

Minutes for June 2022 Town Council Meeting  
Thursday June 2, 2022

Town Council Members present: mayor Judy Drain, Jimmy Catmul, Steve Johnson, Elizabeth Julian, Gladys Lefevre, Clerk Judy Davis, assistant clerk Lexxi Johnson

Public in-person: Scott Brodie, Robert Wilson, Judith Geil, Elayna Lefevre, Josh Ellis, Jen Bach, Elena Hughes, Jared Brems

Public via zoom: Peg Smith, Ahsley Coombs, Robert Ewing, Shelly Price-Gibson, Johnson Veranth, Tessa Barkan, Jill Trombley, Dan Pence, Dylan Rose Geerlings, Donna Owen, Michelle Peterson, Zoe Ahlstrom, Randy Ripplinger, Jeanne Ziegler, Pamela Furches

Meeting was called to order at 7:01

Pledge of Allegiance

### **Approve the minutes for April-**

Jimmy Catmull makes a motion to approve April minutes, Steve Johnson seconds the motion. All council members pass

### **Required fire protection and PC letter-**

Judy Drain reads a letter from the planning commission regarding town requirements for fire protection. Gladys suggests if we want the planning commission to do something we need to give it to them in written form so as to ensure better communication. Judy Drain makes a motion to send to the planning commission approving what the letter was proposing, Gladys seconds and everyone approves. Elizabeth suggests we use a more specific method for informing community members about fire ban with better descriptions of the important information.

### **4th of July Update**

The Boulder Community Alliance wrote a letter informing the town that BCA does not want to take the 4th of July this year due to a misunderstanding and lack of adequate communication. Judy Drain updates on insurance and is waiting to hear back for more information. An application has been sent

into UDOT for the parade route and insurance is left to do, to determine the parade route. Jimmy Catmull updates on 4th of July- Patrick Briggs will play for the band, multiple businesses have offered to help and donate food, relief society is helping with desserts, and games and activities will be planned. Elizabeth states that she thinks the town council should own responsibility for the misunderstanding and we need to work on better communications with other organizations. Josh Ellis states that many BCA members were deeply hurt with the lack of communication and the way it was handled by the council and that he was not personally contacted about the changes that were proposed and approved in the May meeting. Elizabeth suggests the town council have a liaison between the town council and different departments in the town.

### **Vote Lexxi in as Assistant Town Clerk**

Elizabeth Julians makes a motion to approve Lexxi Johnson as Assistant Town Clerk, Jimmy Catmull seconds and all members approve.

### **Burr Trail Hazard update**

Jimmy Catmull met with Jerry Taylor and Tracy Munson. Tracy Munson suggested a turn lane from the south on HWY 12 would be an option as well as making the parking lot of the Burr Trail Grill and The Outpost an exit only on the south side. Udot is going to look into fixing the section of HWY 12 that goes about 55ft into the parking lot and towards the property on the south of the intersection. Someone will also need to get ahold of Catherin Gibbs and see if she will trim her trees. Still waiting on further updates to move forward

### **Voting box at Town Hall**

The county will bring a voting Box to the town hall on Monday and Lexxi and Judy will meet them. Public can bring their ballots to drop in the secure box from 9 AM to 11 AM June 13th, 15h, 20th, 22nd, and 27th. They will pick up the box on election day of June 28th. If any one wants to come and watch the county count ballots then they are more than welcome. These measures are taken so community members feel safe about Their votes. If the public does not receive their ballots by the 15th the county will

send out another ballot so they can have it in time. The ballot box is an option for in person voting and mail in ballots is still available.

### **Public Hearing for Budget and Budget approval**

Gladys makes a motion to end the public meeting and open public hearing, Steve Johnson seconds motion and all members agree.

Public hearing opens on the Budget- After talking to our accountant and the state auditor Judy Drain changed the general sales tax section based on the information she received. She also took out the ARPA amount and added a UDOT section. John Veranth comments that he appreciates the change made on the planning commission. Elizabeth Makes a motion to close the public hearing on budget and Gladys seconds and all members pass. Judy then makes a motion to pass the budget as is and Gladys seconds, all members pass the budget.

