

Bicknell Town Council Meeting Minutes

January 5, 2023, 7:00 PM

I. WELCOME/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ ROLL CALL

Mayor Noreen Johnson called the meeting to order. Councilmembers present were: Steve Albrecht, Bryan Brinkerhoff, Weston Johnson, and Kerry Stevens. Others present were Scott Woolsey, Kelsey Brinkerhoff, Greg Anderson, Jim Dudelston, April Jacobs, Jerome & Lisa Jeppson, Frannie Lloyd, Sheriff Micah Gulley, Steven Deem, David & Mericha Hafen, and Mark Moosman. Carrie Brinkerhoff was absent. Kerry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for the town council meeting on December 1, 2022, were reviewed. Mayor Johnson asked if the council had any corrections. Council did not have any corrections. Kerry made a motion to approve December 1, 2022 minutes, Steve seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called. Councilmembers voting yes: Albrecht, Johnson, Brinkerhoff, and Steven. The vote was unanimous. Motion carriers.

III. BUSINESS

Frannie Lloyd- Frannie was there to ask the council what she needed to do if she wanted to turn her garage into a boutique and add on a bathroom and kitchen to the existing building. The council and mayor thought it was a good idea to get a building permit application and get some plans together and take them to the planning commission's next meeting. Which is on January 31st. Frannie got the application and will plan on attending the next planning and zoning meeting.

Nancy Noble- Nancy was unable to make it to the meeting and will be put on the next council meeting agenda.

April Jacobs- April was there regarding the propane yard fire last month. She wanted to know what Bicknell Town did and if it would have been worst what would have happened. Sheriff Micha Gulley explained to her how the fire started and how there wasn't any need for things to happen. Had it been worse the Code RED system would have alerted the people. It is in the county, so Bicknell Town doesn't have any say on the property where the propane yard is. The sheriff said now that it has happened talk will start, and he feels like change will happen. Micha told April that if she wanted more information to go to Howard Blackburn the owner or the people who inspect his property. They would have the most information. As far as emergencies in the county that would be the county that would address them and who needed to be alerted. Bicknell Town will handle any water-related emergency.

Dog Issues-Micha Gulley- Bicknell Town has been having dog issues with some just running loose and some killing chickens in another residence yard. Years ago, the town was talked into adopting the county's dog ordinance. When they would encourage to do so they felt like if they did then the county police would help enforce that. The sheriff told the town council and mayor that was not the case because they cannot enforce a town ordinance therefore it is still Bicknell Town's responsibility to enforce our ordinance. Some of the council members questioned how we do that. Micha suggested we talk to our Town lawyer and see how to go about this. The ordinance says that an individual can put down a dog that is threatening or trespassing on your land. If a dog bite is involved the sheriff said they would rather them not shoot them because they would need to be in quarantine for 10 days or if the animal was killed, they needed to send the head to the state for examination. The ordinance also states that your dog is always your responsibility. You must always have control of the animal if it is not chained up or inside your fenced yard. Mark asked the sheriff about kids calling the dog owners' dogs off their yards and the sheriff said it would still be the dog owners' responsibility. There was some discussion about sometime in the future getting an animal control officer for the county. Which everyone thought was a good idea. The mayor thanked the sheriff for coming and answering everyone's questions. The sheriff excused himself, and David and Mericha as well as Mark left.

Planning & Zoning Report- The planning commission met on January 3, 2023. Everyone was present but Rhett Jackson. They elected a new chairman which will be Ellen Anderson and the secretary will be Jim Dudleston. Talmage asked Tony to bring to the commission him splitting his lots into two and giving Steve and Amy more land. This has been previously discussed but now the commission told him he would have to apply for a variance and do all the necessary things to get approval. Tony will let Talmage know. They discussed the zoning ordinance they have been working on and they will continue with that through google docs. Tony also has been in contact with the owners of Sunglow, and they are out of town but when they get back, they will come up with a solution for their request for a new building in the back of the existing motel. The planning commission understands that they are the oversight for the town park project that is out for bid right now.

Kelly Chappell- Kelly didn't make it to the meeting so Mayor Johnson gave the council an update on where the water tank is and purchasing the well site. Kelly will try and get some more information about the community project funding and be at our work meeting at the end of the month. Greg excused himself.

Rural Communities Grant- Mayor Johnson was pleased to report that we were granted \$77,000 of the \$152,000 we went for. The town will have to put up 10%. These funds will be used on a stage and community garden/greenhouse projects.

Signing Authority- Since we have never had any signing authority approved for Bicknell Town, we needed to vote on the mayor having signing authority for all matters of Bicknell Town while she is mayor. Steve made a motion to pass the Bicknell Town signing authority resolution, and Weston seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called. Councilmembers voting yes: Albrecht, Johnson, Brinkerhoff, and Steven. The vote was unanimous. Motion carriers.

MEMBER REPORTS

Mayor Johnson- The mayor told everyone that we have a public hearing on Thursday, January 12th at 7:00 PM to open bids for the town park project. The mayor feels that the church should put out the flags on the main street for Pearl Harbor Day in addition to the holidays they do. Kerry said he will talk to the bishop about putting them up on Pearl Harbor Day.

Scott- The mountain springs are producing 30 gallons a minute. Brinkerhoff springs pumped 647,000 gallons last month. They dropped the tank level to make new connections, but no water was wasted. Scott said they shouldn't have to shut off the water again. Scott took down the Christmas decorations and said they are looking a little rough and would like Noreen to come by and look through them. He has a funeral coming up. He also wondered about rebuilding the irrigation pump which needs to be done this year before the irrigation season.

Financial- A list of bills was presented to the council for payment approval. Kerry made a motion to pay the bills. Weston seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called. Councilmembers voting yes: Albrecht, Johnson, Brinkerhoff, and Steven. The vote was unanimous. Motion carriers. The council also was giving the quarterly budget report, which she would like the council to review and initial and return, and the financial reports from the auditors so they could review them.

IV. CLOSED SESSION

No closed session was needed tonight.

Adjournment. Kerry made a motion at 9:00 PM to adjourn, and Weston seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called Councilmembers voting yes: Albrecht, Brinkerhoff, Stevens, and Johnson. The vote was unanimous. Motion carries.

_____ Mayor _____ Clerk