

ROCKY RIDGE TOWN PUBLIC HEARING & MONTHLY MEETING

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Opening:

Presiding: Mayor Ronald Allred

Present from the Town Council: Ronald Allred, Shannon Allred, Lucy Gold, Bethany Sturgeon and Andrew Aagard.

Present from the Town Staff: Rachel Bronson, Marilyn Bronson, and Terry Allred.

Others Present: Bond Counsel from Johnson, Patterson & Yellowhorse – Eric Johnson representing. Citizenry: Sarah Allred, Amber Brown and Sarah Bronson.

Invocation was given.

Meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Mayor Allred, Road Department Head Terry Allred and Town Council Member Bethany Sturgeon made a few amendments to July's minutes. Council Member Shannon Allred motioned to approve July's minutes as amended and Council Member Bethany Sturgeon seconded the motion; all others voted in favor.

*The order of agenda items changed to accommodate the needs of the City Council, the staff, and the public.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Public Hearing – CIB PROJECT – Application for Town Hall – discussion on potential outcomes and financial ramifications

Mayor Allred opened the Public Hearing for the CIB Project and informed the public that this item would be taken care of first. Eric Johnson introduced himself and was welcomed by the Town. Eric Johnson was representing Johnson, Patterson & Yellowhorse – they are the Town's Bond Counsel for the CIB Grant. The Mayor asked if Eric would walk the Town Council and public through the process in which Eric was there to represent.

Eric introduced himself as a Municipal Bond Attorney – he then gave a brief history of the Utah Constitution's part in public bodies borrowing money; there are special rules in which public bodies borrow. The concern is that public bodies will unwisely borrow money today and plunge a community into debt that they will not be able to pay tomorrow. Due to these concerns, in the 1930's, almost 100 years ago – the Utah Supreme court designed rules in which public bodies are required to comply with in order to borrow money. If they do not comply, the loan is not only voidable – meaning they could choose not to repay it, it is void from the beginning – meaning the community is forbidden from repaying it. As a result, lenders require the opinion of one who specializes in Municipal Bonds and are in compliance to those laws.

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It was suggested by Bond Counsel that the Town ask for as much Grant money as they could. Eric inquired who would be representing the Town. It was suggested by Mayor Allred and several others that Water Department Head Casey Reynolds attend due to his involvement with the Engineering and Architecture of the building. Town Clerk, Marilyn Bronson was also recommended to attend due to her work on the CIB Grant Application. Eric then encouraged at least one Town Council Member to attend. Town Council Member Bethany Sturgeon volunteered.

Eric explained the process which would take place after the application had been turned in. The Town of Rocky Ridge would be invited to attend the CIB Board Meeting and the Board would introduce the application, express their thoughts and the Board would then ask those representing the Town questions concerning the application for the project; such as why the Town wants the Town Hall and how the Town will be paying for it.

Eric has helped the Town of Rocky Ridge in the past with their water projects. Water systems produce revenues – the water system itself pays for the debt. A Town Hall is not a revenue producing asset like a water system. Due to this fact Eric recommended that the Town of Rocky Ridge create a Building Authority. Eric then gave a brief history of how Building Authorities started.

In the late 1980's a judge ruled that Iron county's jail was inadequate for holding prisoners and that they would have to build a new jail. The County Commissioners called an election to ask for support in paying for the new jail for the county that they were being required to build according to the judge. The people did not support the building of a new jail. The County Commissioner's called another election. Again, the people did not support it. The County was not able to build the new jail according to the requirements of the judge. Due to this circumstance, the Utah Legislature passed a new law called "The Municipal Building Authority Act," which enabled Counties and other public bodies, like a Town, to create a Building Authority. Iron County could now create a non-profit corporation called a "Building Authority," and that non-profit corporation which uses the same tax ID number could take out a loan for the new county jail and enter into an agreement with the county. The Building Authority would lease the jail to the county for 20 years; this is a special type of lease - instead of being one lease for 20 years, it is a series of one-year leases that automatically renew for 20 years. In other words - a series of 20 one-year leases. In theory, the County could walk away from the debt on the new county jail anytime they wanted to. Of course, if they did so, they would lose all the equity in the jail so they would not do that.

