

Council Meeting  
October 2, 2018  
7:00 P.M.

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

**Budget Hearing Minutes:** The Clerk read the minutes. A motion was made by Jaime seconded by Salinas to approve the September 4, 2018 budget hearing minutes as read. Jaime, Salinas and Marvin voted yes, Josh abstained. The motion carried.

**Minutes:** The Clerk read the minutes. A motion was made by Jaime seconded by Marvin to approve the September 4, 2018 minutes with correction. Jaime, Salinas, Marvin voted yes, Josh abstained. The motion carried.

**Claims:** The claims were discussed. A motion was made by Josh seconded by Salinas to pay the claims from check number 15438 through 15461 in the amount of \$27,040.13. All were in favor.

**Water Sewer:** James Claxton was at the meeting. He updated on the department. The department is running good at this time. The leak at the lagoon is fixed. He and Doug Lausch looked at a vacuum tank in Superior.

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

**Sheriff Department:** Sheriff Mike Boone was not at the meeting. The Mayor stated that he had reached out to the Sheriff about them not attending meetings.

**New Business:**

**Inter local agreement with Mineral County Justice Court:** Discussion was held on the agreement. It remains the same at \$3800.00 per year. Jaime made a motion seconded by Salinas to accept the agreement. All were in favor.

**Warming Shed out for Surplus Bid:** There was one bid for \$52.00 from Elena Bigart.

**SRF 50% Principal Forgiven loan:** Paul Montgomery from Anderson Montgomery Engineers had sent in a proposal for applying for a SRF loan from the State Revolving Fund for the water needs. Sarah Robbin from RATES explained the loan process. The town would most likely need to raise our water rates. The Clerk will contact Paul and find out if we need to apply for the full million or can it be less.

**New Recycling Location:** Loreen Green discussed the previous recycling project that she had started in September of 2017. They have issues with Republic and the Feed Store. They have decided to open a different non-profit and not use Republic. They have changed the name to Mineral Community Recycling. She stated that their treasurer came into the town office to obtain a business license and was refused one. She showed the

council three letters she had written, one June 18, 2018 to the Feed Store regarding who is responsible for the recycling bin, one dated September 20, 2018 to the Feed Store regarding that they are no longer going to supply or pay for the blue bins. And that the Feed Store could contact Republic directly for pickup. September 29, 2018 a letter was sent to Republic Services regarding that they (ACR) will not be involved with the bin any longer. She needs a business license from the town so she can finish getting the project up and running. There is an application from DEQ for a recycling license that she needs to complete. She stated that Dusti Johnson from DEQ's recycling told her the application would be a slam dunk on getting approved. The Mayor wanted to know how the setbacks would be handled in our zoning regulations. The Clerk asked how the cardboard would be stored. Loreen said that they would be on pallets and tarped inside a locked fence. Salinas read a letter from Chief Calnan of the Frenchtown Fire District. Tina Reinicke from the Storage Units stated that she believes this is industrial use and should not be allowed. She also believes that we should be able to see a site plan on how the business plan would work. Chad Bauer from Republic Services asked what recyclables would be done and would it be covered. He also stated that it would take at least a year and a half and maybe two years to collect enough card board for a semi-truck load. Jaime asked what they would be recycling. At this time they will only take cardboard. They will never take plastic. The Mayor asked if there was any money in their fund that was earmarked for the bin pulling. She stated that the only money earmarked for bin pulling was the \$200.00 the town contributes and the money they get in donations at the Feed Store. The other businesses were donating to the new project only and knew that when they donated their money. Josh read the Conditional Use Permit in our zoning regulations. They will need to apply for a conditional use permit through the Town. This needs to be done before anything else can be determined. The Town would need to sign off on the DEQ application as the zoning officer not Mineral County. She demanded that she get a business license now. We will look at the previous minutes to be sure if the School knew that their donation was going to the new project and not to the bin pulling. Salinas stated that she thought this was a good project but without further information she cannot support it. Jaime made a motion seconded by Josh to approve a business license only at this time. Jaime, Marvin and Josh voted yes, Salinas voted no. The motion carried.

**Republic Services:** Chad Bauer from Republic Services was at the meeting. They are willing to keep the bin in town. The price will remain at \$300.00 per pull. After January of 2019 there will be an additional charge of \$75.00 per ton to help offset the cost. It would average around \$400.00 per pull. Salinas asked Ruthie Kulawinski from the Feed Store if they are willing to keep it there. Yes they are.

Josh wanted to know where the remaining money that was in the ACR account is. Loreen stated that MCEDC would be doing an audit. John wanted to know when the audit would be complete. She would not answer. Chad asked who besides the Town of Alberton and the donations from the Feed Store actually had their donation money used to pull the bins. Loreen stated that the other donated money was put into another account and only used for the new project and not for bin pulling. Salinas made a motion seconded by Marvin to keep the bin for now and the town would take it over. All were in favor. Diane Jodsaas wanted it known that she and her husband are not in favor of

having it right behind their house. They have issues with the storing of the cardboard, the potential fire hazard, possible odor and critters.

**Public Comment:**

Loreen Green stated that she had called the Sheriff regarding an abandoned vehicle on her property. She came into the town office to get a copy of the town's regulations. She was not given the entire ordinance from the Clerk. The Clerk mentioned that Loreen had been offered the ordinance in its entirety but she only wanted the first part. The car has since been removed. Salinas explained the rules regarding who is responsible for removing abandoned vehicles.

Tina Reinicke wanted to know if the recycling is a true non-profit and who would own it.

Loreen will have the permit application ready for the council the week before the next meeting.

Jaime made a motion seconded by Salinas 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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