

MAY 11th, 2022
EMERY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Members present: Mayor Jack Funk, Councilpersons: Kim Hansen, Patrick Sundstrom, Lindsay Wilson-Edwards, Mike Christensen.

Others in Attendance: Josh Clark, Daisy Clark, Todd Minchey, Mark Minchey

Mayor Jack Funk called the meeting to order at 7pm. Mayor Funk led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Review and Approve the Minutes: Councilperson Sundstrom made a motion to approve the minutes; Councilperson Hansen seconded the motion. Ayes; Unanimous.

Open Invoice Report: Councilperson Sundstrom made a motion to approve the invoice report. Councilperson Wilson-Edwards seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Councilpersons; Sundstrom:Aye; Hansen:Aye; Wilson-Edwards: Aye; Christensen:Aye. Mayor: Aye. Motion passed

Terry Edwards: Is looking for a trencher to use at the cemetery Councilperson Sundstrom asked if it would take a day. Terry explained that it would take less than a day but with the travel involved in getting the trencher and returning it, it would need to be rented for two days. He will be looking at it again to see if he could use a skid-steer trencher. Mayor told Terry to give him a call the next day around noon. He knows of a couple people he could call to see if they have one that could be used.

Terry asked the Mayor if he was able to get ahold of anyone in regards to purchasing a tractor. Mayor stated he got one call back that was a higher price than what was discussed at the last meeting. He didn't follow up on the other guy and was not sure if he had the right contact information.

Terry was approached about installing a small gazebo and picnic table near the play park, painting a mural on the restrooms, and repairing and repainting the bleachers. Because of the historic nature of the bleachers being built by the CCC, it can be repaired to make it safer but without altering the structure. In regards to the murals, the Mayor would like to see some ideas on paper before moving forward in terms of what would be painted and how it would be funded; but he is in favor of it. Daisy stated that she would like to use volunteer help. There was a discussion of having a coloring contest at the library to make a decision on what would be painted. Mayor would like to have it done by the Pioneer Day Celebration. It will be discussed again at the next meeting. Mayor would like to see as much participation by the youth as possible. Mayor would be glad to come and cook some hot dogs for the kids after they are done.

Chief's Report: Scott McClaughry informed the council that the fundraiser went well. He thanked Councilperson Hansen for all her help in getting it organized. After expenses, they raised \$1,926. Scott thanked the town for all their support as well. UFRA training with the driving simulator scheduled for May has now been rescheduled for June 4th. This is due to trouble in getting instructors.

The Chief now has it set up that he gets the burn permits forwarded from the State to take into account when the town office is closed.

Councilperson Wilson-Edwards:

Beautification: Councilperson Wilson-Edwards stated she's had one person contact her about the fire hydrant contest. She would like to get more information out there and is planning on making flyers to try and get more interest. they will extend the date in order to do so.

Heritage Council/Pioneer Church Update: There was more or less a joint agreement to pull out of the contract with the original contractor. Mary Ann Has a company named Avalon which was recommended by Intermountain Helical Piers. Good thing about them is they use a lot of local contractors that would employ locals. They met with the CIB grant people to walk around the church

to give them a tour of what is going to be done. We have until August of 2023 to have the work done for the grant, which gives us a little over a year.

Intersections: Councilperson Wilson-Edwards stated she dropped the ball and she did not email the person. But according to her figures it will be about \$2,100-2,500 for the signs but she will email him to get some solid figures. She thinks it will be 17 stop signs, 2 new speed limit signs. Next month she will have an actual quote. This will allow the town to have a stop sign at the end of every street as well as replace the current signs in need of replacement.

Councilperson Sundstrom:

Animal Control: Nothing to report

CVSSD: The Special Service District had four companies come and look at the work needed on the pond. Only one put in a bid and it was for \$800,000. They think it goes back to chip and seal projects where there were overbids because they were so busy during this time of year. CVSSD is thinking they need to push this project to the Fall. CVSSD board voted on applying for the grant available to install the Secondary water meters. Clawson and Emery voted against it but it still passed. It is going to be \$2,900 per connection. Senator Hinkins and others are working towards getting communities like ours exempted from having to install meters. They will know more at the next meeting. Councilperson Sundstrom asked if the Mayor had heard anything back from the people he was going to contact. Mayor stated that they had not returned his phone call yet. The problem with the current grant being offered to cover the cost for the meters is that with the way the Bill is written, if the District applies for other grants to offset the cost, they will take the grant money back.

Councilperson Christensen:

No other business, just an update from the Planning and Zoning Committee about the Expansion Plan. They had met earlier in the week. They are currently working on a survey that will be set out to the town in a few different forms in order to get as many opinions as possible. Purpose being is so that it isn't just the committee's opinions; but the public's as well. It will be a long process.

Councilperson Hansen:

Budget: Councilperson Hansen stated she worked with Amy Sundstrom on the budget. They are about a 1/3 of the way through it. They should have it done by the next month for review.

Pioneer Days: They met the night before the town meeting. She thinks it will be a very fun celebration this year. They have a little bit for everybody and will bring back a lot of things that used to be done at the celebration. They will be sending out donation letters for sponsorships in the next couple weeks.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor has been approached by some of the women in town wanting to use the Rec. Center for a women's dance club. It would require hanging silks from the beams. If installed, it would need to be permanent which would require the town to make it structurally safe. EMS may be able to use it for ropes training as well in the future. They would also need mats for safety, which could be used for wrestling practice and gymnastics. Daisy stated that there are two mats currently in there. Mayor will get some quotes on the installation.

