

**The Minutes of
Honeyville City Council
November 28, 2022 Special Meeting**

Mayor Boyd Bingham called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present were Mayor Boyd Bingham, Councilmembers Bruce Nelson, David Hougaard, Kory Wilde and Trevor Gardner. Dale Millsap was excused from this meeting.

Approximately 3 members of the public were present.

Employees present were: Brittany Chlarson, Clerk/Recorder
 Blair Perry, Treasurer

Mayor Boyd Bingham offered the invocation and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Conflict of Interest: **Bruce N** stated that he has a conflict of interest with item A on the agenda.

City Administration – Mayor Boyd Bingham:

- A. Interview & Appoint Mayor Applicants:** Mayor Boyd Bingham offered his resignation effective 12/30/22, therefore the city needed to fill that position. The city received one application for the Mayor position. The applicant was Bruce Nelson.

KORY WILDE motioned to appoint Bruce Nelson as Mayor effective December 30, 2022. TREVOR GARDNER seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED with Bruce Nelson abstained, David Hougaard for, Kory Wilde for and Trevor Gardner for.

- B. Grant for Drain System 3600 W. FEMA/State of Utah:** **Bruce N** reported that Dana S would like to create a drainage ordinance. She wondered if the city would be onboard with FEMA paying $\frac{3}{4}$ of the bill and Honeyville City paying $\frac{1}{4}$ of the bill to create a drainage ordinance. The council felt that preparing in advance is a good idea.

BRUCE NELSON motioned to approve Jones & Associates to update the drainage ordinance on the condition the FEMA contributes to the expense. KORY WILDE seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED with Bruce Nelson for, David Hougaard for, Kory Wilde for and Trevor Gardner for.

Kory W asked for an update on the drainage issue on 3600 W. **Mayor Bingham** explained that the grant for 3600 W. was for engineering. The city is looking into a construction grant for that project.

C. Water Rates: **Bruce N** talked about the need to increase rates to help improve the waterline. Specifically, to replace the lead pipes and pinch points in town. He felt that the city needed around \$150,000.00 more a year added to the budget. **Blair P** stated that there is a major water project roughly every three years. He explained how the funds are currently being used. **David H** felt that the overages are not what is causing the most impact on the water system. **Blair P** stated that if the city wants to stay the same then they don't need to make any changes. However, if the council wants to improve the water system, they need to figure out the best way to do this. Blair shared that if the city does not make the decision now to make the upgrades, eventually the state will come and force the city to do this. **Trevor G** didn't feel that it is wise to raise water rates to improve water lines for developers to come into the city. **Mayor Bingham** reminded the council that the city council decides where the collected funds go. **Bruce N** stated that the city will need to improve old waterlines. Specifically lead pipes. Many lines have been abandoned because they leak. **Kory W** stated that the city can continue to put band-aids on the issues or they can be proactive and fix the system properly. **David H** felt that the council could visit the issue yearly and slowly increase the rates. **Kory W** stated that raising the rates too much can be detrimental, but also letting the issue go to long can be irresponsible. It would be easier on the city to raise rates slowly. **Trevor G** felt that good planning would help the council make wiser decisions and didn't feel that the city should touch the overage rates. **Mayor Bingham** expressed the need to have money in the bank so that the city is not at the mercy of others. **Trevor G** recommended raising the base rate to \$55.00/month. **Dave H** recommended raising the rate to \$50.00/month. **Bruce N** stated that if they raise the base rate 25% that they should increase the overage rate 25%. **Mayor Bingham** asked Blair to research the numbers presented and see how much more the city would bring in. **Trevor G** felt that raising overages affects businesses who contribute to the city rather than those who use a lot of water for landscape water. **Blair P** suggested holding a public hearing to raise the base rate to \$50.00 and have a 5-year plan to increase the base rate \$2.00 each year. Increase base rate for \$40 to \$50 increase the base rate \$2.00 every January for the next 5 years. .. Summer season council will determine if the overage rate needs to be adjusted based on water supply.

DAVID HOUGAARD motioned to raise the base water rate to \$50.00/month starting January 2023 with an increase of \$2.00 each year for 5 years. 2023 -2028. He also motioned to discuss seasonal overages yearly. The motion was amended to reflect a 25% increase to all base rates starting January 2023 with a \$2.00 increase each year for the next 5 years.
TREVOR GARDNER seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED with Bruce Nelson against, David Hougaard for, Kory Wilde for and Trevor Gardner for.

D. Contract with Fire District: **Mayor Bingham** mentioned that the current contract with the fire district is expired and felt that the contract should only be valid for two

years. This will force the council to review it often. He also recommended that the equipment lease remain for 2 years if the fire district doesn't like the numbers, they can find different equipment to use. **Jordon Anderson** stated that Fire Engines have a lifespan. He explained that having a fire service within the city it lowers insurance rates for citizens. He listed the different types of equipment that Honeyville City offers and what the county offers. Jordon didn't feel that it was a fair trade. **David H** asked if Deweyville has contributed any equipment. He also mentioned that Bear River City has contributed nothing, but yet both communities enjoy the benefits of having the Fire District. **Jordon A** stated that Honeyville City has the highest number of calls. Jordon did not feel that the Fire District should not pay a lease. He did however feel the numbers need to be re-evaluated. **Bruce N** felt that the Fire District should come to the city with a proposal to discuss.

BRUCE NELSON motioned to enter a closed meeting to discuss personnel issues at 8:34 p.m. DAVID HOUGAARD seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED with Bruce Nelson for, David Hougaard for, Kory Wilde for and Trevor Gardner for.

Entered Closed Meeting at 8:34 p.m.

Re-entered Open Meeting at 8:51 p.m.

BRUCE NELSON motioned to adjourn at 8:54 p.m. KORY WILDE seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED with Bruce Nelson for, David Hougaard for, Kory Wilde for and Trevor Gardner for.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

The foregoing minutes were taken and typed by Brittiny Chlarson.

I certify these minutes to be true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

ATTEST:

DATE APPROVED: 1-18-23



Brittiny Chlarson
Brittiny Chlarson – Clerk/Recorder

Bruce Nelson
Bruce Nelson – Mayor