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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
Town Council Regular Meeting
Dutch John Conference Hall
August 10, 2022 7:00 P.M.

MINUTES FOR
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ATTENDANCE: Sandy Kunkel, Terri Winn, Al Pulham, Amy McDonald, Harriet Dickerson, JayDee Guymon. Trevor Brooksby is excused.

1. CONSENT AGENDA

1.1 Minutes of meeting: July 27, 2022

1.2 Business Licenses: Rodney Mangum, Trevor Brooksby Brandon Bertagnole, Todd Brown, Scott Slaugh, Rusk House

1.3 Expenditures: Dominion Energy $26.19, Daggett County Search & Rescue $300, High Country Sanitation $1,100.00 Dennis Judd $337.90, BVEA $340.38, G&H Garbage $3,367.90, Daggett County $176.66

1.4 Correspondence: Ms. Dickerson mentioned Congressman John Curtis will be here on the 24th. The current plan is having a continental breakfast at the Lodge and the public is encouraged to attend.
Ms. Kunkel received a correspondence from Dennis Judd reminding us how confidential e-mails are and the need to be careful with how they are used.
Ms. Dickerson noted she had received questions as to why some unimproved lots have not yet been mowed. The question also included County owned lands. Ms. Kunkel stated the purpose is for firebreak and fire control. Individuals/companies should mow their property, but it is not possible for all County lands to be mowed. Mr. Guymon said he believed the law says if your grass/weeds are 1-1/2 times the height of the vegetation then it should be mowed. Ms. Dickerson will send formal letter to DJ Resort In the morning regarding the old hospital property. Mr. Pulham asked if the Town owned any land which falls in this situation. Short discussion followed as to ways to handle the issue better next year. Weeds by the road also need attention. David McDonald is willing to become certified to spray these weeds and do the work if we supply the materials. This should be followed up.
Mr. Pulham moved to accept the Consent Agenda with corrections applied. Ms. Winn seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT. None

3. OLD BUSINESS

3.1 Road Striping Project - Discussion and Possible Action. Mr. Brooksby is working on this project so will be tabled for tonight.

3.2 MOU for Backhoe Use. Discussion and Possible Action. Ms. Kunkel reported that Craig Collett does not yet have an MOU in hand but has a "hand-shake" agreement with the new Daggett County Attorney who will prepare this document as soon as possible. The County agreed to have the backhoe available for use for the cemetery if it becomes necessary. This assurance was verified by Commissioner Lytle. Ms. Dickerson thought the agreement would say that we had free use of the equipment and just pay for time spent having given them three days prior notice. The discussion followed stated the fee schedule provides

for a standard fee for preparing the ground and, therefore, the above is included and does not need to be restated. We will wait and review the document presented.

3.3 Overgrown Lots – update. Discussion and Possible Action. Ms. Kunkel expressed her opinion that the town looks much nicer. Ms. Winn added that her lot isn't as it should be because the contractors have used her lot to access Weaver's property, tearing it up and not fixing. Council advised her to contact Mr. Weaver directly as his contractor may not have informed him of the problem. Ms. McDonald asked Fire Chief Guymon if there are any properties he is currently concerned about. Mr. Guymon said there was high concern last year, but so far this year things are better.

3.4 FG Road and Transportation District Proposal – Discussion and Possible Action. Ms. Kunkel had copy of proposal to be submitted and asked for comments. One project is bringing the Bench Road to a condition that is truly usable. Ms. Kunkel said the Transportation District liked to see what Towns are doing with their own money to improve their roads when asking for money from them. She included these items on the form for submittal.

Speed on our roads was also discussed. We need to turn our sign around so people are aware of their speed while leaving Town. Weed control is included in the request. When the Brown's Park road is completed it should be the turn for Dutch John to have substantial money put into maintenance. The Bench Road will be moved to priority status. Hopefully the County will participate in this project as well.

3.5 Civic Water rate. Discussion and Possible Action. Ms. Kunkel said the Commission would like us to present a proposal during a regular public meeting. We need to decide what we want to present and then see what their reaction is. After a long discussion with input from everyone, Mr. Pulham moved we propose a civic water rate equal to a single residential rate. Ms. Winn seconded. Motion passed unanimously. It is understood that civic includes any and all properties owned by the Town whether or not there is currently any water/sewer being used. We will try and set this for the Commission agenda of August 16th. It is a start.

3.6 Dumpster Location and Improvements – Discussion and Possible Action. Ms. Dickerson had forwarded information provided by G&H as to options we have. Mr. Chivers had suggested we try out the options we think we like before we put money into concrete and improvements before making a final decision. Discussion followed; no decisions made.

4. NEW BUSINESS

5. STANDING BUSINESS

5.1 Conference Hall Building Improvements. Discussion and Possible Action. Ms. Kunkel reported windows ordered. Cutting down tree rediscussed.

5.2 Nuisance Vehicles on Guide Row. No update.

5.3 Dutch John Cemetery. Board has meeting prior to next meeting. Discussion after that.

6. MEETINGS / TRAINING / INFORMATION REPORT OUT

Review Meeting Calendar Ms. Kunkel mentioned meeting she will attend.

Volunteer Fire Department – J Guymon. Mr. Guymon will attend another meeting for the Special Service District. They would like Trevor to attend, if possible. Mr. Guymon attended their meeting and reported they need us to join for several reasons, one being they need a bigger tax base and can gain funds which can be used to help our fire department. If taxes are collected, they need to write impact statement stating need and uses. There will be meetings in the future about the tax on residents. Ms. Kunkel said it seems like we would be paying them to do what we are already doing for ourselves. They anticipate someone from the Town would be on their Board to represent the needs of the Town. Mr. Pulham said we already have equipment and trained men and we aren't really interested until we know factually what benefit we would receive. Mr. Guymon said the District is asking is to adopt a resolution asking to be included in the District; we need to waive notice of annexation; and we need to hold a public hearing and provide a map of

our District. These are some of the rules that will need to be followed. Ms. McDonald feels residents will be unhappy their taxes are going up. Ms. Kunkel understands their struggle is real and they are having trouble getting members for their board. We will wait and see. She also mentioned the $35,000 that we paid which was to be dedicated to EMS services, hopefully to have a fully equipped ambulance.
Ms. Kunkel asked Mr. Guymon to explain the AT&T radio issue. He said during 911 first responders had trouble coordinating with each other and the federal government put out a contract to fix this issue. AT&T got the contract. They have contacted both Utah and Wyoming and have put up towers which should help with this problem. The cost will be $45.00/month for unlimited data and use.

Chamber/Tourism/Entry Signs – No update

Planning & Zoning – A. McDonald Ms. McDonald reported the goal is to have ordinance reviewed and updated by September.

Roads/Trails – T. Brooksby

7. Executive Session, if necessary* Pursuant to 52-4-204

Mr. Pulham attended a recreation committee meeting in Vernal which was very interesting and informative. Ryan Kelly also attended. It appears there are things in the works and possibilities for the future.

There being no further business Ms. Winn moved to adjourn. Mr. Pulham seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Harriet Dickerson

Harriet Dickerson, Clerk