As for the ceramic shop, the Mayor stated that the owner still has it clear full of stuff and is hoping to have it done by Fall. In the meantime they may have to temporarily move some equipment to the Rec. Center so that people can use it in the meantime. It would be nice to get the space opened up in the current gym so that EMS can train. Councilperson Hansen asked if Ceramics for Fun currently has an active lease. Mayor stated yes, kind of, that it's a month to month lease. But the problem is that she has nowhere else for her to put it as she's selling it off. Daisy stated that the owner is working as quickly as possible.

Councilperson Hansen pointed out that there should be some sort of timeline. That just because one has a month to month lease, does not make it indefinite. Councilperson Wilson-Edwards stated that on a month to month lease a person could be asked to leave within 30 days. Councilperson Wilson Edwards pointed out that the owner only operates the store during the summer months. Councilperson Hansen expressed that there might need to be a definite deadline set. Mayor stated he will go talk to her and see if they could come up with a date. The owner has been there a long time and has nowhere to go with those things. He will go talk to her before the next meeting. Mayor asked if there were many reservations yet for the Rec. Center. The reply was that while there are not many at this time, reservations tend to pick up during the summer. Daisy pointed out that with Summer more families tend to hold the events outside because the building gets warm, Fall tends to be the busier season.

There was a discussion about the Rec Center having a mice and dust problem. Currently the seals on the doors are flimsy and need to have something better installed. Mayor and Terry will meet to discuss it.

Old Business/New Business:

Mayor opened the floor to the public. Councilperson Hansen stated she knows that Cheryl was working on the rental agreement for the Rec. Center that states the rules and fees. She doesn't think that there is anything that mentions if it is for a community event, which has no fee. Do we have something that states the person in charge of the event will be responsible to make sure things are taken care of much like the private event agreement? Daisy stated that we could have them sign the same thing as we give everyone else. Amy pointed out that there have been times we don't know who is using it and when at times and so there is no accountability, and are using it off the books so to speak. So when something happens or it is left dirty, there to hold accountable. Councilperson Christensen asked if the locks should be changed. Amy replied that they shouldn't have to. Councilperson Wilson-Edwards stated she thought that it was already rekeyed with "do not duplicate" keys. Amy stated that it was; but there is an extra key floating around that someone has, and is using. Mayor stated there is only one thing going on on Tuesdays and asked if there was anything else going on. The response was that no one knows of anything else going on. Councilperson Hansen again stated that if there is someone holding a community event they need to go through the town to sign something to say they are responsible. Terry replied that other than the kickboxing class, people are coming into the office to let the town know. Amy stated that no matter what, if there is a community event someone needs to come into sign for the building. Mayor stated that he will have the kickboxing class come in and sign for the building. Amy pointed out that this will also prevent double booking as there will be a record. Mayor stated he would like to put it on Google Calendar so that at least the council can have access to that calendar. Amy agreed but that it would still be best to only have only the office staff do the scheduling.

Daisy has asked if there was something that could be done to make the planters prettier. Councilperson Wilson-Edwards pointed out that is why we have the "adopt a planter" every summer. Amy stated that people become more interested as Memorial Day approaches. Terry stated that it will be easier to care for them as he will have the water tank ready for those that don't have water handy. There was a discussion of painting the planters.

Councilperson Hansen asked how long the application period is open for the Treasurer position. It was answered that it was open until the 14th. Amy informed the council because of the timeline they need to decide who all on the council will be available to do interviews and what day the interviews will be held. Mayor stated that he may push the application deadline past the 14th or later. Councilperson Wilson-Edwards asked if the town really wanted to do that, as time is needed to train them. Amy stated that not only will the person need time to train with Cheryl; the town can not be without a Treasurer. Councilperson Christensen asked if it will be assessed on the 14th if they will need to extend the deadline. The Mayor stated yes. Amy pointed out that it would require a vote, that the decision could not be made unilaterally. Mayor stated that they would like to make sure that there were capable people applying and Cheryl's position could be filled by the end of the month. Councilperson Hansen stated that they would need to be trained and ready to fill Cheryl's position before that date. Councilperson Sundstrom stated that the resumes he's looked at so far were pretty impressive. Councilpersons Hansen, Wilson-Edwards, and Christensen agreed. Councilperson

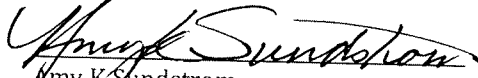
Christensen stated that he thinks that if they are not qualified there should be no problem in going back to the drawing board and extending the deadline.

Daisy asked if the council was willing to let her clean the restrooms at the park as a part of her duties. There was a question about who provides soap. Terry stated that whatever is put in there, it is quickly torn down. There was a question of installing security cameras. Mayor stated that he was fine with Daisy adding it to her duties. It was asked if it needs to be repainted. Terry stated that it does, it was going to be done last year but time ran out. There was a question in the public asking about the lights if they were being blown down. Kids have been throwing rocks and breaking them. Mayor suggested a reward of 100 towards finding who has been doing the vandalism. He would be willing to donate it just to find out.

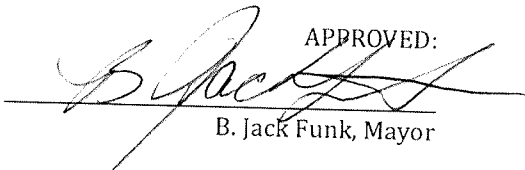
Mayor is still working on the Spinner's Pond project. He is going to be meeting with Darrin Olsen this month to get more drainage into Spinner's to build up the water storage.

Adjournment: Councilperson Sundstrom made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilperson Christensen seconded the motion. Ayes Unanimous.

ATTEST:


Amy K. Sundstrom
Municipal Clerk

APPROVED:


B. Jack Funk, Mayor

6.15.22