

Council Meeting  
March 6, 2018  
7:00 P.M.

Council Present: Mayor John Bigart III, Jaime Odell, Josh Acker, Marvin Garding and Salinas Bartel.

A motion was made by Jaime seconded by Marvin to approve the February 6, 2018 minutes as read. All were in favor.

A motion was made by Josh seconded by Salinas to approve the claims from check number 15272 through 15284 totaling \$15,197.54. All were in favor.

**Water Sewer:** James Claxton was at the meeting. The lines on Adams St. had been jetted and cleaned. Roto Rooter will have a camera here in about two weeks to film the lines for problems. This area has had issues in the past. Doug Lausch mentioned that at the conference they learned of a leak detector for \$3,500.00. Aqua Test will come out and train them on how to use it. This would save the town money in the long run. Salinas wanted to know if there are funds available. Yes there are. After discussion Jaime made a motion seconded by Salinas to purchase the leak detector. All were in favor. James ordered the back flow preventer for the sprinkler system.

Doug would like to lease a machine for the summer projects. This would work for the roads and any water/sewer projects.

**Fire Department:** Chief Joe Calnan was not at the meeting.

**Sheriff Department:** Sheriff Mike Boone was not at the meeting.

**County Planner:** Tim Read was at the meeting. The planning board met regarding the Lausch subdivision. This will be on the agenda for the April 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. He also wanted to know if there was an easement between the Town and the Community Church. The Clerk will check and see.

**Recycling Program:** Loreen Green was at the meeting. She updated on the program. They have had five bins picked up since the beginning. They have been billed and paid for two. They are not using it as much as they thought they would. Republic has mentioned that they might need to raise the price from the original price of \$300.00 per pull.

### **New Business**

**Anderson-Montgomery:** Paul Montgomery from Anderson-Montgomery Consulting Engineers was at the meeting. He had information regarding funding options for the water department upgrades. He discussed the priorities needed. The town would likely need to raise the water rate to obtain a target rate of \$81.21 per month. The DNRC grant application is due by May 15, 2018. There is also funding through SRF (State Revolving Fund) this is available without a deadline. The town could request a forgiven principal

amount. After further discussion it was decided that they would submit a proposal for updating the technical study and completing the grant application at next month's meeting. He is confident that this would give them enough time to complete it by the May 15 deadline.

**Farmers Market Sign:** Loreen Green discussed wanting to put up a permanent sign for the farmers market. One that could be on poles during the season and removed after the season is over. Marvin stated that he thought the sandwich boards were the best advertising. It was determined that a sign should be closer to the road for people to see it better. Salinas wanted to know who would pay for the sign. At this time there are not funds in the farmers market. There is a pole in front of the town office that would work for a sign. Josh stated the sign should be 2' X 3' or smaller. Loreen will get information for next month's meeting.

**Credit Card Payments:** The Clerk had information on PayGOV.US a full service provider of electronic payments. They provide all of the equipment at no charge to the town. They charge a fee of 3% to the credit/debit card holder. After discussion Salinas made a motion seconded by Marvin to approve credit card payments. All were in favor.

**HB 473 Bridge and Gas Tax Act:** The clerk explained how the new gas tax money should be used. The town has from March 1 to November 1, 2018 to request distribution of the funds. If our project is more than the amount we are going to receive this year we can request to reserve it for up to two years. Doug Lausch has been in contact with some of the paving crews and will get more precise information for next month's meeting.

**PEAK Park Update:** Nicole Brendal updated on the park project. They are looking for approval from the town for the project. There had been concern regarding how much greenery would still be in the park. There will still be plenty. They are applying for grants and would like to show that the town supports the project. They are requesting \$50,000. Doug Lausch stated that there is a main water line that runs through where they want to put the skate park and parkour area. We will locate the main line and see if those need to be moved to another area. The town has money in their STIP fund and also in the spectator fund. After further discussion Salinas made a motion seconded by Marvin to pull \$30,000 from the STIP fund and \$20,000 from the spectator fund plus in-kind donations up to \$10,000.00 to assist in funding the project. Salinas, Marvin, Josh voted yes, Jaime abstained. The motion carried. The clerk will write a letter regarding the donations.

**Website Update:** Glenda Wallace updated on what had happened since last month's meeting. She had met with Jaime and Diane on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Jaime stated that she thought that Diane could handle making the changes and work on the website. Glenda thought that she was maintain the website. The Mayor would like a proposal for next month regarding the \$250.00 monthly fee she receives. Josh stated that he thought the town's website should not be promoting businesses. Those with licenses could be listed on the website information only. Glenda stated that she gives away many hours a month toward the website and she believes that the business should be on it. John thought the website is overcomplicated and needs to be simpler. It is confusing. Jaime stated that it seemed to take longer than it should have. Glenda will help Diane get the website up and running

by the end of March. The council requested that she submit a proposal for how much it would cost to assist when needed. This will be discussed at the April meeting.

**Public Comment:**

Lori Dove is the new DES coordinator for Mineral County.

The Clerk requested that she attend clerk's school in May. There are no objections.

John and Josh will meet with Republic on Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 to discuss garbage service rates for the town.

A motion was made by Jaime seconded by Josh to adjourn.

Being no further business this meeting was adjourned.

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Mayor

Attest:

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Clerk

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