressed concern for increasing elected officials' pay because he believes the town needs to save its money in case funding is needed for legal fees in the future. Williams stated that she has always thought of her role as a councilmember was a community service. Mayor Leak stated that he just wants to make sure that all councilmembers are o.k. with the current pay and suggests paying elected officials the amount of the water base rate which is \$54/month. Williams stated that she thinks that the amount the elected officials are paid should not be the same amount of the base rate of water and it should be either more or less so it isn't directly associated with the officials' water bill. It was decided that this topic would be put on the agenda for the next meeting for discussion.

The 2021 General Budget Summary was reviewed by the councilmembers. Mayor Leak asked if anyone had any concerns. There were none.

Minutes: August 18, 2021

Mayor Leak entertained a motion to approve the minutes for August 18, 2021.

Naegle – motioned; Fisher – seconded

Leak, Fisher, Naegle, Williams – Aye

Action Items:

Naegle will put some barrels or cones on the road where the water leak was to keep people from driving where the road damage is.

Business Items:

Unapproved Drinking Water System – The mayor said that Chandler with CRS has turned in applications for two different zero-percent loans. Williams asked when the town can start on the bidding process. Mayor Leak stated that the town is holding back just a bit to work on obtaining funding and deciding what filtration system the town will have to use. Naegle asked how Williams felt about using an osmosis system if it makes the water taste bad. Williams said she doesn't want the water to taste bad. The mayor agreed and said he is working with Chandler on that and is also hoping that if an osmosis system is used, the water from the Trenton well will make it taste better.

Resolution 21-16 Cancel 2021 Municipal General Election – Mayor Leak read the resolution and asked if anyone had a discussion on the resolution. There was none.

Mayor Leak entertained a motion to adopt Resolution 21-16.

Fisher – motioned; Williams – seconded

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

Resolution was adopted unanimously.

Old Business:

Council Reports:

Roads – Naegle said he received a letter from the state saying they were going to inventory the town's railroad crossings for signs and road painting. Naegle stated that after contacting the county, the county said they were out of road paint but they did obtain enough to do the crossing on 12300 North and Naegle is working with them to get the other railroad crossings done as soon as possible. Naegle stated that the sides of the roads have been mowed and he believes the battery for the speed monitoring sign is bad. After Naegle contacted the company the town bought the speed monitoring sign from, he was told he needed to charge it and then call them back and they would do some diagnostics on it.

Naegle stated that in order to get on the GSA site to look for a snowplow, he has to turn in an application for the town and he has that application filled out and listed the mayor, himself and Deyette as authorized representatives to sign for release of property on behalf of the town. Naegle said that if the town doesn't meet the conditions listed in the agreement, the town would be in violation. One of the conditions would be that the town would have to use the acquired snowplow or vehicle for 18 months before the title would be given to the town. Naegle also stated that he has the application for the Department of Environmental Quality but he won't submit it until he sees what GSA can do. Naegle said he looked on the GIS system and the protection zone on Koller's property is not recorded on there.

Planning & Zoning – none.

78 *Parks/Town Hall/Finance* – Williams said the town park is filled with thistle and Jay Williams wants to
79 know if it is o.k. to have someone spray for weeds. The mayor said it is a good time to do so. In
80 addition, Williams asked if the town could also put some more gravel into the entrance of the park
81 because a large dip has developed there. It was decided that if Facers could dump some gravel off, the
82 mayor would grade it.

83 *Water* – Mayor Leak stated that he was up on the border road on August 24th and noticed there was a
84 minivan that had driven off the road. A little bit later, C. Creech called the mayor and told him that the
85 manhole on the corner of the road was spewing water out of it. It was discovered that the minivan had
86 hit the manhole and had busted a pipe by landing on the main vent. The mayor called the police and
87 told them that he had seen a gray minivan with an OnTrack sticker on it off the road at that site earlier in
88 the day. The police called the company and the driver of the minivan then came out because he didn't
89 believe that he was the one that had caused the damage.

