

June 15th, 2022

Emery Town Council Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Mayor B. Jack Funk. Councilpersons: Mike Christensen, Lindsay Edwards, Kim Hansen, Patrick Sundstrom.

Others Present: Amy Sundstrom, Jennee Mangum, Terry Edwards, Scott McClaughry, Kyla McClaughry, Mark Minchey

1&2. Meeting was called to order at 7pm. Councilperson Hansen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Minutes May 11th: Councilperson Sundstrom made a motion to approve the minutes from May 11th. Councilperson Hansen seconded the motion. Ayes; Unanimous. Motion passed.

4. Invoice Report June 2022: Councilperson Sundstrom made a motion to pay the invoices for June 2022. Councilperson Christensen seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Councilpersons: Christensen: Aye; Wilson-Edwards: Aye; Hansen: Aye; Sundstrom: Aye; Mayor: Aye. Motion passed.

5. Resolution 6-1-2022 PTIF Funds-Certification of Authorized Individuals: Municipal Clerk explained to council that this was needed in order for her, the treasurer Jennee Mangum, as accounts payable and receivable to access the PTIF funds for the town. It was explained that these are the funds for things such as the Cemetery, Roads, and Church Restoration Project. The State holds these funds and the town transfers them to their account as needed. Councilperson Sundstrom made a motion to pass Resolution 6-1-2022. Councilperson Hansen seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Councilpersons; Christensen: Aye; Wilson-Edwards: Aye; Hansen: Aye; Sundstrom: Aye. Motion passed

6. Maintenance- Terry Edwards

6.1 Tractor replacement: Mason Machinery responded to Terry about the New Holland. They had originally quoted him the price for a 25hp tractor, they gave him an updated quote for a 40 hp tractor. Councilperson Sundstrom asked Terry if he liked this model. He stated that he did. Kobuta tractors of the same sizing were quoted as being 40k. Councilperson Christensen asked how much this one was going to cost. Terry stated 31.5k. He informed the council that he would be able to demo it. It's very versatile. Mayor asked if we had it in our budget. It was stated that it could come from Class B roads. Terry explained that he had talked to CVSSD and how the purchase equipment was to put it on a three year plan, as well as Ferron City as the funds in the road account renews every year. If we purchase it, we would not have to replace it in our lifetime. Councilperson Sundstrom asked if it would be better to finance the tractor. Councilperson Christensen agreed and stated he would like to know as well if anyone would know which would be better, and the money is in the budget. The clerk, Amy Sundstrom, stated the price could be divided up between Cemetery and Road funds. It could possibly be taken completely out of Road funds as the tractor would be primarily used for road maintenance. Councilperson Hansen pointed out that this financing would be 0% interest. The clerk added that financing would be better as it would keep more funds in that account as it gains interest. Terry agreed as well, with the 0% interest and the fact that those funds

replenish every year, it would make more sense to finance. Councilperson Sundstrom asked Terry if he wanted to do the demo. Terry replied, no. The Mayor stated that he would like to do the demo to make sure it was good. Councilperson Christensen suggested that it may be best to do the demo and put the mower on it to make sure it wouldn't overheat the motor. Councilperson Sundstrom made a motion to demo the tractor and if Terry is happy with it to finance the purchase at 0% interest for 48 months. Councilperson Christensen seconded the motion. Roll call Vote: Councilpersons; Sundstrom: Aye; Hansen: Aye; Christensen: Aye; Hansen: Aye. Motion passed.

6.2 Burn Pile and Recycling: If the burn pile doesn't stop getting out of hand we will have to do something different. There has been an issue with it being treated as a trash pile. Someone has gone up there and unloaded trash not even on the pile but off the side. Mayor asked if we can get the pile burned and if we needed to do a supervised burn with the fire dept. Terry replied yes, and that he could burn it whenever he wanted. Mayor wanted to make sure that it stayed under control if a wind comes up. Councilperson suggested putting up a trail camera. Fire Chief mentioned that the cars up there for training purposes have been vandalized. This way we would be able to fine those that refuse to clean up. Councilperson Wilson-Edwards stated that there are ordinances that require properties to stay clean. The clerk pointed out that what nuisance ordinances the town had have been repealed. Terry stated that it's not so much the trash, that we have people from out of town that are dumping as well. He believes it's an appliance person who is not wanting to have to take them to the dump that is leaving the refrigerators. He is getting to the point he rather close off the pile if people are going to abuse it. Councilperson Christensen stated that if we do people will just go elsewhere in the area and dump. The caged dumpsters haven't been much of a problem, but people are choosing to dump trash in the burn pile. Mayor suggested we barricade the pile with a sign that the pile is for the citizens on Emery along with a trail camera. There was a discussion of putting it up against an area with no drainage to help people get into a pile and no need to push the pile. Mayor suggested getting a state sign about littering. Terry stated we could make a wood sign in the meantime to see how it goes. Councilperson Wilson-Edwards made the motion to buy a trail camera to monitor the burn pile. Councilperson Sundstrom seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Councilpersons; Christensen: Aye; Wilson-Edwards: Aye; Sundstrom: Aye; Hansen: Aye. Motion passed.