In this case, the Town of Rocky Ridge will create a Building Authority which is a non-profit corporation created under Utah law. The Board of the non-profit corporation is the Town Council. The Building Authority would borrow money to build the new Town Hall and enter into a lease with the Town to repay the debt on the Town Hall. The Town Council would approve that lease as the Town Council for the Town and then it would turn around and approve the lease as the Board of the Building Authority. In other words – the Town Council is on both sides of that transaction.

That was immediately challenged when Iron County tried to do that; arguing that it was the same people on both sides of the transaction. The Utah Supreme Court, recognizing the need – informed the public that there were some things that a public body has to do and, in this case, building a jail for a county is one of them; it is a statutory requirement. Each public body has to have the method to accomplish their public purposes. The Building Authority was allowed and it was understood that the same people on the town Council were the same people on the Building Authority Board. It was argued that this was, under the

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law, an “Alter Ego,” – that this was the same board of individuals acting like two separate boards. The Utah Supreme Court informed the public that it was not seen that way to them; to them these were two separate boards. No one was being defrauded therefore it was legal. Since that time many communities have used Building Authorities for Fire Stations and Town Halls. This is what you would be doing once you got approval from the community. Eric then asked if there were any questions.

Town Council Member Lucy Gold asked for clarification – the Town would still apply for the CIB Grant and see what they would be willing to do. Would the CIB still be issuing the loan even if the Town created the Building Authority?

Eric informed the Town Council that CIB would not be giving the Town an 100% Grant. Town Council Member Lucy Gold expressed that this was understood.

Eric explained that the CIB Board would likely issue a part grant – part loan. The loan would have to be repaid through the Building Authority.

Town Council Member Bethany Sturgeon replied - the lease is renewed every year, correct?

Eric responded in the affirmative. He informed all present that this specific loan is known as an “Annual Appropriation Lease” – meaning, each year the Town Council would appropriate money for the next year to make the annual payment for that loan.

Mayor Allred asked: How does the Building Authority qualify for the loan?

Eric informed the Town Council that the Building Authority would lease it to the Town and the Town would agree to make the payment. The Town would then have to show that they had the money to do so. If the Town needed to, the Town could draw on Property Taxes to make the payment.

Town Council Member Lucy Gold asked if any Building Authority had ever defaulted.

Eric answered in the negative.

Eric did express that there was one incident in which Beaver County forgot to make the appropriation. They went back to the lender and asked if they could make up the payment on the back-end; they worked it out. That was the closest and it was an accident. No public body in Utah has ever defaulted. If the Town were to go to a bank instead of CIB for the loan, they would pay a higher interest rate.

Marilyn informed the public that Six County had encouraged the Town of Rocky Ridge to ask for 50% Grant and 50% Loan. Marilyn asked if the Town should ask for a full Grant – no loan.

Eric answered in the negative. Asking for half grant and half loan was good advice. However, Eric suggested that the Town ask for 60% Grant and 40% Loan. If the Town were in a county that was a mineral producing county, they would have a better chance at getting more grant money.

Mayor Allred opened time to the public for comments or questions.

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Road Department Head, Terry Allred informed those present that one thing that they (CIB/State) can go after is the building itself; the building becomes the collateral. With the other grants the Town of Rocky Ridge had been awarded there was no collateral because the Town used the revenues from those projects.

Marilyn informed all present that the potential outcome of asking for a 60% Grant 40% Loan at ½% interest rate – the lowest interest rate CIB offers according to Six County – the annual payment would be between \$24,000-\$25,000 over 30 years. If they awarded the Town of Rocky Ridge 50% Grant 50% Loan it would be approximately a \$30,000 annual payment for 30 years. If they only offered a full loan and no grant then payment would be about \$63,000 annual payment for 30 years.

Mayor Allred expressed the Town's need to ask for as much grant money as CIB could offer.

