

TOWN OF HOT SULPHUR SPRINGS
TOWN BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES

Sept 12, 2018
6:00 PM
TOWN HALL
513 ASPEN ST.
HOT SULPHUR SPRINGS, CO

CALL TO ORDER-ROLL CALL: 6:00 PM

Mayor Robert McVay, Mayor Pro-Tem Christine Lee, Trustee Dan Nolan, Trustee Ray Tinkum, Trustee Tim Harvey, Trustee Nathana Janca, and Trustee Kevin Jones. Trustee Nathana Janca was absent.

1. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- a. Pioneer Park
 - 1. Issues and possible solutions
 - 2. Town idea of charging for camping

Mayors introduction.

Public Comment

Approximately 40 people in attendance

Joe Vrbas- great asset for the town, problems have been around the camping primarily on the north side, speeding on the road, recommend that side be access by foot/bike only

David Clerken- live across from park, violence is more prevalent, someone in the river naked, people bathing, doing laundry, did a lot of trash pickup, start charging for camping as a possible solution, tent only area, people drive on by to next town and take their business along with them

Hershal Deputy- don't see the harm in making the north side foot/bike only/ how much resources are being spent here? if charge could cover costs ok,

Stephen Lee- need to do something, think the pay by site is a good way to go

Karrie Davidson- North side as foot traffic because it is hidden and things happen back there, trash, fires unattended, the loop side should be charged for possibly getting a different caliber of camper, monitoring is the only way to fix.

Deputy McDonald from Grand County Sherriff's office been working with Mr. Ackerman (town staff)/ giving his insight as a patrol deputy/ transient are the problem/ other campgrounds that are pay site we don't have these problems/ never had an assault in 5 years in pay campgrounds/ ran report of May-Sept of calls to Pioneer Park is lengthy/ 18 points of criminal activity/ 2 visits a day by SO that are logged/ as private property trash that is left is the towns cost to remove (boats and campers trailers have been abandoned this year)

Lyle Seidner CPW, Mike Crosby retired, and Jeff Behncke has taken his place, property technician Ben Galiger- we have a long history with the property and the town/ we lease this property to allow fishing access/ we manage wildlife not campgrounds/ campgrounds were for hunters in the start but that has grown/ important section for recreation/ want to continue to work with the town on this property/ our regulation apply to the park ie. 14 day stay in 45-day period/

Mike Crosby- CPW has regulations that are enforceable, dogs on leash, trash, 14 day stay

Oakley Ellis- Daily checks of sites/ we have no ability to enforce after 14 days have elapsed

Lucas Ackerman- This is the worst I've seen, same issues are pouring into town, gas syphoning from cars in town, water treatment plant was broken into and tools were stolen, need to do something or this will be even worse next year

Mayor Robert McVay

Sandy White, Town Clerk