

The Town Council of Snowville Town held its regular monthly meeting at the Snowville Town Hall on **Wednesday 16th February 2022.**

Council Present

Mayor Gwen Wilson

Garet Wirick, Council Member

John Levenduski, Council Member

Rod McGary, Council Member

Scott O'Hare, Council Member

Tammie Morgan, Clerk

Stacey Hill, Treasurer/Recorder

Others Present

Carson Morgan, , Shane Larsen

Trudy Smith, Janette Skidmore

Mike Morgan, Jed Pugsley

Valerie Skidmore, AJ Morgan

Mayor Gwen Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. She welcomed the council and all others present. Garet Wirick and Scott O'Hare were excused at this meeting. Stacey Hill led us in the pledge of allegiance and Tammie Morgan offered the opening prayer.

John Levenduski made a motion to accept the agenda. Rod McGary 2nd. All council members present voted yes.

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Inauguration of John Levenduski

Mayor Gwen Wilson asks Stacey Hill to swear in John Levenduski to the Council. Last month he was excused from the meeting.

Deputy Caleb Martinez

Deputy Caleb Martinez stated that January wasn't too crazy. He stated that there were some accidents. Deputy Martinez handed a copy of the report to the council.

Marianne Reiner

Eric was excused from this meeting. Marianne Reiner took his place. Eric came out today to meet with a contractor for the stoplight. The contractor that came out was interested in doing the job. Marianne stated that he was an electrician and knows a lot about the job. The project was bid on in August, but the bid was over the limit. Eric set up the new bid for one main bid. Then we can add extra things later like the curb, gutter, and signs. Marianne stated that there is no sidewalk in this project. Mayor Wilson asked if the contractor had put in a bid? Marianne stated that there will be a bid opening here on February 23 at 3:00 p.m. Mayor Wilson asked Mariane if the stoplight was going to blink? Marianne stated yes, it will be red going North and South and Amber going East and West. Marianne stated the other items that were going to be put in the bid were reflective tape on the stop pole, and the stop sign will still flash. There will also be signs that say stop ahead, on the road also. Marianne also gave an update on the West Well water, she stated that they are looking to do the funding through the USDA through rural development. She sent a draft to the USDA. We would have a workstation here at the town hall to make sure everything was running properly, that is the first priority. Then to put in additional water valves in the water system, where the waterline "T". So the waterline can be shut off to provide better service when there are repairs. So the whole town doesn't have to be without water. The next thing is to have the water at the West Well usable. They identified three things that they can use. The first thing is the Silver Bullet with UV light, it doesn't use chlorine. This system is used in Spanish Fork at a rest area. Marianne stated that it is a small thing but would clean the water. The second system is called chlorinated green sand. It would trap the iron and magnesium. This system would trap sulfur. Marianne showed the council pictures of the systems. Mayor Wilson asked if there were prices on these systems? Marianne stated that she didn't have one for the Silver Bullet yet but they were working on it. The third thing was to drill a new well. Marianne stated that it was something that has come up in some of the discussions. Rod McGary asked which one has the best yearly costs? Marianne stated

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probably the Silver Bullet because it doesn't use chlorine. She stated that you could use it if the State mandated it. The fourth priority is to loop the water system from 800 North Stone Road with an 8-inch line, to Oman's corner to the Cemetery road to Stone road pass the vineyard. Then under Deep Creek. Marianne stated that there is an 8-inch line on Cemetery Road now. Rod McGary asked if his home was the only one that is hooked with town water on Cemetery road? AJ Morgan stated that the water line goes all the way to the top by Oman's corner. AJ also stated that to John Levenduski's home there is a 2-inch line, not an 8-inch line. Marianne stated that they would add additional fire hydrants. Rod McGary asked if they were going to put a line to the Cemetery? Marianne stated that the fifth priority would be to run an 8-inch line to the Cemetery. Mayor Wilson asked if we don't have water up there now? Rod McGary stated that there is a well, he stated that we have had the well go out on us and we had to have it repaired several times. If we have water from the system then the well at the Cemetery would be a backup. The last thing that Marianne talked about was to have an 8-inch water line from 100 East. There is a 2-inch line now and they would put in a fire hydrant also. Mayor Wilson asked if we have a map of all the water lines in town? Marianne is going to go over the water lines with AJ after the meeting, she also stated that the water system was put in around 2008.