Marilyn expressed that Eric would help the Town to make sure the process was as smooth as possible – all public notices, public hearing, creating the building authority, etc.

Eric further explained that once the funding is approved – the Grant/Loan package, the Town would need to go through the process that every public body in the state goes through to borrow money. You would need to call another public hearing – there are very specific things that need to go in the notice; it needs to be handled a certain way. This will all need to be in place before they will lend you the money. What usually dictates the timing of when you will receive the money is bidding out the construction of the project; bids that show that it can be completed with the amount of funding that you have. That is one of the precautionary steps that the CIB takes. The advantage is that you will get better terms than any bank will give you. There is just a little more caretaking from one public body to the next.

Town Council Member Bethany Sturgeon replied that the application was the hardest part of getting the grant/loan.

Eric replied in the affirmative – they (Johnson, Patterson & Yellowhorse) will make sure that it is. They will make sure the rest of the process is easy for the Town.

Marilyn asked if the Town Council received all the information regarding the fee that the Bond Counsel was charging for their services. Marilyn expressed that this fee would be part of the CIB Grant/Loan package. All of this information could be seen on the CIB application that was presented to the Town Council as well as the public for review tonight.

The Town Council answered in the affirmative.

Mayor Allred asked if there were any more questions or comments before the Public Hearing for this specific item was closed.

Mayor Allred expressed his gratitude to Eric for making the trip to attend.

Mayor Allred closed the Public Hearing on the CIB Project.

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2. Resignation – Sarah Allred (Library)

Mayor Allred gave Sarah Allred the floor. Sarah expressed that Utahna Jessop ran the library before she had. Just as Utahna needed to step down, Sarah Allred expressed that it was now time for her to step down and hand it over to someone else to take care of, as she is resigning. She expressed that Sarah Bronson and Amber Brown have agreed to take over this position if the Town Council is in agreement.

Sarah gave one last update for the library:

There are currently over 16,000 items in our Library. When she took over the library there was less than 10,000 items in the library. Last year there was over 7,000 items checked out, there are 260 Library cards currently issued.

In 2016 a summer reading program was started and 131 people signed up. This year 224 people signed up for the program.

Sarah expressed that the library is a need for the Town and it is continuously growing. It has been made clear to those taking over this position that the library is run completely on a volunteer basis; a lot of time and effort is needed to keep the library up and running. Sarah Allred has full confidence that these ladies will do an exemplary job. Sarah Bronson will be head of running the library. She will present the annual budget, receive the budget, and turn in receipts. Amber Brown will be assisting her. They have both put in volunteer time at the library for the past 6-12 months.

Mayor Allred asked for a motion to accept Sarah Allred's resignation. Town Council Member Lucy Gold motioned to accept the resignation and Town Council Member Andrew Aagard seconded the motion; all others voted in favor.

Sarah Allred expressed her appreciation to the Town Council for allowing her to serve. The Town Council, in return, expressed their gratitude for all of her years of service.

Town Council Member Shannon Allred motioned to accept Sarah Bronson and Amber Brown as taking over Sarah Allred's previous position in running the library. Town Council Member Andrew Aagard seconded the motion; all others voted in favor.

3. Public Hearing – BUDGET AMENDMENT; add Building Dept. – Presentation given by ZipFlow (Lane Allred)

Mayor Allred opened the Public Hearing for a proposal for a budget amendment for the building department. Park Department Head Lane Allred, along with the Zipflow representative, Adam - gave their presentation regarding digitizing the building permit process. After the presentation was given a discussion was held regarding how the process would work within our Town.

Town Council Member Bethany Sturgeon asked if there was a way to fill out building permit applications on paper for those residents that may not want to fill one out online.

Adam, representative of Zipflow assured the Town that this can still be done - the person applying for the permit can take a picture of said permit (filled out) and then upload it. If this is still too complicated they

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could always fill out the paper and bring it to the Town Office. The Treasurer, Rachel Bronson or Lane could upload the form.

