



Bryce Canyon City Town Council Meeting

June 17th, 2021

10:00 A.M.

70 West 100 North

Attending: Mayor Shiloh Syrett, Mike Stevens, Nick Pollock, Gary Syrett, Bryce Syrett, Cherrie Tebbs, Sydney Lamas, Deanna Moore, Jean Seiler and Taryn Syrett

Others: Kadi Fransen- Garfield County Insider, Chris Wehrli, Erica Wightman – Dixie National Forest Rec Specialist, Jim Ireland- BCNP Acting Superintendent

1. Welcome

A. Prayer: Taryn Syrett

B. Pledge:

Mayor began the meeting by having all present introduce themselves.

2. Approve Minutes of 6/3/21 Council Meeting: Motion to approve the minutes made by Gary, 2nd by Mike, Bryce yes, Nick yes, Cherrie yes

3. Adopt the Agenda: Motion to adopt the agenda made by Bryce, 2nd by Mike, Gary yes, Nick yes, Cherrie yes

4. Other Business:

A. Jim Ireland – BCNP Acting Superintendent: Jim has been working at Bryce Canyon National Park for approximately six weeks. He comes from Timpanogos Cave National Monument. They are currently wrapping up interviews next week for the permanent Superintendent position, and should have a decision in the next few weeks. Reported that visitation numbers last month were the same as 2018 (within a few %age points). With this average they should reach three million visitors for the year. If the large tour buses were traveling right now they would break record numbers. This year there are more private cars causing issues for parking. Over Memorial Weekend the Park did close down to shuttle visitors only. This caused overflow in shuttle parking lot. They are working on how to deal with this for the future. Superintendent Ireland proceeded to discuss how the funding works for the Park. With the Outdoors Act the park service will put a list of projects and send to congress. On that list it includes infrastructure like water lines, sewer, trail work, and campground extensions and repairs. They will continue to pursue those funds as they become available. Mayor expressed concerns over the bike trail with Superintendent Ireland. Everyone on plateau benefits from the path and we want to make sure it is taken care of properly. Want to make sure that BCNP maintains their portion of the trail. Superintendent Ireland confirms that the Park has funding to maintain the path through project requests. There is a project request in for the path, but it is out a year, maybe two. Superintendent Ireland will confirm the year the project will be funded. He will meet with the facilities manager, who's last day is tomorrow, but he will get the timeline before he leaves. If they have extra funding during a year, they can move projects up as they see fit. Bryce expressed concerns that Bryce City has already sealed their portion of the trail, so BCNP should be on the same schedule. This is why there are concerns that the Park portion of the path needs to be sealed sooner than later.

B. Chris Worley – Dixie National Forest Service: Chris confirmed the spelling of his last name, Wehrli. Mr. Wehrli reported that the Forest Service did receive some outdoor recreational act money to repair the bike path from the top of Red Canyon to the bottom. The path will be repaved. Only certain sections of the path will be torn up where the asphalt has failed and re built. They will start on some minor repairs soon however it will not be out of service until after the Canyon2Canyon race. They will install some resting areas with benches along the path as well as some interpretation panels. The parking lot and trail heads will expand and be re-designed. They have hired an engineer and landscape architect to look at the path. From the top of Red Canyon to the Subway there is not a current plan to repave. They will work on fixing the hole on the East Fork road that might cause issues with the path. They are working with Garfield County and UDOT. Let Chris know of any problems we come across with the path. When asked if electric bikes were allowed in the bike trail, Mr. Wehrli reported it is a non-motorized path and electric bikes are classified as motorized. They are waiting on distinctions from management for clarification on the ruling and guidance on electrical bikes. The Forest Service is focused on camping concerns right now. Erica Wightman is here with Mr. Wehrli, and reports they are working on signage for the designated camping areas. The Forest Service will designate 30-50 sites in Dave's hollow that will be