Kolby Cazier

Kolby Cazier from Mountain Valley Pump and Motor from Logan Utah came out to propose a bid for the town's water system. He gave an invoice to the council, the invoice's total was \$5,432.82. The new upgrade would alert the water operators if there were a water problem with the water tanks in town, on their phones. Kolby stated that this is just so we can look at the problem. But you would have to go to the pump house to fix the problem. This is an option to upgrade the system that we have now. The system that we have in old software is outdated. Mayor Wilson asked if they upgraded the software last month? Kolby stated that they had. Kolby also stated that everything in the pump house is old. At the time it was put in it worked great. Kolby stated that Tim Heyder has it on the 30 horsepower now but it could go to the 20 horsepower and be fine. Kolby stated that this is a band-aid, this isn't a cure-all, the stuff we have now is old and getting harder and harder to fix. Kolby stated that this is about the inexpensive way to go for what we need right now. Mayor Wilson asked AJ Morgan for his thoughts. AJ stated that he didn't really know a lot about this but needed to talk to Kolby and he is going to talk with Marianne after the meeting about everything, so he can get caught up. Mayor Wilson Thanked Marianne for all of the information that she gave tonight and Kolby too. Rod McGary asked with is the time frame to get the new system in? Tammie Morgan stated that we still need to get a grant for this system, Rod asked are we talking year? Marianne stated

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that Eric was hoping for the next year 2023. Kolby stated that he has been out here about four times in the last six months to fix the pumps. Kolby stated that they haven't been super expensive, but every time he comes out it's about \$1,000.00 dollars. Kolby stated that everything is working right now. Kolby was asked to come up with a way for the water operators to be notified if something happens. Rod McGary asked if there is no other way to get parts for the stuff that is in the pump house now. Kolby stated that it's just old. Mayor Wilson stated that it would be good for AJ to be notified in the Summer if something was wrong. Kolby stated that if the tank went dry then the fire suppression would not be there and if someone's home is on fire they would lose it for sure. Mayor Wilson thanked Kolby for his information.

Water

Mayor Wilson asked who was attending the water conference in ST. George Utah in March? Tammie Morgan stated that she has Alan Terry, AJ Morgan, and Scott Page all signed up to go to the water conference this year. Tammie also stated that Scott Page will be taking the water certification course, then Scott will be a certified water operator for the town. Tammie also stated that if Alan doesn't go that they will refund the money that was already paid. Mayor Wilson asked if there were meters that aren't reading? Have they been put in and not working? AJ Morgan stated that he was jumping in the middle of things, he stated that he has been a water operator in the past. AJ stated that Alan has been kind of doing the job, he stated that Alan really hasn't asked him to help. Alan has just done his own thing, and AJ wasn't in the loop. AJ stated that he kind of knows what is going on with the water. He needs to visit Kolby to get more details. AJ stated that he will be taking over the water with both feet, he doesn't know when Alan will return. AJ stated that his and Alan's priorities are different. Alan has operated the system for a lot of years, he knows things that AJ doesn't know. AJ stated that his priorities would be the shut-off valves because he doesn't know where they are in the system. AJ stated that a water conference is coming up, Scott Page is not certified and will be going to St. George to become certified. AJ stated that the more people you have certified the more points you get, the better it will be for grants. AJ stated the meters that don't work the supplies are in the shed. Why they aren't fixed he has no idea. AJ stated that they aren't hard to fix. So as it gets Spring the meters will be fixed, the supplies are in the shed. The ones that aren't working AJ reads by hand. It's kind of tuff reading them in the winter. They are frozen and hard to get open. AJ stated that there are some that are buried in the snow and hard to find, but the customers aren't using water so they are fine until winter. Mayor Wilson stated if AJ needed anything to please let us know. AJ stated that he didn't want to step on Alan's toes but we have to move on. Mayor Wilson agreed. Stacey Hill asked AJ if he knew anything about the leaks up

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by Hawkin's. AJ stated that he had not been told about that, last month it was brought up that the mainline was leaking. AJ stated that he would look at it. Jed Pugsley stated that the fire hydrant in front of the fire station is not working. Alan has the parts for it. AJ stated that he would look into it. Mayor Wilson asked if everything for the Conference was taken care of? Tammie stated that it was.