As far as the building plans go, most are now digital. You can print them out at home with a regular printer or take the plans to a printing shop and they can print up a full set of plans, if desired.

Mayor Allred asked what the fee was to move forward with implementing this digital program for the building permit process. Adam informed the Town Council that the annual fee is \$1,000 for a Town of our size. There is also a one-time implementation fee of \$800 – to fund the on-boarding team and get all forms and processes configured.

Mayor Allred then thanked Adam for his presentation and his time.

Lane expressed that as individuals turn in a permit application the system will upload all documentation. They will be given a personal link to their “account,” and be able to see the permit process as it unfolds; they will be able to track what the next step is as well as what inspections are needed as they build. There are security features in place regarding the Zipflow program – each account can only be accessed via personal link given once the process has been started.

Lane concluded his presentation by giving a history of the current Building Permit process and Policy.

Discussion followed regarding the availability of funds to amend the Building Department Budget, Legislative Bills (HB 841) now in process to go digital, etc.

Town Council Member Lucy Gold asked if the Building Permit price had been increased – expressing that it may need to be increased in order to cover this cost.

Lane informed the Town Council that the permit fee has not increased though it may need to in the near future. However, the increase of that fee is not being discussed. The cost of the program itself can be pulled from the Building Department Budget if amended to cover the cost of implementing the program.

Mayor Allred opened the Public Hearing up for public comment.

Rachel shared her insight to the permit process and was in agreement in regards to the need to change things regarding this process in order to meet the needs of the current Policy. She expressed that regardless of whether the Town implements this specific program or not - there needs to be some serious discussion on either amending our policy or the Town needs to honor the current Policy; the professionalism of the building permit process has not been high. The Town’s Policy states a specific time frame wherein permits are approved or denied. The last several plans that have gone through have been a very slow process with a large lack of communication and several citizens have expressed frustration regarding it. Rachel informed the Town Council that she thought it would be beneficial to get citizen comments either for or against increasing the building permit fee if that is being discussed.

Town Council Member Shannon Allred asked if this was a year-to-year contract.

Lane answered in the affirmative.

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Town Council Member Andrew Aagard motioned to amend the Building Department Budget by increasing it another \$2,000 this year to cover the cost of the implementation fee of \$800 and the annual fee of \$1,000 annually thereafter. The other \$200 would be for any miscellaneous expenditures to cover electronic items needed by the Inspector. Town Council Member Shannon Allred seconded the motion; all others voted in favor.

Town Council Member Lucy Gold motioned to accept the Zipflow digital program. Town Council Member Bethany Sturgeon seconded the motion; all others voted in favor.

Mayor Allred closed the Public Hearing.

Mayor Allred asked to re-open the Public Hearing on the CIB Grant due to a few questions he had been contemplating. Mayor Allred asked Town Clerk, Marilyn Bronson if she had received a notice regarding the dates and time that the CIB Board would be meeting to discuss the application once it was turned in. Marilyn informed the Town Council that the application would be electronically submitted to our AOG (Six County) two weeks prior to the deadline of October 1st, 2022 and that a meeting would be set up with Six County to review the application prior to this two week mark.

Town Council Member Lucy Gold asked who the Town's contact was at Six County and Marilyn replied that it was Tyler Timmons.

Road Department Head Terry Allred informed the Town Council that the CIB Board would put the Town of Rocky Ridge on the Agenda for their next meeting; this is a Preliminary Meeting where the Board will announce the project applications that have been turned in. The Board will invite the Town to a second CIB Board Meeting. At this second meeting the Board will discuss and award projects. Terry encouraged all those that had an interest in the grant for the Town Hall to attend the CIB Board Meetings. The last time Terry attended the meetings, they first met in Richfield. The second meeting was in Salt Lake City.

Though Cathy Lummus was not in attendance at this meeting due to scheduling conflicts, Marilyn suggested Cathy as another person to attend the CIB Board Meeting due to her financial background as the Town's Office Manager and Financial Assistant to the mayor. Those encouraged to attend are: Casey Reynolds, Marilyn Bronson, Bethany Sturgeon and Cathy Lummus.

