

Town of Independence
Town Council Meeting
10/13/2021 7:00 p.m.

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

Staff attendance: Cathy Bingham and Jodi Hoffman.
Others in attendance: Kim Tolbert.

1. Call to Order. Mayor Sweat called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmember Duke offered the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Opening Prayer. Councilmember Ryan offered the opening prayer.
4. Review and possible adoption of draft minutes for September 29th, 2021.
 - Councilmember Heaton moved to approve the draft minutes for September 29th, 2021.
 - Councilmember Duke seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Discussion and possible adoption of Resolution 2021-04 setting Regular Council Meeting Dates.
 - Miss Hoffman explained the Resolution to the council. Meetings for the remainder of 2021 and regular meetings for 2022 will be held at 7:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month. With no meetings scheduled for December and July.

Councilmember Sabey moved to approve Resolution 2021-04 Regular Council Meeting Dates.
 - Councilmember Heaton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Roads Update.
 - Mayor Sweat reported that gravel portion of Center Creek Road to Bold Knoll is not in very good condition, especially the portion that is on the Forest Service property. The Town will not be doing any more improvements to the road this year. The Mountainlands Association of Governments (\$6,700,000) grant that the Town applied for to help with the cost to improve this road is still under review. This grant is in connection with the State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) which needs a recommendation of the Town's project from Mountainlands Association of Government. Mayor Sweat has contacted Mr. Cluff with Wasatch County Public Works about the improvement plan. Mr. Cluff is in favor the proposed plan.
 - Mayor Sweat and Ms. Hoffman attended a CDBG "How to Apply" workshop October 13, 2021. There is approximately \$600,000 of funds available for infrastructure improvements for all of Wasatch County for areas with low to moderate income. This is a Federal Government grant for projects with estimated costs between \$30,000 and \$300,000. This type of grant will not benefit the Town at this time.

7. Development Update. Ms. Hoffman presented a development update.

- Ms. Hoffman reported there has been no new correspondence with the Bodel and Ryan Ranch 44 lot subdivision preliminary plan, nor the 2-lot subdivision application on Center Creek Road. Red lines and suggestions have been sent to the developers to make corrections to the documents they have submitted.
- Councilmember Duke asked if the two developments that currently being reviewed have enough water for their developments. Ms. Hoffman explained they probably have enough water shares, but the delivery system for their culinary water service has not yet been determined.
- Ms. Hoffman and Ms. Bolger met with Max Covey, a representative of Twin Creeks Special Service District. Mr. Covey explained the overview of the District's plan for serving the entire valley with a sanitary sewer system. The plan includes very limited service within the Town's boundary. Mr. Covey also mentioned that the District has been in discussions with private water companies to merge the private systems into the District's water system. He encouraged the Town to participate in regional discussions about water service in general and regarding the reliability of private water service providers.
- Ms. Hoffman reported that the improvement plans to the transmitter on the UDOT Port of Entry tower is an LTE tower, which serves multiple providers. Each provider determines if they provide 4G or 5G service through the LTE tower.
- Councilmember Heaton asked about All West providing services. Ms. Hoffman responded that the current All West plan submitted to the Town only includes an initial commitment to serve a portion of the Town. Ms. Hoffman requested All West to update their plans to include more homes within the Town. The Daniels Summit area is served by a separate provider so we should not expect them to be included in the All West plan. All West has committed to underground the utilities. Ms. Hoffman reminded All West that most of the roads are not dedicated to the Town and right of ways outside of the paved road may need to be negotiated with each homeowner.

8. Public Comments.

- Mayor Sweat recognized Ms. Tolbert's attendance and reported that there will be an agenda item on the November meeting to discuss her appointment to the Planning Commission.
- Ms. Tolbert asked about the Night Sky Ordinance. Ms. Hoffman reported that the planning commission has not yet met. They will need to meet and make a recommendation to the Town Council. The temporary zoning ordinance is effective for six months.

9. Adjourn.

- Councilmember Duke moved to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.
- Councilmember Sabey seconded the motion.

- The motion was approved unanimously.

Dated this 10th day of November 2021

Phil Sweat, Mayor

Cathy Bingham, Town Clerk