

## Bicknell Town Council Meeting Minutes

February 1, 2024, 7:00 PM

### I. WELCOME/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ ROLL CALL

Mayor Noreen Johnson called the meeting to order. Councilmembers present were Kerry Stevens, Gregg Anderson, Weston Johnson, and Steve Albrecht. Others present were Carrie Brinkerhoff and Kelsey Brinkerhoff. Scott Woolsey was absent. Councilman Weston Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance. Later in the meeting Dan and Nicole Hicks as well as Brock Jackson came.

### II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for the town council meeting on January 4, 2024, were reviewed. Mayor Johnson asked if the council had any corrections. The council did not have any corrections. Steve motioned to approve the January 4, 2024, minutes, and Gregg seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called. Council members voting yes: Stevens, Johnson, Anderson, Johnson, and Albrecht. The vote was unanimous—motion carriers.

The minutes for the town work meeting on January 25, 2024, were reviewed. Mayor Johnson asked if the council had any corrections. The council did not have any corrections. Kerry motioned to approve the January 25, 2024, minutes, and Weston seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called. Council members voting yes: Stevens, Johnson, Anderson, Johnson, and Albrecht. The vote was unanimous—motion carriers.

### IV. BUSINESS

**Public Comment-** Dan and Nicole Hicks were there to present consideration of their observation of the town's general plan. There was some discussion with the town council, and the council thanked them for their input.

**Planning & Zoning/ General Plan Goals-** Ellen was there to go over what she had researched and found about the general plan after receiving the notes from Carrie about taking some of the goals out because they weren't land use. She explained you can put other things in your general plan. The state code listed a bunch of different things that it allows such as public building, economic development, and public safety. The state code does not recommend putting financial and operational goals in your general plan. There was some discussion and some of the goals that were previously marked off, will be added back to the general plan. She explained she just wanted to keep everybody informed so we'll all and I'll be on the same page. The council thanked her for all the research she had done. After changes were made, Kerry motioned to approve the vision statement general plan, and Gregg seconded. A roll call vote was called. Council members voting yes: Stevens, Johnson, Anderson, Johnson, and Albrecht. The vote was unanimous—the motion passes to approve the general plan with said corrections.

**Trails-** Steve wanted to discuss whether the council wants him to move forward with the proposed trails or to stop. The pump track will not be happening as Bicknell town has nowhere to put it and the county has other plans for the ground. We wondered if they would lease to us. Steve wants to know what we want to do or not do anything. We discussed the paved walking trail town and beginning an NPEA study for the Velvet Ridges. There was a lot of discussion about the matching and also the mayor had talked with Brennan to see if Ensign could get a bid for us if they were to do the NA study. Kerry wanted to know what was it going to cost Steve has the sheets that cost so we will come back to this at a later date.

**Flooding Project/ARPA Funding Opportunity-** Steve had been talking to someone at the state about getting flooding funding. They said there's a good chance. Some of the ARPA money will be turned back and think that Bicknell should get in line to go for our fund and flooding project. She says they can meet with the governor's office as soon as the legislative session is over. The council is good with it. It won't hurt to try. It also might be worth trying to get some money for our secondary water valves that need to be replaced. Steve will arrange the meeting with Representative Carl Albrecht and Gregg as well as Noreen volunteered to go with him.

**EMS Contract-** There was some discussion about the EMS contract. The council thinks they should wait until July 1 so we aren't paying for back service. Also, they should cap how many times get charged for one person there are a few who call the ambulance numerous times a month. There was some discussion and they decided to not sign the contract and work on renegotiating the contract.

**Board Assignment Review-** Since the mayor was absent at the last meeting, she wanted to review the town board assignments and she would like to remove CIB/CDGB. The rest of the assignments were discussed, and the mayor explained, that she would like everybody to report on their assignments every month.

**Miscellaneous-** Brock Jackson had entered the meeting and there was some discussion on the EMS contract and the mayor commissioner meeting on February 20 as well as the six-county regional growth summit in May.

#### MEMBER REPORTS

**Mayor Johnson-Scott** had got prices on new valves for the irrigation lines. They are \$3500 apiece. We also need to replace the line from the pump to the pond. Will need to be worked on soon. Also reminded everybody of the mayor commissioner meeting on February 20 at 6:30 at the Bicknell community center. She also reminded us that we need to tell Scott to put the cameras back up at the park. She has got some complaints about bones getting packed all over town from the meat packing place on Main Street. She thinks it would be a good idea to write Oyler Farms a letter to help improve this issue.

**Weston-** Weston has concerns about the four-way stop by his house and the cops sitting there patrolling. Maybe we should consider it back to the way it was.

**Financial-** A list of bills was presented to the council for payment approval. Kerry made a motion to pay the bills. Steve seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called. Council members voting yes: Albrecht, Stevens, Johnson, Anderson, and Johnson. The vote was unanimous—motion carriers.

#### CLOSED SESSION/ ADJOURNMENT

Since there were no other items on the agenda, at 8:20, the council went into a closed session as permitted by Utah Code Annotated Section 52-4-205(1)(a), where the council discussed personal issues.

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