



# Bryce Canyon City Town Council Meeting

November 19th, 2020

10:00 A.M.

70 West 100 North

**Attending:** Mayor Shiloh Syrett, Mike Stevens, Deanna Moore, Jean Seiler, Taryn Syrett,

**By Telephone:** Council Members: Gary Syrett, Cherrie Tebbs, and Bryce Syrett

**Others:** Commissioner David Tebbs by telephone

## 1. Welcome

**A. Prayer:** Jean Seiler

**B. Pledge**

**2. Approve Minutes of 11/5/20 Council Meeting:** Motion to approve the minutes made by Mike, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary, Bryce yes, Cherrie Yes

**3. Adopt the Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda with addition of Item F. -Wrestling Team Donation and Item G. – Garfield Memorial Hospital New Year’s Baby Donation, made by Mike, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cherrie, Gary yes, Bryce yes

## 4. Other Business:

**A. COVID Relief Funding:** The City has received \$93,970.00 from the Cares Act funding. The council approved to donate \$50,000.00 to businesses within the City. Ruby’s Inn is requesting \$20,000.00 (might be able to justify more), Red Canyon Transit Shuttle \$3,351.34, and Bryce Photo \$1,000.00. Bryce Valley High School will be submitting request for lap tops around \$8,000. The City will be spending \$15,000 on additional sanitization supplies.

Motion made by Gary to approve the Cares funding grant requests for Ruby’s Inn \$20,000, Red Canyon Transit Shuttle \$3,351.34, Bryce Photo \$1000.00, and not to exceed \$8500 for Bryce Valley High School. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike, Bryce yes, Cherrie yes. All of the City Cares Act funds must be allocated by November 30<sup>th</sup>, however we can request an extension if we need to spend it by December 31st.

**B. Garfield Memorial Foundation-Festival of Trees-Cancelled:** A donation of \$500 was approved last meeting, however the Festival of Trees has been cancel. They are still accepting donations to the foundation though. Deanna did get the application for donation request to Amber Veater and she will get Jolene Smith to fill out and return for the donation if we still want to approve it. The Council agrees to still donate the \$500 as the funding will be donated to the local food banks, EMS/Fire and search and rescue. Motion to still make the \$500 donation by Mike, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cherrie, Gary yes, Bryce yes

**C. FM Broadcast Station – Jean:** Jean followed up with John Hunter on how to proceed. Still have a few questions on how the process will work. John Hunter found a consultant in St George to help. He offered to help us set up the FM broadcast station for \$500. It’s a low 45 wattage FM station. We can put the antenna on the water tank and it could broadcast throughout the plateau. Not sure on how the programming will work. Jean will work on the details. The equipment and consultant would be less than \$5000.00, with equipment and set up. Jean will send the email to everyone with the list of information/questions between him and John Hunter. John mentioned it has to be licensed to Bryce Canyon City. They will need all the board member’s names on the application. There is a window to submit an application and he was not sure of the date. There might be a filing fee, but not sure yet. The purpose of the broadcasting station is to put out visitor information and special event information. Ruby’s New Year’s Committee was looking into something similar for this year’s New Year’s activity. Jean recommends contacting the consultant to get the all the answers to our questions. One requirement is we must advertise 12 hours a day. If the City is interested, then Jean will proceed. Mayor would like to have to know if there is an annual fee, or just a one-time set up. The Bryce Canyon National Park does not have their radio station anymore. Jean mentioned we can partner with the Park and add visitor information on it. Is there is a reason the Park quit running theirs? Jean thinks they had some issues with equipment. There are still signs that UDOT put up for Park the station. We would not be able to put commercial messages on it, but would be able to put out informational broadcast, i.e. “this information is brought to you by Bryce Canyon City” or other businesses, etc. It is possible to get a reliable station for our area and use this. Council feels that it is worth pursuing. Mayor concerned with only using this one time a year, needs to be worth the money. Jean will proceed and follow up on questions.

**D. Five Counties Capital Project List:** We can table until next meeting. Last year's five year list included sidewalks and street paving, clinic, and sewer project. We might push them back for one more year, and keep on the five-year plan. Are there any other projects we should add? Commissioner Tebbs reported that the county assessor is reassessing all the businesses on the plateau. They are itemizing everything and they found that the waste water system and culinary water system were not included on Ruby's Inn tax rolls. This will increase their property taxes by approximately \$150,000. Commissioner Tebbs recommends adding waste water and culinary water to the CIB one-year project list. The City might want to assume the infrastructure. It has been appraised at \$15 million. Zion's Bank may release the lien on the systems so the City could purchase the water rights. Ruby's Inn could then lease the water rights from the City. Commissioner Tebbs recommends requesting \$10 million for water, \$5 million for the waste water system. Not sure how the CIB would view it, but it might be something the City should pursue. Will keep on agenda for discussion of the CIB capital projects list.

**E. Town Christmas Dinner:** Council still planning on having the Christmas Party, Monday December 7<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 PM, unless the Governor shuts everything down.

**F. Wrestling Team Donation:** BVHS is requesting a donation for \$399.00 for an online program, similar to the HUDL system we donate to for the other teams. Will add to next meeting's agenda for official vote.

**G. Garfield Memorial Hospital New Year's Baby Donation:** The City usually donates \$100 to the New Year's baby. Table to next meeting for official vote

## 5. General Plan

1. **Roads:** no discussion

a. **Main Street:** no discussion

b. **Bryce Canyon City Sign Repair:** Jean still working on

c. **100 South Main Street Project:** no discussion

2. **Town park**

a. **Restroom/Pavilion Facilities:** no discussion

3. **Cemetery:** no discussion

4. **Shuttle Building:** The carpet and camera system have been installed. Brian very appreciative.

5. **Public Safety Building:** no discussion

6. **Fire Department:** no discussion

7. **Bike Path:** no discussion

a. **Canyon2Canyon:** no discussion

8. **Wellness Center:** Two more cameras have been installed.

a. **Weight Room:** no discussion

6. **Planning Commission-Gary Syrett:** no discussion

## 7. Financial

**Profit Loss/Balance Sheet/Budget Report (First Meeting of the Month):** Next meeting

a. **Budget Report – Sydney Lamas (First Meeting of the Month):** next meeting

b. **Warrants-Mike Stevens:** -

Pacific Supply \$1653.12, State Bank of Southern Utah \$873.75, Dixon Security Cameras \$14,594.73, Bryce Canyon Sinclair \$48.59, Bryce Canyon Auto Care \$193.06, Canon \$142.02, Clarks Country Market \$71.29, Garfield County Jail \$198.00, Karl Munford \$1,686.00, Ron Harris \$1619.10, Upper Limit Inc. \$703.65, Hinton Burdick CPA's & Advisors \$365.50

Motion to approve the warrants made by Gary, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cherrie, Mike yes, Bryce Yes

8. **Review Next Meetings Agenda:** Next meeting December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020

9. **Local Building Authority:** - No meeting held

10. **Adjournment of Council Meeting:** Motion to adjourn the council meeting made by Mike, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cherrie, Bryce Yes, Bryce Yes