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Present:	Mayor	Lynn Payne
	Councilmember	Rachelle Ludwinski
		Kyle Kingston
		Cortney Andrew
		Donny Merrill
	Clerk	Macall Smith

Guests: Janet Cottle, Ed Cottle, Dave Ludwinski, Tom Griffin, Caleb Andrus, Justin Blake, Deputy Clark, Cache County Sheriff and Cleone Allsop.

MAYOR PAYNE CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:03 P.M.

Councilmember Cortney Andrew led the audience and Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

COUNCILMEMBER KINGSTON MOVED TO APPROVE THE MEETING AGENDA AS WRITTEN. COUNCILMEMBER LUDWINSKI SECONDED THE MOTION, WITH ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

Councilmember Andrew gave a brief update to his mom's condition.

Approval of Minutes

Councilmember Ludwinski noted that the word resident on page 2 under the Water update should be residence. Mayor Payne asked for a motion to approve the December 6, 2022, meeting minutes with the noted correction. COUNCILMEMBER LUDWINSKI MOVED TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 6, 2022, MEETING MINUTES WITH THE NOTED CORRECTION. COUNCILMEMBER ANDREW SECONDED THE MOTION WITH ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

Public Comment:

Dave Ludwinski asked if the public were allowed to ask questions. The Council stated that questions were okay, but they would need to be less than 5 minutes.

Assignment of Council duties

Mayor Payne stated that he would leave all Councilmembers with their current responsibilities. Councilmember Ludwinski- water, Councilmember Merrill- roads, Councilmember Andrew- Parks and Cemeteries, Councilmember Kingston- Planning & Zoning.

Town Council Meeting Schedule 2023

The Council discussed the 2023 schedule and determined to leave Council meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. They discussed the potential need to change both April's and July's meeting date.

Business License- C & J Diesel Bros.- Caleb Andrus & Justin Black

Caleb Andrus stated that he and his partner would like to open a mechanic shop. They stated that they will be doing car mechanic work in the shop behind his house. Councilmember Ludwinski asked about parking. Councilmember Kingston mentioned that they would need to get an inspection from the fire chief. COUNCILMEMBER LUDWINSKI MOVED TO APPROVE THE BUSINESS LICENSE FOR C & J DIESEL BROS. BUSINESS LICENSE WITH THE PASSING OF A FIRE INSPECTION FROM THE FIRE MARSHAL WITH COUNCILMEMBER ANDREW SECONDDING THE MOTION WITH ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

Questions regarding manure digester- Tom Griffin

Tom Griffin discussed with the Council the potential for a manure digester, he asked if the town would be willing to grant a

business license. Councilmember Ludwinski asked about daily water use, Mr. Griffin stated that it would average 165 gallons per day. Mr. Griffin stated that some of the pluses for the town would be the plan would take manure and turn it into clean energy. He stated that he would like to have the digester installed on his property located at approximately 1300 East Main Street. As part of the process the property would be fenced to the property line, and have asphalt, cement or binding rocks brought in, in order to keep dust at a minimum. He shared that the manure would be hauled in using an old milk truck and estimated that the amount of manure being hauled would be much better than it is currently, with tractors no longer needing to be used to haul the manure, he stated that trucks from potentially Lewiston, Amalga, Cornish and possibly 3 from Trenton would be bringing in the manure. He shared that once at the digester, the liquid, gas and solids are all separated. Janet Cottle asked about the odor. Mr. Griffin stated that the odor should be minimal. The Mayor asked about potential for employees from Trenton, Mr. Griffin stated that he would see a need for 2 to 3 employees. Dave Ludwinski asked about insurance for the plant. Mr. Griffin stated that the plant will be insured by the company running the plant. Mr. Griffin suggested that there may be a way for the town to be reimbursed for the impact of the plant on Trenton. Councilmember Ludwinski asked about what areas of town have access to natural gas and asked if pipes could be run through town as part of the project. Mayor Payne asked about the impact on traffic. Mr. Ludwinski asked about the impacts on if the plant were to go out of business. Mr. Griffin stated that he would require an escrow account to clean up the plant and not leave a mess. Mr. Ludwinski asked about who owns the truck, and Mayor Payne asked for Mr. Griffin to get back to them with a firm number on the impact on traffic, including trucks per day and the route of the trucks. Mr. Griffin stated that he would estimate 4 coming in on Main Street and 8 trucks on 800 East, the Council discussed whether they could charge a fee, operation fee or impact fee, or a donation from the business operating the plant. The Council discussed the issue of water. The Council discussed the need to talk with the Town attorney about the legality of charging a fee for giving approval for the digester.

Discussion regarding 2023 tax rates

The Council discussed the option of raising taxes this year. Councilmember Kingston stated he would talk with Diana Schaeffer with Cache County to find out some more information about increasing taxes in 2023. Councilmember Ludwinski asked that the information be sent out before the meeting. COUNCILMEMBER KINGSTON MOVED TO TABLE THE ISSUE UNTIL THE FEBRUARY MEETING WITH COUNCILMEMBER LUDWINSKI SECONDING THE MOTION WITH ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

Discussion on Town Appreciation Dinner

Mayor Payne expressed that he would like to hold a town appreciation dinner for those volunteering on behalf of the town. He asked if the Council is in favor of holding one, and what day would work for them. The Council discussed holding the dinner on February 17th. Mayor Payne asked for a list of those who would need to be invited from the different departments.

Discussion regarding update of Animal Control Ordinance

Clerk Smith stated that the State Code has changed which requires a change to the Town Animal Control ordinance. She will work on the updates and the Council can review it once updates are complete.

Park \Cemetery update

Councilmember Andrew stated he will work on a snowblower for the cemetery. Janet Cottle mentioned that the lights on the town buildings were great and thanked the town for them.

Water update

Councilmember Ludwinski shared that she has talked with all the 2023 water hook-up candidates and VanDerlaan's won't be able to use theirs this year neither will Reece and Erickson's are looking into if they can use it this year. The Council discussed the ARPA funding and what needs to be done with it.

Planning & Zoning update

Councilmember Kingston shared that the Planning and Zoning meeting for January is being changed to January 24th.

Road update

Councilmember Merrill expressed his thanks to Casey Archibald and Councilmember Kingston for their help with the snowplowing so far this year. Councilmember Merrill discussed holding off on the COG project and instead do some work on 800 South. Mayor Payne stated that he felt that it was of high importance to keep the COG people happy, not to do things that will cause problems with them.

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Mayor update

Mayor Payne updated the Council on the county wide garbage program and the bids involved with that. He shared that he is in favor of ACE getting the contract, but nothing has been finalized.

Adjournment

COUNCILMEMBER LUDWINSKI MOVED TO ADJOURN THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL AT 8:53 P.M. AND ADJOURN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION, WITH COUNCILMEMBER MERRILL SECONDING THE MOTION AND ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

The Council discussed a dollar amount for a fee to give approval for the manure digester. Councilmember Ludwinski suggested \$50,000, per year. The Council discussed if they could legally charge a fee for allowing their business to operate in Trenton. Councilmember Ludwinski stated that she would look into the possibility of charging them a fee for the building of the plant.

THE COUNCIL CLOSED THE EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:56 P.M.