maintained to try and limit boon docking areas. They will not have facilities or fire rings, just be easy access areas. Their plan is to limit use areas, but will have a plan where to shift people to. Eventually will try to construct an improved campground area, but the funding is not available right now. They are looking at all the boon docking sites. The law is that camps are not allowed past 150 feet from a user road. The camp must also be 300 feet from a water source. Also, no camping is allowed in meadows or corrals. They are trying to manage all this right now. Red Canyon visitor center is receiving 2000 plus visitors a day. Mr. Wehrli expressed thanks to the City for plowing the snow on the bike path. He feels it is okay to plow down to bridge in Red Canyon, just not across the bridge to the bottom. They like to leave the bottom portion with snow.

Jean – Asked about the bicycle track they are putting in by Losee Canyon. Mr. Wehrli is not involved with the project, however Garfield County entering into an agreement to use forty acres to develop a mountain bike course for high school competitions. They will use the main road to Casto to access it. The area will include a camping area. There will also be a few trails for JR. High. Casto Canyon trail head is BLM property, so everything will go through them. Kaden Figgins is the main contact on the project if anyone has further questions.

Nick – Asked about paving the Pine Lake road. The Forest Service received funding from the Outdoor Recreation Grant and plan to complete the project in 2022. They also received funding for the Yankee Meadow Spruces Campground- on Cedar Mountain district. There has been discussion on paving the Tropic Reservoir road, but there are several concerns with doing that. If they pave the road they are worried about speeding with lots of blind turns on that road. However, it would keep dust down and allow better access to campgrounds. Road has heavy traffic which causes wash boarding. It is hard to maintain when it is dry.

Fire restrictions – No campfire unless it is in a constructed campground. Mr. Wehrli is projecting by 4th of July they will be at stage 2, which is no flames at all.

Bryce – Asked if the Forest Service knew why the Red Canyon bike trail failed? They do know that cracks in the asphalt let water in and it got below asphalt, then stretched. On the sections that failed, they will put a barrier of geo fabric to stop this happening in the future. There will also be work performed in the wash between Highway 12 and path to help with erosion. It is hard for the Forest Service to find funding for preventative maintenance, but when damages occur the funding is available.

Erica Wightman– Expressed concerns on how we have shared use impacts. All shared uses have different funding sources, and they will continue to address project concerns through their funding sources. Everyone else needs to reach out to funding available to them as well. Events that happen through/in the Dixie National Forest they have to focus on as well. Would like to meet personally with each group and come up with a plan to continue to progress.

C. Adopt 6/30/21 Amended Budget: A public hearing was held prior to the town meeting to discuss the amending of the 6/30/21 budget. Motion to adopt the amended budget made by Nick, 2nd by Mike, Bryce yes, Gary yes, Cherie yes

D. Adopt Proposed 6/30/22 Budget: A public hearing was held prior to the town council meeting to discuss the proposed 6/30/22 budget. Motion to adopt made by Bryce, 2nd by Mike, Gary yes, Cherie yes, Nick yes

E. Approve the Employee/Council Ethic/Code of Conduct Statement: Syd emailed the statement to everyone to review. Recommends that both city employees and council to sign the statement. Motion made by Mike to adopt the Employee/Council Ethic/Code of Conduct Statement for city employees and council, 2nd by Nick, Bryce yes, Gary yes, Cherie yes

F. Jr. Livestock Show Donation: This year they are selling ads for their program. The City could purchase ad space but would have to design the ad, sponsor a buckle, donate to the scholarship fund or boost an exhibitor. Last year the City sponsored the boost for the BV area participants. Jade already has City ad's if we purchase one. Motion made by Nick to purchase a full page ad for \$500.00 and donate \$500.00 to the scholarship, 2nd by Mike, Bryce yes, Gary yes, Cherie yes

G. BVHS Track Donation: No discussion, this was approved last meeting

H. Bryce Valley Half Marathon Donation: Sponsor packages are Platinum \$500, Gold \$250, Silver \$100. The marathon is a great activity and continues to bring people to the area.