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91 Mayor Leak stated that the rush of water from the manhole had washed out the road in that spot and it
92 took him and Fisher several hours to turn off the water because they had a hard time finding the valves.
93 Mayor Leak also stated that after the water leak was fixed and the water was turned back on, the
94 excessive water pressure blew up Colton Creech's water meter. Naegle said the town might need to
95 put some cones up where the road has been roughed up so other drivers do not get hurt. Mayor Leak
96 said the sheriff's office wants him and the Bergesons to file a witness statement so the mayor needs to
97 work on getting that done. Mayor Leak also stated that he would like the Utah Local Government Trust
98 to work with the town in making the insurance company for the OnTrack company pay for the repair of
99 both the water line and the road.

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101 Fisher said the town needs to know where the valves are for future problems. Mayor Leak stated that
102 the town's water system maps show where the water lines are but not where the valves are. Williams
103 suggested having Draney work on figuring out where the valves are located, especially since he is going
104 to be the town's water operator. Mayor Leak said that Bracken has a system that can map out the
105 water lines and valves out and the mayor thinks that might be a good idea to get that done. Naegle
106 believes it would be a good idea to find where the valves are and make sure they are in working
107 condition. Fisher agreed. Naegle stated he will work on having the county come and repair the road
108 where the water had caused damage.

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110 Fisher said he checked the hatch on the water tank when Dale Buxton reported that the hatch was wide
111 open. He was able to get it closed and figured that the high winds must have blown it open. Naegle
112 asked if they knew how the hatch was left open and the mayor said the hatch must not have been
113 latched when he went up with the state to check on the water tank. Fisher stated that he made sure it
114 was latched securely before he left.

115 116 **Mayor's Report:**

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118 Mayor Leak called Rod Hammer with the county about the fire coverage situation and discovered that
119 with the budgeted amount per capita, Cornish would need to pay Lewiston \$5,000 per year. Mayor Leak
120 then wondered why the county can't pay Lewiston the \$5,000 seems that amount is being taken out of
121 the Cornish Town residents' property taxes. Consequently, Mayor Leak called Dave Erickson to ask
122 about this and Erickson couldn't give a good answer why that can't be the case so Erickson put the
123 mayor on the next county council meeting agenda to ask that question. Mayor Leak believes the county

124 should allocate the portion of fire coverage they are taking from Cornish residents to Lewiston to pay for
125 the fire coverage. Mayor Leak contacted Mayor Fields and told him that the town is working on figuring
126 out the funding and then he will check back with him.

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128 **Citizen comments:**

129 Chris Buxton stated that there are trees encroaching on the road on 12300 North and suggested that
130 they be trimmed. Fisher said he will look at them and take care of trimming them back.

131 Dale Buxton stated that whatever the council decides on the basis they will increase the pay for elected
132 officials, the town needs to pay the council members and not pay the water bills for them. Mayor Leak
133 said that is what the town would do. Dale stated he would continue to monitor the water tank for any
134 problems and the mayor thanked him for doing that.

135 **Next Meeting:**

136 Pay for Cornish Town's elected officials.

137 **Bills:**

138 Bills were reviewed. The bill from Wetco was discussed and it was decided that All Tech needed to pay a
139 portion of the bill because when they replaced the SCADA computer, they did not do it correctly and
140 Wetco had to come onsite to fix the problem and it resulted in a large billing amount for the town.

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142 Naegle motioned that the town pay the bills except the Wetco invoice.

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144 Fisher – motioned; Fisher – seconded

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146 Total = \$6,525.37

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148 Leak, Fisher, Naegle, Williams – Aye

149 **Adjourn:**

150 Mayor Leak entertained a motion to adjourn.

151 Fisher – motioned; Naegle – seconded

152 Leak, Naegle, Fisher, Williams – Aye

153 End at 8:30 p.m.