### **Public hearing for Ordinance 2022-01**

Elizabeth makes a motion to open a public hearing on the ordinance and Jimmy seconds it. All pass the motion to open public hearing. 2202-01 showing the changes from the code as it stands. Judy reads the 3 whereas. It is then noticed that she read the wrong ordinance. After the correct ordinance is read, Dance Pence strongly supports this and talks about how hard the PC has worked. Judy makes a motion to close the public hearing and Elizabeth seconds. Jimmy realizes that there is a wording confusion and he suggests changing it to 4 or fewer lots instead of homes. Town council members also discuss changing the name of the fire marshal in all ordinances. The town needs to make this in writing and send it to the planning commission. Vote on passing the ordinance with the changes. All members pass with change.

### **Public hearing for ordinance 2022-02-**

Judy makes a motion to go out of the public meeting and into public hearing, Steve seconds it and all members pass. The new ordinance is reviewed. No public comments, Judy makes a motion to go out of public hearing and Gladys seconds, all members pass. Judy makes a motion to approve the ordinance 2202-02. No comments and all members vote yes to pass.

### **Josh Ellis/Conflict of Interest Training-**

Josh comments the treatment of Peter Benson was inappropriate and the council as a whole was not fully equipped with all the information needed to have the discussion. He hopes moving forward the council can do better. Josh's first plea is that the council raises the level of professionalism in the quarm. Second plea is to give appropriate conflict interest training that goes beyond the basic law for the council members and discusses further options for training and best practices. Jim Catmul and Josh discuss the conflict of interest that is the item of concern. Judy Drain makes comments on conflict of interest procedures that are being taken. Elizabeth Julian comments that everyone of the councils need to be up to date on the training and forms and those forms need to be available to the public. Elizabeth also thinks that it will be in everyone's best interest to hold training for the members.

### **Town Road right of Way 200 N**

All information needs to be shared with all parties and an evaluation of the survey needs to be done before moving forward. Judy Drain and Gladys Lefevre said they will arrange a time to go by and meet with the Johnsons.

### **OK checks for April**

United States Treasury total was changed from 2,5551.48 to 2,551.48 and Judy Drain makes a motion to approve checks with the typo change and Gladys seconds. Elizabeth does not vote because she did not get to look at them. Motion is passed with change by 4 voting council members

### **Department Reports**

**Elizabeth Julian-** Arts council has an upcoming exhibit from the community and they are looking for items to be posted. Film night on the 11th and a band performing and doing a workshop on the 26th. Library is continuing to have open hours. Schools are closed for the summer, and construction is going on in Escalante as well as many open positions. The Planning commision is working on ordinances and will have a discussion and vote on subdivision pending paperwork. Lee nellis is looking at lot ratios. Some other things are subdivision changes, ULCT memo on electric signs, housing needs, open spaces, discussing general plans, and

temporary housing on agenda. Elizabeth would also like to reach out to BCA and see how they would like future communication and support from the council.

**Gladys Lefevre-** the wind has been wrecking the flags at the cemetery and work has been done for improvements. Gladys asked if there are any other holidays the council would like flags put up at the cemetery.

**Steve Johnson-**Will call a meeting with the parks committee, would like to look at ideas for the development of the park. Hoping to have the meeting and will report next month.

**Jimmy Catmull-**dump is waiting on dwights to come over to clear our metal, Fire department had two car fires, one fatality in Boulder and one in Escalante, Karen Debonis never received a check that was approved for EMT funding.

**Judy Drain-** Garfield planning commision had a small meeting in Bryce, a short term rental permit in Panguitch, and a subdivision approval in Hatch. Tree city is working on maintenance and keeping trees taken care of and they put nine year stickers up on hwy signs.

## **Public Comments**

Scott Brodie-would like more clarification on the Burr Trail road concern. Jimmy Catmull gives updates on options and ideas. There are no additional details or information at this time.

Judith Geil-Representing the wildfire council to discuss looking into the development of an emergency plan. Judith reads aloud her note where she references chapter 33 of our code. A way of connecting a chain of command with the community members. PODs- breaking down of small units throughout the town that would interact in an mandated evacuation.

Would like to get an approval with ideas on ways to move forward  
Bill Geil-wants to point out the change of the Fire Marshal name in ordinances will affect other documents as well that will need to be looked into.

Scott Brodie- was speaking with Pete Benson about fire protection in the Draw. His concern is with no hydrants down there and he suggests looking into a new truck that can hold more water on hand. Jim Catmul comments

that the main issue with getting a bigger truck is the lack of space to store it when not in use.

Shelby Gibson- Utah state code changed and the requirements of the fire hydrant placements is based on the cost of insurance on homes and qualifying for loans. She thinks there needs to be clarification of the code and why it exists

Judy makes a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 and Jimmy seconds it. All agree. Meeting is adjourned.