Valerie Skidmore

Mayor Wilson had Valerie come up to the front of the council to tell what she and Brinley had done at the competition in Denver. Valerie Skidmore stated that they went to Denver at the end of January for a livestock judging competition. She stated that they had a lot of fun and learned a lot too. She stated that they didn't place but this was the first time that a team from Utah was able to go to Nationals. She stated that you compete at a county level, then state level, and then national level. She stated that they can't go to nationals again for the same event. Trudy Smith stated it was a Utah thing that the girls couldn't do it again next year. Mayor Wilson thought that was a terrible idea. Valerie and Brinley are going to teach the younger kids judging animals this summer for the youth program. Valerie stated that they were going to help the younger kids take care of their animals. Mayor Wilson invited Valerie back after the summer was over to let us know how everything went. Valerie agreed. AJ Morgan stated that we witness history tonight because Valerie doesn't usually say very many words. Everyone laughed.

Brag Studies

Mayor Wilson stated that the brag study forms were completed, which were taken around to the residents in Snowville. Mayor Wilson asked if we were approved for the grant. Tammie Morgan stated that we haven't been awarded the grant yet. Tammie talked to Brian at BRAG and he said that it looked really good and we might have a shot at the grant. Mayor Wilson asked do they tell us what we can do with the money? Tammie stated she had talked to Eric and he suggested that we put it towards the bridge. Because we have to come up with all the money for that. Mayor Wilson agreed. Mayor Wilson asked if we do the survey's once a year? Tammie stated that we had to do it this year, because last year they got the wrong information so it had to be redone. Tammie stated that we have got a lot of grants over the years. Mayor Wilson asked if it was ok to look for some information.

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Ordinance

Mayor Wilson asked if we have the ordinances watermarked. Stacey Hill stated that Tammie Morgan put the watermark on them. It's the picture of the rock that is on the corner across the street from Mollie's. Mayor Wilson asked can the people that you send it take the watermark off? Tammie said no. We just have to make sure that we send it in PDF form. Rod McGary stated to send it as a reference because it's a living document.

Ordinance Enforcement

Mayor Wilson stated that she would like to divide the town up into sections so that the enforcement officers wouldn't overlap each other. She stated that she would like to divide the town into 4ths. So that the enforcers wouldn't overlap each other, Mayor Wilson stated that she read in the ordinances that the enforcers were to be council members. Mayor Wilson stated that we can talk about it more when everyone is here. Rod McGary asked don't they have to go get trained to issue citation's? Mayor Wilson said that she didn't know if they do, and asked what have you done in the past? Tammie Morgan stated that we haven't had the ordinances updated until now, so we haven't done anything. But she thought that they had to go to a class to get certified. Mayor Wilson stated I know we had no way of enforcing it, but know we have Judge Christensen to enforce the violation. They don't pay, part of the money will go to pay the court fees and the other will come back to the town. Jed Pugsley stated to get a hold of Sheriff Potter. Mayor Wilson also stated that in the ordinances, the person who gave the violation will not be sued by the person that the violation was given to. Rod McGary stated that there should be two people to give out the citations so we probably couldn't divide the town up in fourths. Mayor Wilson stated that she hopes that they don't have to give out citations, she wants to work with people first. That's her goal to respectfully talk to them to see if they can resolve the problem together, the last time would be to give out a citation. Jed Pugsley stated to get more information to get ahold of Sheriff Potter or Deputy Martinez. Mayor Wilson also stated that the residents of the town need to know the ordinances, she has the book and doesn't know all of the ordinances. AJ Morgan stated if you are going to enforce the ordinances you need to know them yourself before you do, he said there is nothing more frustrating to deal with people that they do not know what they are talking about. Mayor Wilson wants people to know their expectations, they sometimes live up to them.

