

Bicknell Town Council Meeting Minutes

April 5, 2023, 7:00 PM

I. WELCOME/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ ROLL CALL

Mayor Noreen Johnson called the meeting to order. Mayor Johnson welcomed everyone called the meeting to order and let us in the pledge of allegiance. Council Members present were Steve Albrecht, Kerry Stevens, Mayor Noreen Johnson, and Weston Johnson. Bryan was absent. Others present were Kelsey Brinkerhoff, Carrie Brinkerhoff, Scott Woolsey, Tom & Linda Hunter, Cindy Ellett, Troy Brown, Stella Edwards, Jim Dudleston, Gregg and Ellen Anderson, and Laura Lasko.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the town council meeting and work meeting for February were reviewed. Mayor Johnson asked if the council had any corrections. Council did not have any corrections. Kerry made a motion to approve February's meeting minutes, Steve seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called. Councilmembers voting yes: Albrecht, Johnson, and Stevens. The vote was unanimous. Motion carriers. The minutes of the work meeting for March were reviewed. Mayor Johnson asked if the council had any corrections. There was a wrong number on the bid numbers for the well. Kelsey will fix those numbers. Steve made a motion to approve the March meeting minutes with the correction, and Kerry seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called. Councilmembers voting yes: Albrecht, Johnson, and Stevens. The vote was unanimous. Motion carriers.

III. BUSINESS

Beautification Committee- Thomas Hunter introduced himself and explained what the BBC is. They are a volunteer-only committee committed to improving and beautifying the town's own properties on the main street. They have 7 members but are always wanting more. Their meetings are on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 1:00 PM in the town hall. Mr. Hunter mentioned right now they are working on a grant to get lamp posts with banner flags on them as well as planter boxes. The grant is for up to \$50,000. They do need a few letters of support from the town council and community members. Mayor Johnson had come across another grant that might work for the BBC project. She will get with them about it.

Planning & Zoning Report- Stella Edwards was there to ask if they could get a water hookup on the property that the planning commission has investigated and is outside city limits. Cindy Ellet thought that she had annexed the property in November 2010. The meeting minutes were looked up and the front 1/2 acre has annexed the back where they would like a meter is not annexed into the town. Cindy will go talk to the county but as far as a water meter the council told her there wouldn't be a problem. The planning and zoning commission unanimously voted to deny Talmage Moosman his variance. Ellen mentioned numerous reasons why but mostly the situation for this just did not qualify as a variance they could approve. Tom Bower was at the meeting to see about fencing his property by the main street. The town doesn't have a fence ordinance so the Planning Commission referred to the county ordinance and told him the setback that needed to be followed and told him to contact UDOT because where is by a main highway there might be other guidelines that may be in place. Also, it was mentioned that in addition to the fence ordinance, the town doesn't have any regulations for Accessory Dwelling Units. This may be a problem in the future so they asked the town council if it was something they wanted to include in the Building and Zoning ordinance or make a separate one for just ADU'S. The town council feels like it should be its own ordinance. As far as the fence ordinance the town will adopt the council fence ordinance.

Talmage Moosman-Variance- Mayor Johnson asked the council if they had any questions or comments about the variance for Talmage Moosman. There was SOME discussion about it then Steve made a motion to deny Talmage Moosman's variance application, and Weston seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called. Councilmembers voting yes: Albrecht, Johnson, and Steven. The vote was unanimous. Motion carriers.

Well Bid Approval- Mayor Johnson reviewed the 3 bids received for the well project and asked if anyone had any questions. There was some discussion about it and mentioned that they would start late fall of this year then Steve made a motion to award All Wells Drilling the contract for the Bicknell Town Brinkerhoff Well project, and Weston seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called. Councilmembers voting yes: Albrecht, Johnson, and Stevens. The vote was unanimous. Motion carriers.

Water Efficiency Landscaping Plan Ordinance- Mayor Johnson asked if anyone had questions. The council discussed liking the removal of grass and getting reimbursement from the state but they didn't know about telling new builds how much grass they could have. The council decided to table this topic for another date.