After these additional comments were made regarding the CIB Project the mayor closed the Public Hearing.

4. Clarify Purchasing Policy

Mayor Allred asked Marilyn what needed to be done in order to clarify the purchasing policy. Marilyn felt that Road Department Head Terry Allred could give the best information regarding this issue. Mayor Allred turned the time over to Terry.

Terry explained that the Town's current Purchasing Policy states that if anything over \$15,000 is purchased then the individual wanting to make that purchase needs to have three (3) bids from three (3) different vendors in order to go forward with that purchase. Departmental Heads/Supervisors are proposing a policy clarification along these lines - "Purchases costing more than \$75,000 shall require 3

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bids.” If the purchase is outside of the approved budget for that department – the department would need to get the approval from the Town Council anyway and the bids would be reviewed then.

Town Council Member Lucy Gold had some concerns regarding past purchases and asked what the State’s Purchasing Policy was.

Mayor Allred asked Terry if this proposed policy clarification was to make the process less cumbersome for the department supervisors. Terry affirmed this.

Town Council Member Shannon Allred asked for clarification – is this proposal striking out the “three (3) bids from three (3) different vendors?” Terry went over some mock scenarios to explain how the process would work if the language was clarified.

Town Council Member Andrew Aagard expressed that the purpose of having that language in the Purchasing Policy is to curtail Nepotism in the workplace. He then asked if the Town had legal counsel concerning these matters. Marilyn answered that the Utah League of Cities and Town’s were the Town’s legal representatives and that she could call them to receive counsel and help regarding this, if needed.

Town Council Member Andrew Aagard motioned to accept the language clarification in the purchasing policy as long as it did not come in conflict with Utah State law. Town Council Member Shannon Allred seconded the motion; all others voted in favor.

5. Public Hearing – INCREASE OF MAILBOX FEES – *Proposal given by Andy Allred, Rocky Ridge Treasurer, Rachel Bronson and Town Clerk, Marilyn Bronson*

Mayor Allred opened the Public Hearing for the proposal of an increase in mailbox fees. Andy Allred could not make it to the meeting due to sickness. Information regarding mailbox fees for Santaquin City was provided - the current fee to open a mailbox and the deposit fee of \$15 to receive two keys. The deposit would be given back if both keys were returned after use of the mailbox.

The Town’s current fee to open an account and receive a mailbox and keys is \$35 – the proposed increase is \$40. The current annual fee to retain the mailbox is \$10 - the proposed annual fee is \$30. Mayor Allred asked if there were any questions or discussion needed to approve this proposal.

Town Council Member Andrew Aagard asked if Treasurer Rachel Bronson and Town Clerk Marilyn Bronson had analyzed the needs to maintain the building – if the \$30 annual fee was sufficient.

Marilyn informed the Town Council that the money budgeted to maintain the building is currently about \$300 a year. Those that put the proposal together increased that maintenance fee to \$600 a year. After Andy, Marilyn and Rachel discussed the issue, it was felt that the decision made to purchase the parcel lockers was hasty. While there is a definite need for more parcel lockers and certainly the community is growing, the general consensus was that it was not necessary or justifiable for the Town to increase the mailbox fees in order to cover the entire cost of purchasing them. The purchase of said parcel lockers could have been done in increments over a period of time in contrast to purchasing them all at once. After calculating the increase, and if said increase was approved – the expenditure for the mailboxes would be paid off in a couple of years.

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Mayor Allred asked for public comment.

Terry commented that he approved of the increase of those fees. He felt that the area needed to be covered better financially than it has been.

Rachel informed the Town Council that Andy expressed that there are further improvements that will need to be made in the near future to that building – which the increase of fees would support.

Mayor Allred expressed his approval for the increase and also expressed the need for lighting during the evenings in the entryways. Terry informed the Town Council that lights cannot be installed on the inside – they cannot penetrate the ceiling. The lights will need to be put on the outside of the building. Terry suggested to the Town Council that the Town run power to the building and/or possibly install something such as a solar street light or two.

