

Town of Independence

Town Council Meeting

11/09/2022 7:00 p.m.

In attendance: Councilmembers Rose Heaton, Bill Duke, and Gary Ryan.

Mayor Phil Sweat and Councilmembers Tracy Sabey and Bonnie Wilson were excused.

Staff attendance: Jodi Hoffman, Cathy Bingham, and Lauren Bolger.

Others in attendance: Will Duke, and Chuck Richins.

1. Call to Order. Mayor Pro Tem Duke called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmember Ryan offered the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Review and possible adoption of draft minutes for October 12, 2022.
 - Councilmember Ryan moved to approve the draft minutes for October 12, 2022.
 - Councilmember Heaton seconded the motion.
 - The motion passed unanimously.
4. Center Creek Road Update. Mr. Richins reported on the progress of the road improvements and the sewer line laterals being installed in Center Creek Road.
 - The Town is continuing to work with Wasatch County and Signature Development to prepare the road for paving. Wasatch County would like the road to be paved this week. Mr. Richins felt that due to current weather conditions the Developer should hold off on paving until spring. Mr. Richins pointed out that if the Developer did want to pave this week, the Town would not have to accept the work for an entire year and could wait and see how the road held up.
 - Mr. Richins stated he and the Developer felt pressure from Wasatch County to allow paving to happen in non-standard conditions. He stated that from what he was told, the Developer's paving contractor would not provide a guarantee on any work performed in the cold, due to substandard conditions.
 - The Town, Wasatch County, and the Developer will meet this week to discuss possible paving solutions. Ms. Bolger suggested the Developer facilitate this meeting.
 - Mr. Richins would like a proof roll to be done before any paving occurs.
 - Councilmember Ryan asked if the current grading of the road is sufficient to pave. He stated he is in favor of a meeting between the Town, Wasatch County, and the Developer before any further work is performed.

- Mr. Richins replied that grades would be checked and repairs would be made before the proof roll and paving can be done.
 - Councilmember Heaton appreciates the work Mr. Richins has done on behalf of the Town and agrees with the decision to not accept paving if done this fall. She asked about grading, staking, and surveying before paving.
 - Mr. Richins replied that grading, staking and surveying would be done per the approved construction drawings before the road is paved.
- 5. State Auditor Questionnaire. Ms. Hoffman went over the self-evaluation questionnaire required by the State regarding the Town's policies and procedures with the Council. She noted there are no changes from the previous year.
 - The Council agreed to have Ms. Hoffman prepare and return the questionnaire to the State.
- 6. Development Update. Ms. Hoffman updated the Council on the development projects the Town is working on.
 - A buyer interested in the agriculture parcel in Benson Farm Preservation has expressed interest in building storage units on the parcel. This parcel has been designated as an agriculture restricted parcel. Ms. Hoffman directed him to fill out and submit a request for zone change but told him this type of development was not high on the Town's priority list.
 - The Martino home is currently under construction and being inspected.
 - Gas lines are being run for a cell tower upgrade on the weigh station property.
 - The developer is working out storm drain issues in the Eagle Rest Subdivision.
 - Mr. Richins has been inspecting the work and will check it again for problems when it rains.
 - Will Duke stated it appears that the new storm drain box is not draining correctly.
 - Millstream is moving forward with plans for the RV Resort Park. No application has been made yet. The Town is continuing to work with Twin Creeks on providing services for this project.
- 7. Public Comment.
 - Councilmember Duke complimented Mr. Richins on the way he has represented the Town on the Center Creek Road project.
- 8. Adjourn.
 - Councilmember Duke moved to adjourn at 7:41 p.m.

- Councilmember Ryan seconded the motion.
- The motion was approved unanimously.

Dated this 11th day of January, 2023



Cathy Bingham, Town Clerk



Phil Sweat, Mayor