

Town of Independence

Town Council Meeting

01/11/2023 7:00 p.m.

In attendance: Mayor Phil Sweat; Councilmembers Rose Heaton, Bill Duke, Gary Ryan, Tracy Sabey and Bonnie Wilson.

Staff attendance: Jodi Hoffman and Cathy Bingham.

Others in attendance: Lauren Bolger and Gentry Martino.

1. Call to Order. Mayor Sweat called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmember Sabey offered the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Review and possible adoption of draft minutes for November 9, 2022.
 - Councilmember Ryan moved to approve the draft minutes for November 9, 2022.
 - Councilmember Sabey seconded the motion.
 - The motion passed unanimously.
4. Discussion and possible adoption of Resolution 2023-01 setting the council meeting schedule for 2023.
 - Ms. Hoffman explained the meeting schedule would remain the same as last year, the second Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. with no meetings being held in July and December.
 - Councilmember Sabey moved to adopt Resolution 2023-01 setting the council meeting schedule for 2023.
 - Councilmember Heaton seconded the motion.
 - The motion passed unanimously.
5. Center Creek Road Update.
 - Signature Development has been grading the unpaved road and will continue to do so until the road can be paved in the spring.
6. Development Update. Ms. Hoffman updated the Council on the projects she is working on.
 - The Developer of the Eagle Rest Subdivision and Horrocks Engineering are continuing to work on Duke Lane storm drain issues.
 - Cell providers are continuing to work on various tower upgrades throughout the Town.

- John Jensen, a partner in the Mel McQuarrie property (which is adjacent to the Town Center property) will be meeting with Ms. Hoffman and Dave Millheim to discuss development plans.
- The Town Center project is on hold.
- Millstream is still moving forward with RV Resort development plans. No plans have been submitted yet. Ms. Hoffman sent a letter of approval to Twin Creeks Special Service District allowing them to provide water and sewer services to this project.
- Councilmember Ryan asked Ms. Hoffman about the letter the Council received regarding the dispute between property owners over water right issues in the Benson Farm Preservation Subdivision. Ms. Hoffman reported the water system that serves this subdivision is a private water system and the Town doesn't have any jurisdiction over the matter.
- Ms. Hoffman responded to a request from a resident on the North side of Center Creek Road, who is concerned about the condition of the road. Ms. Sweat wanted minutes from previous meetings. Ms. Hoffman directed her to the Utah Public Notice website where the minutes are posted.
- Mayor Sweat asked about the snow plowing issue in the Benson Farm Preservation. Property owners have made a request to the Town to have the roads in their subdivision plowed. The County (with whom Independence contracts snowing plowing) does not plow private roads or gravel roads. The roads in this subdivision are private roads but need to allow access to property owners within the subdivision.

7. Public Comment.

- Gentry Martino is a lot owner in the Benson Farm Preservation Subdivision. He asked the Council if there was any way the Town could provide snow plowing. He offered to look into providing a place for the plows turn around. After discussion, the Council felt they would have to follow the guidelines the County has in place and wouldn't be able to provide snow plowing to this subdivision.

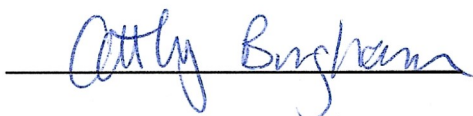
8. Adjourn.

- Councilmember Duke moved to adjourn at 7:41 p.m.
- Councilmember Ryan seconded the motion.
- The motion was approved unanimously.

Dated this 8th day of February, 2023



Phil Sweat, Mayor



Cathy Bingham, Town Clerk