Town Council Member Andrew Aagard motioned to approve the increase of mailbox fees and Town Council Member Lucy Gold seconded the motion; all others voted in favor.

Mayor Allred closed the Public Hearing.

Town Council Member Lucy Gold asked to re-open the issue regarding the clarification of the Town's Purchasing Policy. Town Council Member Lucy Gold looked in the Powers and Duties Handbook for Utah Municipal Officials; pages 238-239 and read "Town's are not required to call for bids if they are less than \$40,000." It is not violating state law unless the amount is over \$40,000.

Mayor Allred thanked Town Council Member Lucy Gold for that clarification.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Decision regarding Town Office trailer

Mayor Allred proposed the use of resident Dave Bronson's trailer as a Town Office. The mayor spoke to Dave about that option. Dave felt that he could be in his home by the first of the year if the Town could purchase the trailer for the price of \$35,000. It is possible that there may need to be some remodeling but the mayor felt that it was a good option. There is efficient parking space there and would suffice for the Town's needs. If the Town bought a new office trailer, then a hole would need to be dug, power and water would need to be run to it, etc. It would cost more financially and would take a lot more time to get into. Mayor Allred expressed that this would be the Town's best option. Discussion followed regarding the condition of said trailer and who owned the trailer – whether the trailer belonged to Dave or the Land Owner. Discussion followed regarding contracts and/or agreements on a specific move in date for the use of the trailer for the Town, etc.

Terry clarified that the purchase of Dave's trailer would be made to the Land Owner not Dave. Mayor Allred volunteered to speak to the Land Owner concerning the use of said trailer.

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Town Council Member Lucy Gold motioned to approve the purchase of Dave's trailer. Town Council Member Andrew Aagard seconded the motion; all others voted in favor.

Before going forward with the Departmental Updates Town Council Member Bethany Sturgeon asked that Town Clerk, Marilyn Bronson add the last month's expenditures to the next month's agenda.

Departmental Updates:

1. **EMS/CERT:** There was a Burn Class that was conducted with the EMS/CERT Programs.
2. **Water:** None
3. **Road:** Terry informed the Town Council that both Lark Ridge Road projects were finished.
4. **P & Z:** Terry reminded the Town Council of his Planning and Zoning resignation. A new Board Member would need to be appointed as well as a new appointment made to chair those meetings.
5. **Admin:** Marilyn informed the Town Council that she received word today from the County Clerk's office that the Town can move forward with implementing the new street signs.

As Marilyn has gone over the last couple of years minutes, she noticed that Town Council Member Lucy Gold was looking into grants regarding crosswalks along some of the major roads. She wondered if there was any update regarding this issue. Town Council Member Lucy Gold did not remember that specific item. She did look into Railroad Crossings as well as Sidewalks. She expressed that this was most likely a misprint.

Marilyn updated the Town Council regarding the Railroad Grant from last month. She and Town Council Member Bethany Sturgeon looked into this – the available funds were under \$500,000. The improvements of having electricity run to the tracks for flashing lights would be around \$1,000,000. Marilyn spoke with the Mayor concerning this and it was decided not to apply for the grant.

6. **Park:** None
7. **Library:** Sarah Bronson asked if there was any plan for a future Library. Mayor Allred informed her that the new school that was being planned had a Library.

Town Council Items: Marilyn reminded the newly appointed Town Council Members about the Municipal Officers Training that needed to be completed.

Citizen Items:

- 1) Terry desired to make a few comments in regards to the discussion last month concerning the Cemetery. He expressed that taking one of the Town's departments – the Cemetery – and moving it under a private entity was a misuse of stewardship. He also expressed that if a person complained about another one of the Town's departments, for example, the Road Department, the Town would lose all funding; that person would need to come up with their own private ways to take care of the roads. Terry felt that the Town needed to be more careful with the departments within the it. Discussion last month regarding this issue included turning the Cemetery over to a

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church organization to run and to do all the maintenance under volunteer labor. Terry informed the Town Council that it is currently very difficult to get volunteer labor at the cemetery. Terry asked the Town Council who would have the equipment to do the grave-digging, to maintain the area; mowers, trimmers and other needed equipment. If the Town Council felt that the person maintaining the Cemetery was not doing an efficient job then he recommended the issue be dealt with internally.