Motion made by Nick to approve the Platinum donation of \$500, 2nd by Gary, Mike yes, Bryce yes, Cherie yes

I. Fire Convention Ad – Full Page \$600.00: Jade has created the ad. This was discussed last meeting. Motion to approve the full page ad made by Mike, 2nd by Bryce, Gary yes, Nick yes, Cherie yes

Mayor will follow up with Mike Ahlstrom on an invoice for the ad.

5. Department Reports:

Mayor Syrett:

Zoning Ordinance: Kaden working on rough draft of the zoning ordinance. When it is ready they will schedule meeting with planning commission to review. Jean will follow up with Kaden on charging station grant.

Cares Act Funding: Used up the funding. The second round of funding through the American Rescue Act has to be applied for. ULCT has hired someone to help communities apply for the funding.

Mike: Cameras are all installed and working.

Gary: No camping signs – Fred has ordered posts and willing to help. Just want to install all signs at once. The signs are here. Bryce - When we limit areas to park/camp they are moving to other facilities to spend money. If it interferes with parking it is one issue, but is the Ruby's campground the reason for the signs? Forcing people off the City areas isn't benefiting the area. Jean and Gary will talk to Brian about the shuttle area and signs.

Bryce:

Roads: no discussion

Main Street: Ruby's is moving the items they need to. Depths of the catch boxes had issues, but worked it out. Parts for lights were lost but have been located.

Jean: Entrance Sign- still waiting on Peter. Rainbow Sign and Banner is scheduled to install lettering. They might have to stay one night. They will put script on south side of the sign as well.

Round About: - waiting on pricing for sign, spoke with Garfield County on willingness to chip in for the sign costs. Concerns on when the sign gets hit. It takes time to fix. Need to have a discussion on who is liable if the sign gets hit? Jean will follow up on the liability. They will let Ruby's know when to move the large rocks down. Will need to fill in dirt in the middle, and pour a concrete slab for the rock.

Shuttle sign: ordered, will need to drill holes for poles and concrete.

Nick: Spoke with Earl at Petersons, whom spoke with Kurt and they know Jones and DeMille is invested and will get the project finished.

Cherrie:

Cemetery – Taryn adjusted sprinklers.

Taryn: All facilities are opened. Let Taryn know of any issues. The park – when water turned off something happened to lights. Garkane came and found the fault in the wire, Ruby's repaired the wire. Lights are working now, did have to tear some sidewalk cement out. This will be repaired. Taryn will look into timing of the sprinklers; they came on at 5 pm on Tuesday night.

Deanna: Canyon2Canyon – will send out email to schedule a planning meeting. Bike stands – help to get them fixed prior to race. Need to shorten them up a little. Plan a day to fix them.

6. Planning Commission-Mayor Syrett: no discussion

7. Financial

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

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

a. Warrants-Mike Stevens: -

Dixon Security Cameras \$10,259.14, Bryce Canyon Sinclair \$215.37, Bryce Valley Boosters \$873.84, Bryce Valley Wrestling \$1,500.00, Clarks Country Market \$594.35, Envirosafety \$4,649.95, Fireworks America \$10,000.00, High Mountain Consulting \$5000.00, Larry Green Stucco \$1,300.00, Peak Mobile Comm \$10,085.00, Mike Ahlstrom \$1125.52, Tyson Brinkerhoff \$1261.83

Motion to approve the warrants made by Bryce, 2nd by Cherrie, Mike yes, Bryce yes, Nick yes

8. Review Next Meetings Agenda: Next meeting is July 1st

9. Local Building Authority:

Motion by Nick to open LBA meeting, 2nd by Bryce, Cherrie yes, Gary yes, Mike yes

No discussion

Motion by Bryce to close the LBA meeting, 2nd by Nick, Mike yes, Gary yes, Cherrie yes

10. Adjournment of Council Meeting: Motion to adjourn the council meeting made by Cherrie, 2nd by Bryce, Bryce yes, Gary yes, Cherrie yes