

## REGULAR MEETING THE TOWN OF WINNETT HELD November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### **THOSE PRESENT**– Dave Harris - Mayor

Brad Olson, Leo Tarplee, and Tom Tiarks- Council (Levi absent)

Savannah Moore – Clerk & Treasurer

Ralph Corbett – Urban Supervisor, Conservation District

Kathleen Johnson – Snowy Mountain Development Appointee

Carol Schaeffer, Connie Voigt, Richard Voigt, Denise Manley – Guest

- I. **Call Meeting to Order:** Dave Harris called the meeting to order at 6:17 PM.
  - a. Pledge of Allegiance
  - b. Review and Adopt Agenda – move New Business agenda items d & e to after claims.
- II. **Consent Agenda**
  - a. Minutes: Leo made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes from October 11<sup>th</sup>, Tom seconded, and the vote passed unanimously. Tom made a motion to approve the special meeting minutes from November 6<sup>th</sup>, Leo seconded, and the vote passed unanimously.
  - b. Claims: Leo made a motion to approve the November claims, Brad seconded, and the vote passed unanimously.
- III. **Public Comment**
  - a. Welcome visitors and public comment – no public comment.
- IV. **Communications**
  - a. No communications.
- V. **Reports**
  - a. Pool
    - Mayor Harris reported that some siding still needs to be hung. Savannah talked to Adam Tholt about the Skills USA Club hanging the siding (under his supervision) in exchange for a donation to Skills USA. He hasn't confirmed yet but will let Savannah know.
  - b. Snowy Mountain Development Appointee
    - Kathleen reported that there was no meeting, so nothing to report.
  - c. Conservation District Appointee, Urban Supervisors
    - Ralph has nothing to report and will look into when his term is up for a re-appointment.
  - d. Sheriff
    - Absent – Nothing to report.
  - e. Fire Department
    - Absent – Nothing to report.
  - f. Public Works –
    - Ralph reported that a citizen called about a clogged toilet, he recommended they call a licensed plumber. The resident believes it may be due to where their line meets the main and the Community Center line – will have to be looked into.
    - Ralph reported that the chlorinator unit switchovers and scales are not working properly – The Council agrees we should have someone from the company look at it for an estimate.

- Richard asked Ralph about the chlorine process and testing – Ralph explained that.
  - Connie asked about the process of getting water to the house – Dave explained that.
  - Dave hired Mosby Towing to plow during the early winter storm as the city's truck with the plow is not running properly.
  - Leo suggests putting a parking lot plow on the regular city pick-up. Ralph's concern is additional wear and tear on that pick-up.
  - Discussion is had on equipment and a solution for plowing.
  - Dave reported that the heater for the old well has been installed.
  - TTS installed the corner drain and it was hit and damaged during the snow storm, the estimate to repair this is \$930.00 - Tom made a motion to hire TTS to do this repair, Leo seconded, the vote passed unanimously.
- b. Clerk – Savannah Moore
- The council received the revenue to actual budget report, expenditure to actual budget report, and cash reports in their packets, as well as bank statements for 1<sup>st</sup> Bank & STIP for previous month.
  - Savannah drafted a "Welcome to Winnett" letter for new residents with some basic knowledge regarding the Town. She passed this out to the Council to review for any corrections or additions.
  - The personnel handbook needs to be passed as a policy as well as looked over for any corrections – this will be added to the December agenda.
  - The ending checking account balance for October: \$130,836.78
- c. Council:
- Leo: Nothing to report.
  - Brad: Will get ahold of a mechanic he knows personally to see if he could take a look at the Town's plowing truck.
  - Levi: Absent.
  - Tom: Nothing to Report
- d. Mayor – Dave Harris: Reported during Public Works

## II. Old Business

## III. New Business

- a. Morrison-Maierle
- Discussion is had on prioritizing the sewer project to avoid having to take out a huge loan. The estimates for rates to cover even the lowest bidding contractor were much higher than anyone would like to go.
  - Discussion is had on the project and deadlines.
- b. Stahly Engineering
- c. MDT
- Planning to pave Monday, weather permitting.
  - Dave has also been in contact with MDT regarding mud issues and they said they will work to correct that.



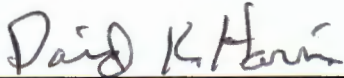
- d. Water & Sewer Rate Increase (presented after claims per agenda revision)
- Brad states that the Town needs to look into the full legality of charging undeveloped lots and buildings with turned off services.
  - Connie and Dick express that there needs to be equality and fairness with the charging for when the Council makes a decision.
  - Discussion is had on charging seasonal residents and not in use services.
  - Denise expresses that unless the law specifically states that those people cannot be charged, it is up to the Council to make a responsible decision so that local residents aren't the sole supporters of the system.
  - Discussion is had - the Council will take everything into consideration before making a final decision.
  - Discussion is had on bulk water rates and billing system (\$15.00/1,000 gallons and honor system)
  - Leo made a motion to table the Water & Sewer Rate Increase, Brad seconded the motion, and the vote passed unanimously.
- e. Resolution #2023-06 – Water & Wastewater Rate Increase
- Leo made a motion to table Resolution #2023-06, Brad seconded the motion, and the vote passed unanimously.

**IV. Items for Next Agenda**

- a. Personnel Policy Handbook

**V. Adjourn Meeting 7:19 PM.**

- a. Leo made a motion to adjourn at 7:19 PM, Tom seconded, and the vote passed unanimously.

**X** 

David Harris  
Mayor

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Savannah Moore  
Town Clerk & Treasurer

**Claims Paid:**

#2654	Rural Development	\$845.00	#2672	John Deere Financial	\$106.94
#2655	Mid-Rivers	\$237.17	#2673	Stahly Engineering	\$915.75
#2656	Northwest Pipe	\$2,087.28	#2674	Yellowstone News Group	\$56.30
#2657	TTS Welding	\$3,275.00	#2670	Hawkins	\$1,696.38
#2658	Mosby Towing	\$200.00			
#2659	Electric Service Shop	\$272.00			
#2660	Town & Country Electric	\$359.40			
#2661	Lisa Jassak	\$157.50			
#2662	Fisher's Technology	\$44.23			
#2663	Thompson Pools	\$6,865.50			
#2664	Ralph Corbett	\$79.99			
#2665	HCR INC	\$500.00			
#2666	SAS Sprinkler & Lawn	\$566.00			
#2667	Aqua Tech Lab	\$25.00			
#2668	DEQ	\$280.00			
#2669	FNBO	\$319.30			