Cell Phone Reimbursement Policy- Mayor Johnson explained why the town was doing this and asked if anyone had any questions. There were none so Kerry made a motion to adopt this policy and Steve seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called. Councilmembers voting yes: Albrecht, Johnson, and Stevens. The vote was unanimous. Motion carriers. The cellphone reimbursement will be for Scott, the Mayor, as well as the clerk & treasurer.

Highway Tax- There was some discussion on the highway tax. Then Steve made a motion to adopt ordinance number 04-06-2023 Adopting a sales and use tax for transportation, and Kerry seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called. Councilmembers voting yes: Albrecht, Johnson, and Steven. The vote was unanimous. Motion carriers.

Utah Correctional Scanning- This was discussed at the work meeting in March. It will allow the Utah correctional scanning to come to the town hall and pick up records and maps and scan them all into a searchable database and transfer them to the Utah archives if we want. Everyone thought it would be a good idea so Steve made a motion to allow Utah Correctional Scanning to scan our documents that we would like scanned, and Weston seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called. Councilmembers voting yes: Albrecht, Johnson, and Steven. The vote was unanimous. Motion carriers.

Portable Toilet Bids- Two bids were obtained for portable toilets at the cemetery for May and the park for June-August and the 24th of July celebration. Mayor Johnson said that if the park is under construction, we would not be having a 24th of July celebration. The two prices just for the portable toilets were \$436 from Kendal Williams and \$340 from Brigg Blackburn. Steve made a motion to award the bid to Brigg Weston second with Kerry Stevens voting no. There was some discussion about whether or not a toilet was needed at the park. After the discussion, Steve made a new motion to award the bid to the cheapest which was Brigg Blackburn for a portable toilet for the cemetery in May and then the town park in June-August. and Kerry seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called. Councilmembers voting yes: Albrecht, Mayor Johnson, and Steven. Councilmembers voting no: Johnson. Motion carriers.

MEMBER REPORTS

Mayor Johnson- The Mayor told everyone about the Regional Growth Summit this year in Richfield. The event will be held at the Sevier Valley Center in Richfield, on Tuesday, May 23rd, with dinner served at 5:00 pm. and the sessions beginning at 5:40 pm. The members of the town council and planning commission are invited but each individual needs to register. Carrie sent everyone the invitation and it has the link to register in it. Next month we need to put on the bill that we will be raising the cemetery prices for lots.

Weston- The sandbag truck is tentatively set for June 10th unless it's flooding in Sevier County. Also asked Scott if he wanted him to start working on the Backhoe. Scott and Mayor said that is a good idea.

Steve- Steve told everyone that we receive a grant to help plan for the walking path. They will be working on the plan this year and hopefully getting the grant to do it next year. There is a planning committee for this project and they will oversee all the logistics of it.

Scott- The mountain springs are producing 29 gallons a minute. Brinkerhoff Springs pumped 147,000 gallons last month. The water sample was good. Scott's been working on the road to the feedlot, leveling ground for the

greenhouse, reading meters, putting up stop signs for a 4-way stop, digging a grave for Bob Winters, and getting the bags for the sandbags. The irrigation pump is ready to be picked up. If Weston goes up this month, he will get it or Scott will go. With the swimming pool getting demolished the high school might have to abandon that line and get a new line. They might need to do a temporary line until they get it all figured out. Scott said we need to figure out where to get dry sand for the sandbags, he will call around and see what he can find.

Financial- A list of bills was presented to the council for payment approval for February. Steve made a motion to pay the bills. Weston seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called. Councilmembers voting yes: Albrecht, Johnson, and Stevens. The vote was unanimous. Motion carriers. A list of bills was presented to the council for payment approval for March. Kerry made a motion to pay the bills. Weston seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called. Councilmembers voting yes: Albrecht, Johnson, and Stevens. 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.

Adjournment. Kerry made a motion at 9:15 PM to go into a closed session, and Weston seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called Councilmembers voting yes: Albrecht, Stevens, and Johnson. The vote was unanimous. Motion carries.

IV. CLOSED SESSION

The town council set up the reimbursement rates for the cellphone reimbursement policy. They adjourned at 9:25 PM.

_____ Mayor _____ Clerk