

Minutes for Special Meeting held May 30th, 2023

Those Present: Dave Harris, Mayor
Brad Olson, Leo Tarplee, and Levi Johnson – Council
Jeremy Springer – Director of Public Works
Savannah Moore – Town Clerk and Treasurer
Butch Arthur – Guest

- I. Call to Order: Dave Harris called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM
 - a. Pledge
 - b. Review and Adopt Agenda: No Revisions
- II. New Business
 - a. Election Resolution #2023-03
 - i. Leo made a motion to pass Resolution 2023-03 notifying the Petroleum County Election Administrator of the Town's desire to conduct the General Election by mail-in Ballot, Brad second and the vote passed 3-0.
 - b. Mowing Policy
 - i. Discussion was had on the mowing policy
 - ii. Leo made a motion to pass the revised mowing policy, increasing the hourly prices, Brad second and the vote passed 3-0.
 - c. 2023-2024 Town Employee Wage Increase
 - i. Savannah gave the council a breakdown in their packets of the increases with a 3% cost of living increase.
 - ii. Discussion is had on percentage increase vs dollar amount increase, if the budget can support a larger wage increase, the difference between a cost of living raise and a performance raise, and which employees should receive increases.
 - iii. The council would like Savannah to do a budget breakdown with 4%, 5%, and 6% increases as well as, .75 cents per hour and \$1.00 for all employees.
 - iv. No decision is made at this time.
 - d. Animal At Large Tickets (existing ticket)
 - i. Discussion is had on dogs, tickets, and cost of pursuing a non-guilty plea for the current ticket holder.
 - ii. The maximum penalty for a first time Dog At Large Offense is \$50, Jones Law Firm (who will represent the town) charges an average of \$185 per hour.
 - iii. Levi made a motion to move forward and pursue this ticket, Leo second and the vote passed 3-0.
- III. Items for Next Agenda:

a. Wage Increase for Town of Winnett Employees

IV. Adjournment: 5:42 PM.

a. Levi made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:42 PM, Leo second and the vote passed 3-0.

X David K. Harris

David Harris
Mayor

X Savannah Moore

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Town Clerk & Treasurer