

Tropic Town Council Meeting

Minutes of the Tropic Town Board Meeting
Held Thursday, October 8, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Tropic Town Heritage Center

PRESENT: Mayor WaLon Brinkerhoff **BOARD MEMBERS:** Lisa Johnson, Gene Anderson, Marie Pollock and Michael Ahlstrom. Marie Niemann – Tropic Town Clerk & Elaina Purcell– Tropic Town Treasurer.

OTHERS: Dennis Pollock, Jennifer Taylor, Nathaniel Steed

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor WaLon Brinkerhoff

PRAYER: Marie Pollock

PLEDGE: Dennis Pollock

VISION STATEMENT: Jennifer Taylor

APPROVAL OF MINTUES: A motion was made by Marie Pollock to approve the minutes of the Tropic Town Board Meeting held September 10, 2020. Second by Lisa Johnson. Voting was unanimous with Council persons Lisa, Gene, Marie and Mike voting “aye”. Mayor abstained.

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

THE COMMUNITY

Fall/Halloween Activity Update: A combined activity for the BV community and the PTA carnival will be held Saturday, October 31st – all day activities include a craft fair, PTA carnival, corn-hole tournament and bonfire. Council member Gene Anderson suggested a pumpkin walk; the idea will be forwarded to the PTA.

PLANNING COMMISSION

River Stone Inn & Gallery B&B: Mike & Dixie Burbidge purchased the River Stone Inn Bed & Breakfast from Clay and Rebecca Wagstaff; a change in ownership was submitted and reviewed by the planning commission. Commission discussed a previous concern that of its name which included “Inn” though it was a Bed & Breakfast. The Commission recommended the approval of the change of ownership to the Town Council with notification clarifying to Mike & Dixie the “Inn” referenced in the name does not change the use of the “B&B” to a “B&B Inn”. Marie Niemann reported she spoke with Dixie verifying the proper use of the business. A motion was made by Mike Ahlstrom to approve the change of ownership – Second by Gene Anderson. Voting was unanimous with Council persons Lisa, Gene, Marie and Mike voting “aye”. Mayor abstained.

Building Permit ~ Nathaniel Steed: Three items were brought before the Commission for review: property line adjustment w/fence, building of a 36 x 50 living-quarters and a 16 x 24 shed. Nathaniel reported they’re selling their home in Henrieville and will use the 36 x 50 living-quarters as a temporary home during the construction of their home. Nathaniel reported once the home is built the single-wide trailer currently located on site will be remove; and the “living-quarters” barn used as a long-term rental.

The use of the temporary living quarters after their home construction was not discussed in commission meeting; Dennis Pollock expressed concern as to the number of structures allowed per acreage.

After much discussion, the motion was made Mike Ahlstrom made the motion to approve the property line adjustment with fence and a building permit for the 16 x 24 shed; having the 36 x 50 living quarters/barn return back to planning commission meeting for clarification on use and that the project is in compliance with residential zoning. Second by Lisa Johnson. Voting was unanimous with Council persons Lisa, Marie and Mike voting “aye” – Gene Anderson apposed. Mayor abstained.

Code Enforcement: During meeting with Michael Hansen from Rural Community Consultants on the Town’s General Plan, the creation of or the organization of a “land use authority” or an “appeal authority” board was discussed. Mr. Hansen was approached to oversee any appeals the Town may receive; verification was made with Mr. Hansen and he is willing to help on a case by case basis. Another service Rural Consultants provide deals code development and enforcement; cost is \$300 a month or it can be adjusted to whatever the needs are. Commission and Council feel that this is not needed at this time.

EMPLOYEE REPORT

Interviews were held prior to Town Board meeting; nothing to report.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Animal control calls will be received by Kent Johnson with Brett Chynoweth as backup, then if needed, Garfield County law enforcement.

FINANCIAL/WARRANTS

Town Treasurer Elaina Purcell reviewed the financial activity for September 2020, the following items were purchased: Snow plow * \$9,500.01, Wall carpeting for the conference room of the Heritage Center; and has been installed. Also, a \$100,000 check was sent to the State Treasurers Office Spring development grant.

Donations: The Garfield Memorial Fundraiser is an auction this year, not a dinner; funds raised will be given to EMS and First Responders. A motion was made by Mike Ahlstrom to contribute the same donation as last year. Second by Lisa Johnson - Voting was unanimous with Council persons Lisa, Gene, Marie and Mike voting “aye”. Mayor abstained.

Booster Club Sponsorship – Renew the sponsorship for the Town’s banner at the high school * \$100. A motion was made by Mike Ahlstrom to approve the sponsorship – Second by Lisa Johnson. Voting was unanimous with Council persons Lisa, Gene, Marie and Mike voting “aye”. Mayor abstained.

A motion was made Gene Anderson to approve the warrants – Second by Marie Pollock. Voting was unanimous with Council persons Lisa, Gene, Marie and Mike voting “aye”. Mayor abstained.

CULINARY/SEWER

Follow up will be made with Carson from Jones & DeMille on providing the Council an update on the water project.

Sewer project is underway. Council discussed problems with residents disposing of sanitizing wipes and other debris clogging the pump impellers. A letter will be drafted and sent to the residents to dispose of household items properly; and not flush them in to the sewer system.

PARK/RECREATION

The baseball field, Town Park and heritage center lawns will be mowed for the last time this year; baseball complex and Town pavilion will also be winterized. It was reported there is one last event scheduled at the town park on the 19th.

Scout House: Time frame on using funding received for the project to preserve the scout house is expiring; an extension will be filed. Council asked that a public meeting be held after town board in November to receive input from the residents regarding the historical structure or to remove. Council also discussed the Lion's Club veteran's memorial at the Town Park is not being maintained and needs to be restored or removed. Dennis Pollock will follow up with Clint Pierson and report back.

Senior Citizen Center/Post Office/Community Center: Follow up with made with Carson at Jones & DeMille for an update on the project. Council discussed other possible locations; Parry Subdivision, Lowell Mecham property on 400 North and Main Street.

HERITAGE CENTER

Bids for the crack sealing of the heritage center parking lot are being sought; contact will be made with Daren Cottam and Spenser Asphalt for a quote. Also, Travis LeFevre will be providing a quote to install a six-(6)ft. vinyl fence; starting from the sidewalk back 20ft with a four-(4)ft. section, then to the six-(6)ft. for the remaining length of the area.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Follow up with Carson with Jones & DeMille on the Senior Citizens building plans and layout.

MAYOR REPORT

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Marie Pollock to adjourn – Second by Mike Ahlstrom. Voting was unanimous with Council persons Lisa, Gene, Marie and Mike voting “aye”. Mayor abstained.

Approved this 12th day of November 2020
Marie H Niemann – Tropic Town Clerk