

ROCKY RIDGE TOWN MONTHLY MEETING

May 17, 2023

7:30 PM

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Opening:

Presiding: Shannon Allred

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

Present from the Town Staff: Marilyn Bronson, Terry Allred, Lane Allred, and Catherine Lummus.

Others Present: Tim Allred and Charity Dye.

Invocation was given.

Meeting was called to order at 7:36 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Changes to April's minutes. Council Member Andrew Aagard motioned to approve April's minutes and Council Member Bethany Sturgeon seconded the motion; all others voted in favor with the exception of Council Member Lucy Gold, who abstained due to her absence at last month's meeting. Mayor Ron Allred was absent at the current meeting.

Public Hearing for 2023-2024 Preliminary Budget

The Public Hearing for the 2023-2024 Preliminary Budget was opened. Office Manager Cathy Lummus addressed the need the Town has to hire someone for the full-time position of Water/Road help. After some discussion it was determined that this item would be followed up next month so more leg work could be done concerning it. Cathy also expressed that a 3% wage increase was included in the Preliminary Budget. Discussion followed. Town Council Member Bethany Sturgeon expressed that she would like to see the Town's Employee's get a 5% or 6% increase rather than a 3% Employee Wage increase. The Town Council asked if an Employee Wage increase would be feasible for the Town at this time, due to the need to hire another full-time Employee as well as what is being looked at in regards to the Park. Town Council Member Lucy Gold expressed that the Town do some investigation regarding how Employee Wage increases have been done in the past, whether this was a fixed rate, a percentage increase, or whether that was an annual increase. Until that can be done this item is to be tabled until next month. After further discussion Town Clerk Marilyn Bronson read the minutes from last year's Public Hearing regarding the Employee Wage increase. Further investigation will follow and can be discussed next month. Town Council Member Andrew Aagard suggested that a 5% Employee Wage increase be the specific number that is worked into the budget in order to see how the numbers work with the rest of the needs of the town and the budget for this coming year.

The Preliminary Budget was reviewed by the Town Council. CIB Grant/Loan monies were not entered due to the fact that we did not know, at this point, whether this money would be put into our Town account or if this would work more along the lines of reimbursements. Cathy asked Marilyn to look into this and get that information to her.

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Departmental Budgets were given and added into the preliminary budget.

Town Council Member Lucy Gold asked if the annual payment for the CIB Loan was budgeted in to this year's budget. Cathy informed her that it was not. Town Council Member Lucy Gold asked that this was done in our next Public Hearing for the approval of the Final Budget for 2023-2024 next month. No other questions followed.

Town Council Member Shannon Allred asked the Town Council if there were any other questions. No further questions were asked. Town Council Member Shannon Allred then asked for public comment. No public comment was made.

Town Council Member Lucy Gold motioned to accept the Preliminary Budget with the amendments discussed. Town Council Member Andrew Aagard seconded the motion; all others voted in favor with the exception of the Mayor, who was absent.

The Public Hearing was closed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Change in Park Maintenance:** This item was asked to be put on the agenda by the Mayor. Due to his absence this will be tabled until next month.
2. **Rocky Ridge Town Clean-up:** It was determined that June 10th will be RR Clean-up Day. Town Clerk Marilyn Bronson was asked to line this up with Country Garbage. If this day does not work for Country Garbage, the Town Council expressed scheduling RR Clean-up Day for June 3rd.
3. **Employee Wage increases:** Discussion was held concerning whether or not the Town had enough in the budget to give Employees a raise. The Town is currently looking at hiring a full-time Employee that could help with Water responsibilities that the Town was in need of as well as train under Road Dept. Head Terry Allred for Road/Park responsibilities. Town Council Member Lucy Gold expressed that as long as the Town could hire someone in this capacity, the Town could offer a raise to Town Employees. Town Council Member Bethany Sturgeon asked how this may affect Park Maintenance. There was discussion held on whether the Employee working under Park Dept. Head Lane Allred would be paid by Lane and work under Lane Allred or if the Town would be hiring another Employee. It was Marilyn's understanding that Lane would subcontract with the individual. However, no determination was made on this matter due to the absence of Mayor Allred. This item was tabled until next month and until these other items could be addressed.

DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES:

1. **EMS/CERT:** None
2. **Water:** None
3. **Road:** Curb & Gutter is scheduled for Mountain Ridge Road the second week of June. This may be pushed to the third week in June. This will require a road closure accessing Mountain Ridge Road from Hillside and from Rockwell Drive at Mountain Ridge Road.
4. **P & Z:** Building Inspector Lane Allred informed Zipflow, the online platform for Building Permits, will be running the new Town Hall plans through that system.

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5. **Admin:** The monthly expenditures were not included for review because the Bank Statement review had not been completed.
6. **Park:** Park Dept. Head Lane Allred informed the Town Council that there has been a lot of repairs being done at the park; the asphalt was redone, professional plumbers were hired, the whole sprinkler system has been repaired, the bleachers are in at the Baseball Field, dugouts will be going in soon, the Ball Field will be redone this fall with red clay mounds and the grass will be reseeded. When that is finished the pump shed will be set up to have very low impact on our water. Remodel on the south bathrooms still need to be done. Quality Craft is working on the Pickleball Court.

Tim Allred came to speak about the Recreation Department. He further explained the budget he submitted for 2023-2024 and this was reviewed by the Town Council. There will be shelving put in the Park Shed, Dodgeball equipment purchased, and repairs of equipment for this coming fiscal year. Along with Soccer this year, Dodgeball will be implemented as part of this year's programs.

7. **Library:** None

***OPEN FLOOR:**

1. **Citizen Items:** Town Council Member Bethany Sturgeon expressed some resident complains regarding Precision Welding Employees parking at the Town Park. After some discussion about continual growth, reduced parking at the MLA Bldg that Quality Craft parking overflows too, at times, Town Council Member Bethany Sturgeon offered to speak with the owner of Precision Welding about this concern.

Town Council Member Shannon Allred expressed the need to place a speed bump on the main road by the fire station.

2. **Town Council Items:** Due to Mayor Allred asking Town Council Member Shannon Allred to preside at the current meeting, his understanding being that the senior member preside, Town Council Member Lucy Gold investigated this item in order to handle this properly in the future. She investigated whether there was a State Code regarding this issue or if the Town had anything in place determining who would preside over Town Meetings in the Mayor's absence. After investigation of this using the Utah League of Cities & Towns Handbook she suggested that the Election of Mayor Pro-Temp be put on the agenda for next month (June) or follow the Town Policy in place.

Marilyn expressed some details regarding the current Water Moratorium. This will be discussed next month.

Marilyn informed the Town Council that the changes to our Municipal Code were presented last month but was not on the agenda for this month. This item will be on the agenda for next month – she asked that everyone review the information that was sent to each Council Member via email and prepare to resolve these issues next month.

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Adjournment:

Council Member Andrew Aagard moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Bathany Sturgeon seconded the motion; all others voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

/s/ Marilyn Bronson

Approved by Town Clerk