

Tropic Town Council Meeting

Minutes of the Tropic Town Board Meeting
Held June 14, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Tropic Town Heritage Center

PRESENT: Mayor WaLon Brinkerhoff **BOARD MEMBERS:** Dennis Pollock, Brook Wiseman, Lisa Johnson and Kelly Shakespear. Marie Niemann – Tropic Town Clerk & Dayne Shakepear – Tropic Town Treasurer.

OTHERS: Cassie Chynoweth, Bob Sudweeks, Jean & Spring Seiler,

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor WaLon Brinkerhoff

PRAYER: Marie Niemann

PLEDGE: Jean Seiler

VISION STATEMENT: Spring Seiler

APPROVAL OF MINTUES: A motion was made by Dennis Pollock to approve the minutes of the Tropic Town Board Meeting held May 9, 2019, with clarification on executive session adjournment. Second by Lisa Johnson. Voting was unanimous with Council persons Dennis, Lisa and Kelly voting “aye”. Mayor abstained.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: A motion was made by Dennis Pollock to approve the agenda. Second by Kelly Shakespear. Voting was unanimous with Council persons Dennis, Lisa and Kelly voting “aye”. Mayor abstained.

THE COMMUNITY

Jr. Livestock: A request for sponsorship was received ~ A motion was made by Dennis Pollock to approve \$100 for and ad in the Garfield County Fair Book. Second by Lisa Johnson. Voting was unanimous with Council persons Dennis, Lisa and Kelly voting “aye”. Mayor abstained.

4th of July Festivities: The Town’s celebration is on schedule; BV Jr. Class will oversee the lunch, bounce house/slide is the booster club, concessions – cotton candy, snow cone, etc. is the cheerleaders. Parade route/lineup and participation is on track; it was suggested the Mayor and Council participate in the parade. Dave Pollock will be the MC of the program. Ideas were also shared hoping to get more participation in the parade and activities geared toward small children ~ country store, treasure hunt, and bingo were mentioned.

Splash Pad: A valve cover was found cracked when being turned on for the summer; though splash pad is up and running, the part has been ordered for its repair.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Jean & Spring Seiler: In 2016, a proposal from Chris Seiler was presented to subdivide property located on Center Street; with the intentions to build two vacation rental homes with future possibility of selling them as single-family homes. With the passing of an ordinance in 2018 not allowing vacation rentals in Residential areas, a new proposal was presented, that of single-family home (vacation rental) using the basement as an apartment for an on-site property manager. To follow code, the commission suggested that it be a B&B; but owners are not fond of needing to provide breakfast. The commission expressed the main concern is the need to have someone “on site”. Commission tabled the discussion for further review.

In preparation to present to the Council, Jean reviewed the B&B ordinance and found reference to providing breakfast ~ Item #G states “whether or not food will be served to guests”, indicates breakfast is an option. Mayor Brinkerhoff expressed revisiting the vacation rental ordinance; addressing on-site managers, allowing for this type of project.

A motion was made by Dennis Pollock for this project to move forward and be reviewed by the planning commission for approval; giving note the serving of breakfast is an option as stated in the B&B ordinance. Second by Kelly Shakespear. Voting was unanimous with Council persons Dennis, Lisa and Kelly voting “aye”. Mayor abstained.

Zoning Map: Final revisions to the zoning map were reviewed and found to be in order; a motion was made by Kelly Shakespear to approve and adopt the zoning map. Second by Lisa Johnson. Voting was unanimous with Council persons Dennis, Lisa and Kelly voting “aye”. Mayor abstained.

Unfinished Home: In March of 2016 approval was given to Nathaniel Steed to build a single –family home on a lot in Bryce Meadows. Though water/sewer connections were once active, the affordable housing development forfeited a number of them. Council approved a w/s connection to be purchased and any back billing be paid on this project. The home was started, but never completed and no w/s connection was paid. Since then, a number of inquiries have been received as to the availability of the home. Follow up will be made with Nathaniel regarding its completion and the w/s connection.

FINANCIAL/WARRANTS

Budget Approval: A public hearing to amend the 2018/2019 Town Budget and approve the 2019/2020 was held prior to town board. Along with Cassie Chynoweth, new Town Treasurer Dayne Shakespear reported the changes and gave a review of the warrants was given by Cassie Chynoweth. All was found to be in order. A motion to approve the Amend 2018/2019 Budget and approve the 2019/2020 Budget; and to approve the Consolidated Fee Schedule was made by Kelly Shakespear. Second by Dennis Pollock. Voting was unanimous with Council persons Dennis, Lisa and Kelly voting “aye”. Mayor abstained.

CULINARY/SEWER

Mayor Brinkerhoff and Council member Dennis Pollock attended the CIB meeting in Vernal and was able to secure funding for the sewer project. Council member Lisa Johnson met with the Drink Water Board inquiring about possible funding; proposals were not as favorable.

ROADS/STREETS

Concerns were expressed on the placement of sprinklers for watering yards and crops; water is hitting the Towns’ roadways and streets, which can cause erosion. Dennis will follow up with those needing be addressed. A flyer will be made and posted asking for residents to be aware of the placement and use of their water sprinklers/system.

HERITAGE CENTER

No Report

PARKS/RECREATION

No Report

FIRE DEPARTMENT

No Report

ANIMAL CONTROL

No Report

EMPLOYEE REPORT

A sling will be order that will attach to the weed trimmer. Regarding the 4th of July parade, it was proposed that hats bearing the Town's logo and Shirts with "Tropic Town" embroidered on them be ordered.

MAYOR'S REPORT

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Kelly Shakespear to adjourn. Second by Lisa Johnson - Voting was unanimous with Council persons Dennis, Lisa and Kelly voting "aye". Mayor abstained.

Approved this 10th day of July, 2019
Marie H Niemann – Tropic Town Clerk