

## Bicknell Town Council Meeting Minutes

July 6, 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, and Kerry Stevens. Weston came in about halfway through the meeting. Others present were Scott Woolsey, Carrie Brinkerhoff, Kelsey Brinkerhoff, Laura Lasco, Shannon Taylor, Ellen Anderson, Gregg Anderson, and Jim Dudelston. Mayor Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for the town council meeting on June 1, 2023, were reviewed. Mayor Johnson asked if the council had any corrections. Council did not have any corrections. Kerry made a motion to approve June 1, 2023 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.

The minutes for the Budget Public Hearing on June 1, 2023, were reviewed. Mayor Johnson asked if the council had any corrections. Council did not have any corrections. Kerry made a motion to approve the budget public hearing 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.

The minutes for the Irrigation Rates Public hearing on June 1, 2023, were reviewed. Mayor Johnson asked if the council had any corrections. Council did not have any corrections. Steve made a motion to approve June 1, 2023 irrigation rate minutes, and Bryan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called. Councilmembers voting yes: Albrecht, Johnson, Brinkerhoff, and Steven. The vote was unanimous. Motion carriers.

The minutes for the work meeting on June 29, 2023, were reviewed. Mayor Johnson asked if the council had any corrections. Council did not have any corrections. Steve made a motion to approve June 29, 2023 work meeting minutes, and Bryan 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

**Public Comment-** Laura Lasco wondered if there was something we could do to make fireworks only be able to be set off on the holiday instead of for 4-6 days like this year. The council had a discussion and will think about that. They thanked her for her comment and suggestion.

**Planning & Zoning Report-** In the planning commission meeting, they finished off the zoning ordinance. Everybody was in attendance besides, Tony and Rhett at their next meeting. Brock will be there to discuss the ADU ordinance. The planning commission would like to know what the town Council wants in that ordinance. They will also be working on the subdivision ordinance and nuisance ordinance. The five-year plan would be needed in 2024 so they will hold off on that for now. The next planning commission meeting will be on August 1.

**Telecommunication License Tax-** The mayor explained what it was, and why we are implementing this tax. The mayor asked if there were any questions there were none. So, Kerry made a motion to approve the telecommunication license tax, and Steve seconded the motion. There was a roll call vote. Council members voting yes were Stevens, Brinkerhoff, and Albrecht. Motion passed.

**Zoning Ordinance 07-2020- Zoning-** The town council discussed the changes and agreed with all of them. The lawyer still needs to look at it. Steve made a motion to pass the zoning ordinance. As long as the attorney says it's good Bryan seconded. There was a roll call vote. Council members voting yes were Stevens, Brinkerhoff, and Albrecht. Motion passed.

**Flags- Church Contract-** The bishop came in the other day and was wanting the flag contract with the church to increase to \$1300. We have already increased it last year to \$600. The council doesn't feel like that is something we want to do. Kerry will talk to the bishop and see if the church would like to sell the flags, then the mayor and council as well as the other town employees could put them up. Everyone thought that would be a good idea.

#### MEMBER REPORTS

**Mayor Johnson-** The mayor wanted to remind everybody Monday, July 10 at 6:30 was the mayor commissioner meeting. The tax commission will be there as well as the park service.

**Scott-** Scott has been working on the water line at the park and will order the fire hydrant. The water sample was good. He got sod for the cemetery but didn't get enough. He's been spraying weeds and spending lots of time on the mower. He and Waylon have been cleaning the ditches, the master meter at the water tank is broken he does not have gallons per minute. The new tank is about done just needs inspection he also read meters.

**Steve-** Steve has noticed a dry spot at the memorial. Ask Scott if he has checked the sprinklers, Scott will do that. The trails committee has met and they have received 35 responses from the survey the survey revealed that trails that hook to other towns as well as bike and hiking trails are the popular vote, they're open to any ideas and anybody is welcome to join the virtual meeting on the 18th. Let Steve know if you would like an invitation to that.

**Weston-** Weston working on the backhoe needs a few more parts and he will get it done soon.

**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 emailed the quarterly budget report, Kelsey requested the council to sign a paper copy after any questions were answered.

#### IV. MISCELLANEOUS

Steve, Scott, Tony, and Noreen drove around and found things they could do to help with the flooding. Tony put a bid together. And with all the changes it would be around \$9125 the mayor foresees some people not being happy with some of the changes but it would help with flooding. We think this would be necessary. These changes are all on the north side of town. We will keep trying for grants to get more flooding control. Carrie has a letter and will send it to the residence. Steve made a motion to go ahead with the bid from Jackson's excavation. It was seconded by Kerry. There was a roll call vote. Council members voting yes were Stevens, Brinkerhoff, and Albrecht. Motion passed.

#### V. CLOSED SESSION/ ADJOURNMENT

Weston made a motion at 8:12 PM to go into a closed session, and Steve seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called Councilmembers voting yes: Albrecht, Brinkerhoff, and Johnson. The vote was unanimous. Motion carries. They discussed town personnel and adjourned at 8:40.

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Mayor \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk