

MINUTES

THE REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2021 AT 6:30 P.M.

Council Members Present: Mayor Duncan and Council Members: Gibson, Hill, Holland and O'Brien.

Absent: None

Others Present: Ron Drake, Colleen Thompson, John Groo, Ryan Anderson, Laurie Simonson, Jessica Maw, Carol Drake, Laura Cameron, Roy Bloomfield, Diane Ackerman, Dana Rogers, Marcy Ryan, Kevin Walker, Evan Tyrrell, Susan Roche, Mary O' Brien, Norman and Peggy Llewellyn.

Clerk: Jocelyn Buck

Regular Town Meeting

M Duncan called the Meeting to Order at 6:30 PM and delivered the Electronic Meeting Determination
Buck called roll.

1. Open Public Comment: None

2. Approval of Minutes: Regular Town Council Meeting September 15th, 2021.

CM Gibson motioned to approve the Minutes from September 15, 2021; CM Holland seconded motion passed unanimously

3. Executive Reports:

*Grand County Public Lands proposal – Grand County Commissioner Kevin Walker

Walker presented Grand County is looking for support for their proposal to get Federal protection for public lands (BLM) specific to areas surrounding the developed areas of the County. These are areas subject to the growing impacts from tourism. The BLM has additional funding available for the management of National Conservation Areas (NCAs). With increased visitation to the County the BLM could use this funding to increase staff to help better manage our public lands. To qualify the proposed NCA land must have public support and be of intrinsic value to preserve for future generations. The maps on the link below show the proposed areas next to Arches, Book cliffs and the LaSals. The areas also include lands up to Castle Valley on the east side of the Colorado. There is a link to a public survey on the County website link below. Walker asked the Town Council for support and to weigh in officially on the proposal.

CM O'Brien asked if the proposed areas could include watersheds. Walker stated that the NCAs can have different "use" designations that could include watershed protection. CM Holland asked what the time-frame would be; Walker explained this is a multi-step process that could take 5-8 years to find its way to and through Congress. <https://www.grandcountyutah.net/777/Public-Lands-Bill>

*Solid Waste Special Service District- Manager Evan Tyrrell

Tyrrell presented a power point with lots of information. The Solid Waste Special Service District has acquired Monument Waste Services which includes management of the transfer station on Hwy 191 as well as all the collection and hauling services and existing contracts related to solid waste in Grand County and northern San Juan County. The new name for the combined services will be Canyonlands Solid Waste Authority. The Recycle Center and processes have had a major overhaul; all materials now stay in country nothing is being shipped overseas. Even the glass is now being shipped and recycled in Salt Lake and not ground up and put in landfills. The Moab land fill has been revamped to increase its life time capacity by 20-30 years. In addition the landfill now includes a green waste / mulching program. Tyrrell ran thru several upcoming Community events i.e. the current voucher program, household hazardous waste events and our Spring Clean-up. Castle Valley waste pick up will be moving towards using poly carts only. This will make it easier for automated pickup instead of manual pick up requiring 2 employees. There are 2 sizes of poly carts available 96 and 64 gallon. There is also weekly and bimonthly pick up options. Recycle pick up is available bimonthly with a 96 gallon poly cart. Those materials are sorted and recovered by single stream process through a third party vendor. Residents can also continue to drop off their recycling at the Recycling Center.

CM Hill asked if the Hazardous waste event took latex paint. Tyrrell stated they will accept it but if it is dried out it is not considered hazardous waste. In the future he hopes to have a place where people can drop off and/or pick up useable paint.

*Water Agent and Water Committee Report – John Groo

Groo had previously sent an extensive report to the Council. Administrative amendments to the water ordinance were approved by the Council to be sent for legal review. Groo will be attending the next Fire District Commissioner's Meeting to discuss the Town having access to residential non potable water from the well on Lot 13. Water metering will be mandated by the State at some point in the future and Groo's research on this is ongoing as to how the Town should proceed. M Duncan asked for some projected costs for meters. Groo explained that we will need to prove up Town water rights in 2023 and it would be nice to have the metering in place by then, if not we can ask for extensions until metering is in place. CM Gibson stated Groo's report was very informative and she supports Groo researching metering.

CM O'Brien agreed with CM Gibson, documenting the history of water rights in CV is extremely valuable. He updated the Council Dave Erley is working with Marc Stilson on the Water Study peer review process. The Division of Water Rights has done a critique of the first Water study and has come up with some omissions and Erley has been addressing those omissions with Ken Kohm the author of the study(s). Once those are resolved and provided the information is what the Division of Water Rights requires in order to close the aquifer then we will proceed with getting the study peer reviewed.

