

Council Meeting

July 1, 2025 @7:00pm

Council Present: Mayor- Anna LeDuc, Council-Marvin Garding, Sharon Briggs, Kyle Cirincione.

Minutes: Minutes were read by the clerk. Kyle motioned to approve the claims, Marvin 2nd. All approved.

Claims: Claims discussed in the amount of \$ 66,599.50. Motion to approve minutes made by Kyle. Marvin 2nd. All approved.

Water/Sewer: Charlei – A sensor line from under the tank has been leaking. Working on a fix. DEQ, CCR report has been submitted. Mobile generator is up and running. CAT people came out and got it all set up. Meters – Core&Main says they received the receivers that we needed. We are scheduling a training for the meters and interfacing. Lagoon – We are doing an intake sampling from River Edge. Jodie Albert wants to tie in on our sewer with the RV and hotel aspects of their property. Garth Riebe read the 3 suggestions he had provided for solving the Rosehill water issue. All three options were discussed. Charlei responded that the town is currently under a huge inconvenience with the water project and no official solution was decided on by the town although several were discussed. There will be a future meeting scheduled for Sims, Riebe about Rosehill.

Public Comment: John Squire II asked about gray water only issue at the River Edge RV park, stating that it is hard to separate gray/black water.

Water Project: Paul Montgomery said that local contributions have not come out of our account yet. He states that we are upside down 118k or so to finish the project. Paul's estimate is to look at bid items and removal of the chain link at the spring box (\$25k). In addition, the gravel road restoration on Apple, Orchard, 2nd, Rockledge and Meadowview could be spread by the town for a savings of \$100k or so, with RLC delivering it. Paul is looking at other unspent items.

Public Comment: Marvin asked if the new fire hydrant replacements were only in the water project area.

Maintenance: Marvin says that he has only 1 good estimate for concrete for the Community Center porch and it was for \$24k. Composite was over \$40K. He is still looking for more estimates.

Public Comment: Tim Fox asked if we can cut out or place a mirror on an overgrown shrub on Rosehill that is blocking the view of other traffic on that road.

Quarterly Reports

County Attorney – Not in attendance

Sheriff – Sheriff Funke presented the terms of his Interlocal agreement. He also says that they are currently fully staffed. They are staying at the 80 hour mark in Alberton but that can go up if needed. In addition, he talked about the Purchase Car agreement and provided a handout detailing the terms. He stated that the Sheriff department will be paying the insurance on the purchase car.

Marvin made a motion to approve the Interlocal contract with the Mineral County Sheriff Dept, Kyle 2nd, all approved.

Kyle made a motion to approve the car Purchase Agreement for a one-time payment of \$20k, Marvin 2nd, all approved.

No public comment.

Fire Department – Interim Frenchtown Rural Fire Chief Damian Frisby introduced himself. He said we have some very good fire fighters that live in Alberton. They are seeing smaller fires right now, especially around the railroad tracks. He talked to BNSF about removing excess pine needles from the track area. Chief recommends no fireworks this time of year because they will start fires. July and August are high fire danger months and reminds people to use good judgement. Mitigation programs are offered by the FD. He also said that they are always looking for community volunteers, especially if they have medical or fire experience. Their main number is 406-626-5791.

Old Business: Clerk of Courts Interlocal Agreement . Marvin motioned to approve, Kyle 2nd, all approved.

Legal Services options were discussed. The council voted on a hybrid legal option, agreeing to both an Interlocal Agreement with the Mineral County Attorneys and the Orr firm for other legal matters. Kyle motioned to approve the agreements, Marvin 2nd, Sharon opposed.

No public comment.

Draft Resolution provided by Bob Summerfield to adopt the Bear Aware Management Plan was read aloud by Anna. The draft reading of the Bear Aware Plan resolution was motioned to approve by Sharon, 2nd by Kyle, all approved.

No public comment.

New Business: STIP (Short Term Investment Pool) approval required for Clerk to access the account. Motion to approve by Marvin, Sharon 2nd, all approved.

MT League of Cities and Town contract approval for services. Motion to approve contract made by Kyle, 2nd by Sharon, Marvin opposed.

Approval made for COLA raises of 2.5. Motion to approve made by Kyle, Sharon 2nd. Marvin abstained.

No public comment.

Clerk Notes:

Public Comment: Alcoholics Anonymous meetings were being formed by George Peas to be held at the Community Church.

Brovold Orchard wants to hire a part time maintenance person 4 hrs Tuesdays, 4 hrs Fridays. They are also looking for someone to manage the payroll aspects.

John Squire II stated that he pays \$30 for a business license fee with the town but gets nothing for it and wants to know what the town will do for him and others that pay this fee.

Motion to adjourn was made by Marvin, Kyle 2nd, all approved. Meeting ended at 9:44pm.

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Town Clerk

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Mayor