Fire Department

Mayor Wilson asks Jed Pugsley about the tools for the crash truck. Jed had a meeting with the county last week, the county is going to be offering some training on extrication that they have been invited to. The Snowville, Park Valley, and Grouse Creek departments are to attend. The county will provide all the training for that. Red cards have been highly suggested by the county, once they are red-carded the firefighters will have a pay increase of two to three dollars an hour. All the trucks are due for safety inspections, we have five trucks that will need to go to Tremonton for safety inspections. He also stated that we need to get our department rosters and driver's licenses updated and ready to go. Jed also stated that he will be holding a fire department meeting here in the next month, to make sure that people can qualify, Jed said that will be a big issue. Jed is working on some grants to get new communication radios, they are very expensive. Jed stated that we are in a dead spot and these are the radios that the county will be using. Jed stated that each radio is about \$5,000.00. Jed is asking the town council to purchase a cordless grinder, supPLICATING saw, a socket wrench set to put on the truck, Jed will like to go with Milwaukee band tools. Jed stated that it will be about \$1,000.00 dollars we have in our budget. He is asking the council for permission to purchase them.

Rod McGary made a motion for the Fire Department to purchase the tools for the crash truck. John Levenduski 2nd. All Council that was present voted yes.

Mayor Wilson asked Jed if he had an inventory of the equipment that was in the fire department, Jed said no but he will be working on it. The tools that he will purchase will be branded so they don't walk off. Mayor Wilson asked about how much inventory there is over in the fire shed. Jed stated a couple of hundred grand. Mayor Wilson suggested taking pictures and inventorying the items. Jed probably would need some help with this. Stacey Hill suggested getting with Scott O'Hare because he has a town credit card to order the tools that way. So Jed will not have to fork your money out. Jed stated that he will have them shipped to his house. Tammie Morgan stated that we have a tax ID number so we will not have to pay sales tax. Just let Stacey or Tammie know. Jed stated that he will be having a meeting and if they can't pass a background check or don't have a driver's license then they can't drive the fire trucks. Jed stated that they have to send the license number to the county and they do a check to make sure they are ok to drive the fire trucks. If they don't pass a driver's record then they don't operate a fire truck. Jed suggested that the town follow the same outlines. Mayor Wilson agreed. Jed stated that if they can't pass a background check then they shouldn't be on the fire department. Mayor Wilson thanked Jed.

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Christmas Lights

Mayor Wilson stated that we need to take down the Christmas light. She asked for any volunteers. Mayor Wilson volunteers her son Shane to come down and take the lights off the building. Rod McGary stated to send him an email and he would be here to help. Mayor Wilson stated that this Saturday at 11:00 a.m. they would take the lights down.

Opening and Closing of Meeting and Fraud Assessment

Mayor Wilson asked about the opening and closing of the meeting and Fraud Assessment. Tammie Morgan stated that every year the council has to study up on opening and closing of meetings, and fraud assessment. Tammie Morgan sent links to all of the council members. This is on the yearly audit. Tammie Morgan stated that there is a lot of good information on this website. Rod McGary stated that last year there was a certificate. Stacey stated print it off and send it to me.

Change the time of Town Council

Mayor Wilson stated changing the time of the Town Council to 6:00 p.m. instead of 7:00 p.m. Mayor Wilson stated that if we change the meeting to 6 and have a public meeting at 5. Some people are not off of work yet. Rod McGary stated that it didn't matter to him. Mayor Wilson stated that we should wait until the next council to vote on this because the people who want it changed aren't here. So this was tabled until the next council.