*Roads Committee- M Duncan- Draft Minutes provided. M Duncan reported that Dorje Honer has been hired a Road Supervisor and Equipment Operator 2. He will be attending some required traffic safety classes in November and he will continue his training with Gritts. There was no Road Committee meeting yesterday but M Duncan did have a Roads staff meeting with Gritts, Sousa and Honer. They still have some grading to complete and will be working on getting the tar pot working to do crack sealing by next fall. Also the dump truck with the snow plow needs some repairs. Gritts has sent an updated road restoration checklist and map to Justin Johanson (Emery) and Gritts has requested a meeting before and after the work is done. The road restoration agreement is with Emery now not the VmCo the subcontractor.

*Planning & Land Use Commission- Colleen Thompson reported the PLUC is currently working on the Draft Dark Sky Ordinance. There are some amendments to 95-6 pending related to approval of the IADU language in 85-3. And the Building Permit information sheet is also pending changes re: IADUs.

*Community Renewable Energy Program CM Gibson reported C-REP has done some PR events and press releases. They have hired a utility attorney Gary Dodge to represent the agency. Some of the program deadlines have been pushed back which will give other Communities time to join. So far 15 of the 23 eligible Communities have joined.

*Treasurer's Report: Tory Hill reported everything is below budget with the exception of the road shed loan that was more than projected and will be corrected when we amend the budget.

*Solid Waste District- Diana Ackerman- Evan Tyrrell gave the power point.

*EMS District- Ed Weeks- not present no report.

*Fire District- Chief Drake explained that the Fire Commission voted to have the Town Council amend the Fire Ordinance to remove language that stated the Fire Chief can authorize burning if the fire risk is above moderate. The grant the Department received from Rocky Mountain Power is being used to create a fire wise video. Bill Rau is the organizer and CM Holland and Marybeth Fitzburgh starred in the video.

*Housing Task Force- M Duncan- minutes provided.

*County Economic Advisory Board- M Duncan emailed minutes prior to this meeting. The Board reviewed and approved the Rural County Grant application.

*Dark Sky Team - Buck reported they had their first outreach event. Dr Sharolyn Anderson came and did a great power point presentation up at Fire Station 2. Thirty-five people attended, and the Draft Lighting Ordinance is with the Planning and Land Use Commission.

4. Correspondence: Diane Ackerman Book Club email. M Duncan explained we had received a request from Ackerman to open the Town Building to the Book Club; we also had a request to open for yoga. Correspondences were received from two Book club members not wanting us to open the building for the Book Club. M Duncan stated prior to this we discussed not opening the building until the Health Department posted the County was at low COVID risk which it is not; it is currently at high risk. M Duncan also stated if we open for one group we have to be open for everyone. Council agreed to stay closed. Buck added that Jenny Haraden (librarian) had some funding that could pay for a Zoom acct. for the Book club.

5. Administrative Matters & Procedures: Town letters, CM Holland suggested getting Council comments together for the Grand County Public Lands proposal. Re-districting CM Hill reported that some of the plans people in Grand County have submitted are pretty good for Castle Valley. Website link: portal.utah/mapping.org. Fire District fund raising update CM Holland reported that the fund raising has been very successful between the email s, letters and some personal visits from Linda Skogrand \$24,00.00 has been raised . The Fire Department would like to send out a follow up email using the Town list. Council was in agreement. Laurie Simonson and the Council thanked Linda all her work fund-raising.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Discussion and Possible Action re: Manti LaSal Forest Service Management Plan letter.

CM Hill motioned to approve the Manti LaSal Forest Service Management Plan letter as amended with M Duncan's edits, CM Gibson seconded. Motioned passed unanimously. M Duncan thanked O'Brien and Holland for their work on the letter.

7. Discussion and Possible Action re: Appointment to the Solid Waste Special Service District Board

CM Hill motioned to appoint Diane Ackerman to the Solid Waste Special Service District Board, CM Gibson seconded, motion passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- None

11. Closed Meeting (If necessary)

12. Payment of the bills.

CM Gibson motioned to pay the bills, CM O'Brien seconded, motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

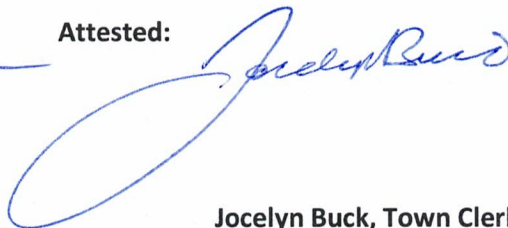
CM Hill motioned to adjourn, CM O'Brien seconded, motion passed unanimously.

M Duncan adjourned the Meeting at 8:12 PM

Approved:



Attested:



Jazmine Duncan, Mayor

Date:

11/19/2021

Jocelyn Buck, Town Clerk

Date:

11-19-2021