

REGULAR MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, October 12, 2021

LOCATION: Fairfield Town Office, 103 East Main Street, Fairfield, Utah

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES BY: Stephanie Shelley

AGENDA ITEM #1 - OPEN THE TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING.

Mayor Gurney called the Town Council Regular Meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 - ROLL CALL.

Town Council Members present:

Mayor Brad Gurney, RL Panek, Hollie McKinney, Jayson Densley

Excused:

Tyler Thomas

Staff Present:

Stephanie Shelley- Recorder, David Hansen - Finance Director

Others Present via Zoom:

Heidi Brunner

AGENDA ITEM #3 - PRAYER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor Gurney said the prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM #4 - VOTE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE WORK/REGULAR SESSION ON MARCH 23, 2021.

Councilman Panek made a motion to approve the minutes for the March 23, 2021, 2021 Work/Regular Session. Councilwoman McKinney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5 - VOTE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE WORK SESSION ON JUNE 30, 2021.

Councilwoman McKinney made a motion to approve the minutes for the June 30, 2021, Work Session. Councilman Densley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #6 - VOTE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE WORK/REGULAR SESSION ON AUGUST 14, 2021.

These minutes had already been passed in a previous meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #7 - VOTE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR SESSION ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2021.

They did not have a full quorum to pass these minutes.

AGENDA ITEM #8 - VOTE TO APPROVE THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD FINANCIALS AS OF THE MONTH ENDING JULY 30, 2021.

Councilwoman McKinney made a motion to approve the Financials ending July 30, 2021.

Councilman Panek seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #9 - VOTE TO APPROVE THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD FINANCIALS AS OF THE MONTH ENDING AUGUST 31, 2021.

Councilwoman McKinney made a motion to approve the Financials ending August 31, 2021.

Councilman Densley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #10 - VOTE TO APPROVE THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD FINANCIALS AS OF THE MONTH ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2021.

They will pass the September 30, 2021 financials at a future meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #11 - DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF BUYING MORE WATER SHARES.

Mayor Gurney told the Council that Layne Downs has 14 more water shares for sale at \$16,500 per share.

Councilman Panek asked what the advantage is to buying more water shares. Mayor Gurney stated that was a question for Councilman Thomas.

The Council discussed buying more water shares.

Councilman Panek wanted to know if it was a disadvantage to buy more water when the Town would have to prove up on the water. Mayor Gurney stated that the Town does not have to prove up on the water.

Councilwoman McKinney stated that the 14 shares of water would cost the Town \$231,000. She said the Town just purchased 8.5 shares for \$106,000.

Councilman Densley wanted to know if it makes sense to buy small batches of water shares or go for a big group of water shares for the Town.

Councilwoman McKinney asked how they prove up on a water share, and Mayor Gurney said it is based on the number of animals, people, and landscape.

The Council will table this until the end of the meeting.

The Council asked Mayor Gurney to get Larry Jenkin's legal opinion on the following questions.

1. Can the Town deny water to a resident and give it to a business?
2. Can the Town turn around and re-sell water shares to someone or a business?
3. The Council would like to know who can buy water shares from the town and how to buy shares from the Town.

AGENDA ITEM #12- DISCUSS FIBEROPTIC INTERNET.

Mayor Gurney informed the council that Brett from Silverlake was supposed to be here to talk to the Council to explain what the grant was about, but he could not join the meeting tonight.

Mayor Gurney talked to the Council regarding a grant that the State of Utah has for rural areas to get fiberoptics. It is a matching grant, and it looks like the cost could be \$150,000 for Fairfield so they can have it for every home in Fairfield.

Councilman Densley would like to pay when each house is done and not pay the whole amount upfront.

Councilwoman McKinney liked the idea of having fiberoptic brought to Fairfield.

Councilman Densley stated that the Town would need to get three bids for installing fiberoptics. Councilwoman McKinney said the Town should look into this.

Mayor Gurney will get numbers from Brett and email them out to the Council. He will set up a meeting with Brett to talk about the grant.

Mayor Gurney will talk to Larry Jenkins regarding the three bids since this would be a grant.

AGENDA ITEM #14- DISCUSSION ON MUSEUM.

Mayor Gurney talked to the Council about the expectations and purpose of the museum was:

- 1) It would start to build tourism infrastructure for the future.
- 2) With every dollar spent, you get ten dollars back.
- 3) The Town will be able to protect the history of Fairfield for the future, and the residents can take pride in its Town.

Mayor Gurney continued by saying that Camp Floyd will manage the daily operations of the museum and the Town, in partnership with the State, and have a say in what will be in the museum. The Town will not lease the museum to the State.

Councilman Panek asked about the Pony Express pieces. Mayor Gurney reported that he had talked to Paula Nardone. She is still grieving now, but she is not opposed to the idea of Fairfield still getting the pieces. Councilwoman McKinney asked about the endowment. Mayor Gurney said that he is not sure about the endowment.