Rocky Mountain Stations

Mayor Wilson stated these are the charging stations that electric cars can charge. Mayor Wilson asked Jed Pugsley if they were going to do that? Jed stated that Rocky Mountain Power presented them with two options: ownership and maintenance and they get a small portion of the money, or they would come in and provide all of the wiring, stations. They are working with different funding options. They were talking about the end of the month they would know. There were three phases. The Singles phase takes six hours, Two phases take an hour and a half. Third phase is about six minutes. Mayor Wilson stated it is just like filling your car up with gas, Jed said pretty much. Jed stated that if they are a good candidate for it that they were probably going to do it. Mayor Wilson stated that now she has electric cars that come down to the RV park and use her power to charge their cars, and it takes them forever. Mayor Wilson

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stated that she doesn't know how much to charge, she probably pays more electricity than what she charges. Burley Idaho is the next place to charge your car. Tremonton has some at the hospitals. Mayor Wilson stated that it would be a good place for a charging station. Mayor Wilson stated that there are grants for this but they haven't got them in yet. Mayor Wilson stated that there is an app online with all the stations, the RV Park is on the map but when Jed gets there station up and going she will take it off. Mayor Wilson stated while we are still on the topic of Rocky Mountain power, she has counted 21 street lights and we are getting charged for 23. She doesn't know if two lights are out, she wasn't sure. Also, we are being charged Demand power. She asked the council if anyone knew that? Our electric bill here is being charged by Demand power, the rate for Demand is almost \$600.00 a month. Just to have power here. We don't even use that much power. She talked to Craig today, she told him that this town shouldn't be charged this much for power. AJ Morgan stated that we might have Demand because of the well house. Mayor Wilson stated that our power comes from Malad, it is just a straight shot to here. The businesses are the ones that should be charged. She stated that we can change to commercial all the churches are on commercial. Mayor would like to go to commercials instead of Demand. Craig will do some investigation to see if it can be changed.

Old and New Business

Mayor Wilson stated that Tim Heyder went to the Mosquito abatement meeting last month. Mayor Wilson would like Tim to stay on the Mosquito Abatement council if that is ok with everyone else. Mayor Wilson stated that Bear River Hospital doesn't have hair dryers in the women's sections of the hospital. She said they have nine rooms in the hospital. She stayed for a few days because she had Covid. when she went to the hospital she didn't know that she was going to stay or she would have taken her stuff with her. She looked into the hair dryers that attach to the wall, they are \$23.00. She would love to donate them to the hospital. Mayor Wilson doesn't want an answer today, but she would like you to think about it. John Levenduski didn't get a hold of the animal control officer in Tremonton. Mayor stated that the dog licensing is on April 9th from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the fire station. It is \$5.00 for the town to license your dog. The vet charges \$15.00 a shot for rabies. Every dog in the city limits will have to have proof that they have a rabies shot. We have tags for those that don't have tags. Mayor Wilson stated that we are going to talk about a website for the town. Her goal is to bring us to the 21st century. When it is all said and done we will be able to go online to see what we are going to do. You and pay your bills online. Mayor Wilson would like to have Stacey here five days a week. She would like this town to grow a little bit. The band who came to the church for the Valentine's dance will be able to come out again. We can use them for the 4th of July or whenever we want to. Rocky Mountain Power will give us a \$500.00 donation for the 4th of

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July. Stacey has to send a letter to them. Mayor Wilson asked if we have a day the landfill is free? Do we have a clean-up day? We had one in the past but people from everywhere brought their trash. Mayor Wilson suggested that people who had a water bill from Snowville town that it would be free. John Levenduski stated that it costs a lot to dump the dumpsters. That is why we stopped going there. Stacey stated that it is about \$400.00 every time that they come out.

Mayor Wilson would like to have Spring cleaning to clean up the streets around town. Green waste can go into landfills. We had a citizen concern, she talked about the house on the corner by the UDOT. She stated that you can't come around that corner because they have so many junky cars, it is on both sides of the road. Then they moved a trailer in front of Johnson's. Mayor has asked them to come to the meetings twice now. But they haven't come. Mayor Wilson has a plan. She stated that it is a hazard on that corner. Mike Morgan stated that it will be 4 to 6 months to get a new ambulance, Mike stated that we might have to put some money down here next month. He doesn't know how much it will be, the guy is supposed to send him an invoice.

Rod McGary made a motion to pay the expenses. John Levenduski 2nd all that was present voted Yes.

John Levenduski made a motion to Adjourn. Rod McGary 2nd.

1 Hour 20 minutes 10 seconds

Stacey S. Hill, Clerk/Recorder

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