7. Fire Department Chief's Report: Scott reported that he, Ben, and Matt all completed the Red Card training. Trucks 61 and 63 have been DOT inspected, so they are now in compliance so they will be able to respond to any fires out of city limits they can bill the State. \$90 per fire truck and \$25 per firefighter per hour. Truck #63 had a re-gen problem. He will have to take it in to be reset, for some reasons those models have problems. Scott and Kyla filled out the Wildlands grant this year. The board will make their decision on July 4th. The grant was just shy of \$10K. With it they should be able to buy all the PPE for 6 firefighters required for Wildland fires. It is a reimbursement grant. The Gunnison Fire Chief donated 12 complete STPA packs and 8 spare bottles. This bring them into compliance for the next 8 years. Now that the hydrant painting contest is over they are painting the hydrants that did not get painted. Mayor asked how the reimbursement grant works. Scott explained the process. We spend the funds, submit the invoices, checks, and hours worked by the fire department; we are then reimbursed.

8. Councilperson Wilson-Edwards:

8.1 Beautification: Fire hydrants. There are three people that are currently in the contest. The young women's group from the Church are supposed to be painting some tonight. Councilperson Wilson-Edwards went on to say that she has three people that are willing to judge the hydrants. Once she has all the pictures she will send them on and have them judged.

She hasn't had a lot of interest in people wanting to plant the planters. She is going to plant whatever is left. The clerk stated that she had a couple of calls of people interested and so most of them should be filled soon.

8.2 Emery Town Heritage Council The bid they have received from Avalon is for \$290K which is pretty good. Mayor stated that it is cleared that this company is knowledgeable. One of the men has family connections to the original builders. Mayor mentioned that we needed to make sure the sprinklers need to be shut-off on the North side so the company will be able to start digging. Everything is moving forward and they are wanting to start within the next two weeks.

8.3 Intersections: The first invoice they have received for the signs is \$2,949.68 and that is for the actual street signs. She does not know if we want to do all the signs this year, or only replace the worst ones. Wilson-Edwards stated the other one is for sanitation dump signs as people do not know we have one in town. The clerk stated it would fall in next year's budget as we are close to the end of the fiscal year. Councilperson asked if the invoice was for everything including the hardware. Councilperson Wilson-Edwards stated that it is. Councilperson Sundstrom stated he would like to see the speed limit signs go in as that's been the biggest problem. Councilperson Hansen stated that we could buy half in this fiscal year and the rest in the next. Councilperson Sundstrom made a motion to purchase all the signs needed for \$2,949.68. Councilperson Hansen seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Councilpersons; Christensen: Aye; Wilson-Edwards: Aye; Sundstrom: Aye; Hansen: Aye. Motion passed.

9. Councilperson Sundstrom:

9.1 Animal Control: Nothing to report

9.2 CVSSD: B Hansen Construction is going to do the settling pond. The Special Service District will do the excavation work to save some money so that we can get it in at the bid we wanted. Depending on what they find out they want us to be patient about HB 2.22. He suggested to the Mayor that we prepare a letter for the CVSSD stating that we do not want to be a part of it and we do not hold the CVSSD responsible for any repercussions. Right now the fee for a 1.5" connection \$1,600 and if they meter it, it will be \$2,900 to connect. The state did not budget enough money to even do this in the first place. The most money a Special Service District can get is 5 million dollars. This is going to cost the district for our county over 9 million dollars, and will likely go over that amount. Mayor stated he has talked to Jacob Sharp and Garrett Hansen and Senator Hinkins. The Mayor expressed he would like to be at the next meeting.

Castle Dale had a problem with their lift pump. The kind of pump that is used to bring the water pressure back up. Apparently something went wrong and they were blowing people's water heaters up by the elementary. Emery does not have this kind of pump, he just thought it was interesting.

Councilperson Sundstrom went on to express his frustration with the possibility of having to water the secondary water.

10. Councilperson Christensen:

10.1 Planning and Zoning: Josh Clark has an application to replace an existing shed using the footprint of the old one. No power or water and will be agricultural.

Clint Payne is in the process building on his lot on the East side of town. He has paid the connection fees. He is going to be moving Debbie Jolly's single wide trailer until the price of building costs come back down and build a permanent structure. He is waiting for the CVSSD to run the water and sewer connections. Councilperson Hansen stated that she does not know how they are going to move that trailer given the power poles and cement barriers. Mayor stated that he knows the father and father in law and they have a plan. Councilperson Christensen went on to say that it is an 80s model trailer and that as long as it is newer than a 76, it is legal.