Councilman Densley asked for clarification on how the museum is going to run. Mayor Gurney said that a committee would look at prospective pieces to exhibit in the museum and present them to the Town Council for approval. The State will also be exhibiting its pieces in the museum.

Councilman Panek pointed out that the museum will meet the State's criteria for museums.

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Mayor Gurney said that the State would pay five thousand dollars for the museum space. They will also mow and do daily maintenance.

Mayor Gurney said that no one cares about Camp Floyd, but If you say "Pony Express," people are interested. Mayor Gurney said that people are more interested in the Pony Express than they are in Camp Floyd.

Councilwoman McKinney stated that she is concerned about a business plan.

Mayor Gurney said he wants to have a say on what goes on inside the museum.

Mayor Gurney said he would like the Council to look at the agreement between the State and the Town. He said he is concerned about some of the items in the agreement with the State. He said that one part says that the State has exclusive control over the conference room and office, which is where the Town office is. He said he thinks that needs to be changed.

Heidi Brunner asked the Town to secure some of the foundation pieces.

Mayor Gurney said that the drawings for the museum are done, and he can now take them to Utah County for that funding.

The Council talked about a time frame. They agreed that they needed to talk to the contractor because they would like to start building next spring. The Town Council has until February/March to have everything ready. They will need to have the agreement done with the State and secure the funding with Utah County. Mayor Gurney still is hoping to get the money from the Legislator for two hundred thousand dollars to possibly three hundred fifty thousand dollars.

The Council reviewed the site plan for the Town Hall/Museum.

AGENDA ITEM #13 - DISCUSS TRAIL SYSTEM THROUGH TOWN.

Mayor Gurney reported that Chairwoman Pringle found a Federal grant for tourism. The Council talked about trails that could go through the Town.

Councilman Densley said he thought it would be a good idea to look into the grant. Mayor Gurney stated that the grant deadline is in January, and he also said that he would look into the grant.

AGENDA ITEM #15- DISCUSS HALLOWEEN AND CHRISTMAS.

Councilwoman McKinney reported that the Bird family would be in charge of the Trunk or Treat.

Councilwoman McKinney also reported that the Christmas lights would start going up on houses at the end of the month.

Mayor Gurney reported that Lanits is still doing the fireworks for the Christmas celebration.

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Councilman Panek said he would work on the burn barrels and look into getting wood for them.

Councilman Densley said he would check on the condition of the propane heaters.

Councilwoman McKinney said that they would like to use the speakers for Halloween.

Councilwoman McKinney suggested they ask Jim Baker if he would let the Town put lights on his pine tree in front of his yard. The Council thought that would be a good idea, and Councilwoman McKinney will talk to Jim about it.

The Council discussed other areas where they could put up lights. They discussed putting them up at the School House, but with its historical significance, they had concerns about the lights on the building. They talked about having lights just hit the building. The Council agreed to appropriate \$2500 for lights for the tree and the Schoolhouse. Councilwoman McKinney will be in charge of the project.

AGENDA ITEM #16- DISCUSS UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS.

Someone asked councilwoman McKinney about methane gas rights to Intermountain Landfill, and she asked if any other council knew about this. The Council believes the Town does have the rights to the methane gas. The Council will look into the CUP and meet with Rob either in January and February.

AGENDA ITEM #17 - DISCUSS OLD BUSINESS.

The Council talked about the water shares that were discussed in Agenda Item #11.

Councilman Panek said he would like to talk to Councilman Thomas about the water shares since he is the Water Director.

Councilman Densley thinks it is a good idea for the Town to buy more water shares.

Mayor Gurney will call and talk to Layne Downs regarding the water shares.

AGENDA ITEM #18 - DISCUSS NEW BUSINESS.

Mayor Gurney brought up the Resolution to Cancel the Election. Stephanie Shelley said the deadline is tomorrow to have it posted.

Councilman Densley said he has withdrawn from the election. Stephanie Shelley asked him to submit a letter or email formally withdrawing from the election, and she will send a copy to the State and Utah County.

Councilwoman McKinney made a motion to Cancel the 2021 Municipal General Election, Resolution 2021-3. Councilman Panek seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

The Council discussed issues with the office printer/copier. They asked Mayor Gurney to look into a new copier.

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The Council talked about the issue with the address system. How the addresses are still not working in Google and the county maps. Councilman Panek will contact Mary Jane at the County to see what happened on their end. Heidi Brunner will talk to someone at the State that has been looking at it also.

AGENDA ITEM #19 - ADJOURN THE TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING.

Councilwoman McKinney made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Densley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:39 p.m.

November 9, 2021

Stephanie Shelley

Minutes approval date

Stephanie Shelley Town Recorder