Town Council Member Bethany Sturgeon informed the Town Council that she also was concerned over last month's meeting in regards to the Cemetery. If there is a desire to volunteer time and labor to the Cemetery or present ideas to improve the area they could speak with Terry, as he is the Supervisor.

Terry further explained that he is not the Sexton. He is the Town Employee that builds and maintains the area. There are two (2) other volunteers that help with the landscaping. Terry expressed that he would be happy to have more volunteers. However, he felt that the issue needed deeper consideration.

Town Council Member Andrew Aagard asked for clarification on who owned the Cemetery.

Mayor Allred informed Town Council Member Andrew Aagard that the Land Owner currently owned the Cemetery. It was originally deeded to the Town; however, the Cemetery was deeded to the Land Owner in order to get some land parcels intact. The Land Owner is in the process of re-deeding the Cemetery back to the Town.

Town Council Member Lucy Gold expressed that she felt that the discussion held last month in regards to this issue was simply that – a discussion. Ideas were expressed and at the end of the conversation Town Council Member Lucy Gold felt that all of the Town Council Members realized that all sides of the issue needed to be looked at.

Mayor Allred expressed that some of the ideas presented were unrealistic; all other Town Council Members agreed. That being said – he expressed an appreciation for the perspectives that were offered.

- 2) Marilyn asked to make a suggestion regarding safety measures during the school year on Rockwell Drive – previously known as East Ridge Road. There are numerous community messages that are sent out and announced each year regarding this issue. She asked Terry to look into receiving an estimate for two (2) solar flashing lights and two (2) “Slow to 15 mph,” or “School Zone,” signs to go above the lights in order to promote safety and caution. Marilyn submitted the estimate of \$8,000 to the Town Council to review. Marilyn informed the Town Council that she had contacted a member of Modern Woodmen, a fundraising representative, for financial support in this endeavor. Marilyn, as a citizen brought this to the attention of the Town Council in a desire to receive their input.

It was suggested by Treasurer, Rachel Bronson that a four-way stop may be something that, if implemented, could be the solution to the issue.

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Town Council Member Andrew Aagard expressed that most of those living and working within the community don't obey the rules of the road in regards to stop signs. He also informed the Town Council that if the majority of the funds were privately raised/donated to implement what was suggested by Marilyn – there would be no downside to it. The Town Council agreed.

Mayor Allred expressed that he preferred to have a four-way stop with flashing lights along Rockwell Drive as opposed to flashing lights. Mayor Allred expressed that this could make the difference and no further action would need to be taken. The Town Council agreed.

Terry informed the Town Council that he would price those out and get an estimate.

- 3) Town Council Member Lucy Gold also asked, as a citizen, that those with E-Bikes be spoken with about the need to obey the rules of the road. There are many that are going down the middle of the road, not stopping at the stop signs or yielding to on-coming traffic and they do not obey the speed limits.

Mayor Allred agreed and volunteered to make some announcements regarding the same.

Rachel asked if Quality Craft employees had been made aware the safety concerns regarding the above (#3).

Town Council Member Lucy Gold informed Rachel that this had been addressed within the company and law enforcement had been contacted.

- 4) Sarah Bronson asked whether the school bus could stop at another point along Rockwell Drive. As it is, with the bus stop being there and with the school kids from our community getting out of school on the same road and in the same area – it causes a lot of congestion as well as contributing to an already high-risk zone.

Town Council Member Lucy Gold informed Sarah that she would need to get in touch with the school district to address that specific issue.

Adjournment:

Council Member Andrew Aagard moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Shannon Allred seconded the motion; all others voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

/s/ Marilyn Bronson

Approved by Town Clerk