Councilperson Christensen and the Mayor met with Kristen Bresee. She was at the last council meeting and really wants to be annexed into town limits to get utilities. They met with the water district and the difficulties of getting the utilities to the property. The district has made it sound like it would be \$100k+ to run lines to the property. Councilperson Sundstrom stated likely due to having to run it under the highway. Councilperson Christensen agreed and pointed out it all new construction requires mains have to be 8". The problem would be that it creates a reservoir of sorts which creates issues with water quality. Councilperson Wilson-Edwards stated that another problem is that the expansion plan needs to be created before we could annex the property. Councilperson Christensen reiterated that the biggest problem is getting water to the property at all and who will foot the bill. The CVSSD stated that the town could assist or do whatever they choose but the district already has obligations they need to pay. Right now it is not feasible for the town to pay that amount of money for one house to get connections. Councilperson Sundstrom stated he spoke to Mistie Christiansen and she informed him there are grants for water improvements. Councilperson Wilson-Edwards stated that she believed Riatta and Daniel are going to run into the same problem on their property that is further East. It was noted that the price of \$200K is for just running water lines, not sewer or power. Councilperson Sundstrom reiterated that an expansion plan needs to be created and any person that builds out there will have to have a septic system. The biggest problem will be culinary and secondary. Councilperson Christensen stated that the only way this would likely be feasible is by creating a subdivision of 20 houses to make it worthwhile. There was a discussion that in terms of the expansion plan the only direction the town can grow is to the East and South. Councilperson Christensen stated that the service district pointed out that the town owns 40 acres on the Northeast that could be developed and they would be able to loop the water since it has to be in 8" pipe. Is the town interested in developing it? Councilperson Sundstrom stated that if we sell it, we would have to require it be developed if sold that way the property is not purchased and not sat on. Councilperson Sundstrom expressed we should look into

selling off that property to be developed to people that are wanting to move into town. Councilperson Christensen will take it to the Planning and Zoning committee. Councilperson stated that Ms. Bresee is interested in selling part of her property to others to develop housing. Mayor stated we should look into developing the town property.

11. Councilperson Hansen:

11.1 Budget: The budget is done on paper but not typed into the system. There were minimal changes that we made and looks similar to our current budget.

11.2 Pioneer Days: We are currently at \$5k in donations. There was about 70 donation letters sent out. The office worked really hard to get them out and we've had a great response. Items have been donated that haven't been factored into that amount. The Dinner will be able to be free dinner for the community, with a donation jar available for those that would like to donate. The fact that the dinner will be free will not be advertised in the paper. Councilperson Christensen asked if we have ever done that before and the answer was no. The dinner theme will be Backyard Barbeque. It will be chicken that hopefully the Mayor will cook. Sysco is donating a portion of the food.

We are up to 15 vendors. The parade is going to be many times larger than what it has been in the past. Terry pointed out that moving the date has been a good thing. Councilperson Hansen agreed.

Councilperson Hansen doesn't have a confirmed person to do the dance. There was interest in Horseshoe tournament, but response was better for Cornhole. Councilperson Sundstrom and Terry will run the Cornhole tournament.

The dance and the dinner are the only two things that she doesn't not have covered a 100% but should by the time of the celebration. Everything else has been covered.

Councilperson Hansen asked the Fire Chief what he knew about the smoker. He replied that it is currently at Eagle Mountain and they can go pick it up after the 4th.

12. Mayor's Report: Attended the Rural Development meeting for USDA Loans. There are a variety of grants available and he wanted to see what there was for city water. He did get some resources to start possible applying. Once he follows up with them we can start applying. He has not heard from Darrin Olsen. Councilperson Hansen asked if there was an update on Barb Petty. Mayor stated that she just got married and he had not heard from her. The clerk stated that she has dropped by a few times at the office trying to contact the Mayor. The Mayor will attempt to get a hold of her. Terry mentioned he replaced the swamp cooler with an air conditioner in the post office. He said they had to turn it off by 9 am because it was working so well. They are very happy now with it. He has not replaced the one in the ceramic shop due to the square footage is too big for window mount. Mayor expressed frustration with having people getting back to him and supply issues excuses being Covid and supply chain issues.

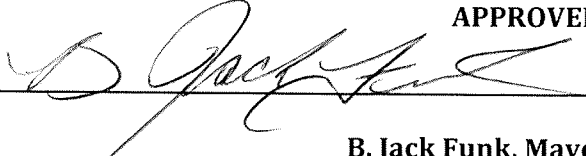
13. Open Agenda:

13.1 Old Business: None

13.2 New Business: None

14. Adjournment: Councilperson Sundstrom made a motion to adjourn. Councilperson Christensen seconded the motion. Ayes; Unanimous. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:18pm

APPROVED:


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B. Jack Funk, Mayor

ATTEST:


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Amy K Sundstrom, Municipal Clerk

