

Bicknell Town Council Meeting Minutes

March 7, 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, Brennan Rees, Jim Dudleston, Ellen Anderson, and Kelsey Brinkerhoff. Scott Woolsey was absent. Councilman Weston Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for the town council meeting on February 1, 2024, were reviewed. Mayor Johnson asked if the council had any corrections. Steve had a few corrections. Gregg motioned to approve the February 1, 2024, minutes with the corrections, and Kerry 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 emergency town council meeting on February 15, 2024, were reviewed. Mayor Johnson asked if the council had any corrections. The council did not have any corrections. Kerry motioned to approve the February 15, 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.

The minutes for the town work meeting on February 29, 2024, were reviewed. Mayor Johnson asked if the council had any corrections. The council did not have any corrections. Steve motioned to approve the February 29, 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.

IV. BUSINESS

Public Comment- There were no public comments.

Community garden- The Girl Scouts would like to use two garden boxes in the community garden, and they were wondering if the council would waive the rental fee. The council thought that was a great idea so Kerry made a motion to waive the rental fees for the Girl Scouts and Weston seconded it. Motion passes. Carrie also explained to the council that the extension office was going to have monthly workshops at the community garden.

Fire Marshal- The mayor explained that it was discussed at the mayor commissioner meeting of the fire district using our town building but nothing else was discussed since the fire marshal was not present.

Planning and Zoning Report- The Planning and Zoning Commission met on February 23. Everyone on the commission was present. They went over Lon Christensen's building permit for a garage. It met all the requirements and the planning commission recommended approval from the town board. They worked on the subdivision ordinance for the rest of the meeting, Ellen would like the mayor to see the list of consultants we can use for her recommendation they have up to \$14,000 towards the consultant which is through the state. Ellen had a few questions on some things like the authorizing personnel she believed that it shouldn't be on one person so they will write the whole planning commission would be the authorizing person.

Building permit- Everyone looked over the building permit. No questions were asked. Kerry made a motion to approve Lon Christiansen's building permit for a garage and Weston seconded. Motion passes. There was another building permit to review since it should go to planning and zoning first, but they don't meet for two more weeks. The council looked at it and approved it pending the planning commission's approval.

EMS Contract Resolution No. 03-2024- The mayor asked if anybody had any questions about this resolution. There were none. Weston made a motion to approve the EMS resolution and Steve seconded. There was a roll call vote where Albrecht, Stevens, Johnson, and Anderson voted yes and Mayor Johnson voted no. Motion passes.

Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance No. 3-7-2024- The mayor asked if anybody had any questions on this ordinance. Gregg questioned the maximum square footage of 1200 because he thinks that's too big. There was some discussion and it was decided to change the maximum to 800 ft.² with that change Steve made a motion to approve the Accessory Dwelling Ordinance and Gregg seconded. There was a roll call vote where Stevens, Albrecht, Johnson, Anderson, and Johnson voted yes. Motion passes.

Disposal of town-owned property- The mayor explained why we need this to Kerry since he was absent from the last meeting. The council had decided to put the minimum at \$75,000. The mayor asked if anyone else had any questions There were none so Weston made a motion to approve the disposal of town-owned property ordinance and Gregg seconded. There was a roll vote where Anderson, Johnson, Albrecht, Stevens, and Johnson all voted yes. The motion passes.

Miscellaneous- Brennan Rees was there with Ensign Engineering to go over the progress of the well and a few other things. The well is really great. They are developing it now; Brennan thinks they will finish up next week or in two weeks. There are two types of tests they will do on the well which will tell us the capacity of the well. Brennan explained how the test worked. Then he explained the process of how these test results will be submitted to the state and the quality of water. There was some discussion about recommended gallons per minute. Steve questioned about getting a pump big enough to do 2000 gallons a minute. Brennan will get an update from all Wells drilling and inquire about getting a larger pump. We were hoping to put out the last portion of the well bid, but the well has to be approved by the division of drinking water before we bid out the last portion of the well. Garkane had given a bid for the three-phase power. There was some discussion on whether a generator would be better, but Ensign doesn't recommend a generator. Steve also asked if solar was possible and Brennan said no it would not be able to run on solar. There was some discussion and the council believes we should move forward with Garkane's bid. Will need to put 10% down which will come out of the ARPA money. Brennan also had a copy of the equipping plan and it was explained to the council asked for an estimate on the equipping plan, Brennan said an estimated 1 million which is still on budget. Brennan explained after approval from the division of drinking water then we will advertise for bidding on the equipping plan. Brennan had applied for a diversion for the water rights which Ensign will submit after the mayor signs it. There shouldn't be any problems since we're changing the point of diversion. Brennan also had got a bid together for Steve on the trails north of town. Steve went over the trails and explained he talked to Carly and she thought it was maybe too late this year but Steve has been working very hard and he says that he will get it done by the deadline which is March 15. Steve also talked about the town portion of this which would be 20% and half of it can be in kind. Three letters of support and a few other things from the town staff and council. He will get this worked on and submitted to Carly. Steve would like to get money this year to build these trails and money for an NPEA study in the future. The council thought that was great. The council thanked Brennan, and he excused himself.

MEMBER REPORTS

Mayor Johnson- The mayor didn't have much just wanted to remind everybody to be thinking about the budget. We will be working on it in the March work meeting. Jim suggested maybe at TV or something to project so everyone can see what the town council is talking about.

Gregg- Gregg had contacted pest control, but hasn't heard back, he will reach out by phone in the next few weeks. Also, wondering about the ditch up by Shannon's there was some discussion about this.

Weston- Weston wants to make the 4-way stop by the high school back to a 2-way stop since cops have been patrolling extra since the change. He also explained Kelsey was going to make a maintenance spreadsheet to keep everyone updated on the maintenance plan.

Kerry- Kerry had driven around town and put a map together with science and road needing work. He was wondering if he could just start fixing the signs. He wants to move the flags from the church building to one of the shops. He will get with Scott and get a plan together.

Steve- Steve had attended an emergency meeting and thinks UDOT will help us fill potholes around town the mayor told Steve that he could try but she didn't think they would do much. Steve also wondered if the beautification committee could take care of the flowers at the memorial Kathy Woolsey was doing it due to her passing Steve would like to see if the beautification committee would take over. Carrie will talk to them but she is sure they would love to. Steve also questioned if we would want to get more chairs for the town hall. They had the caucus here the other night and they had to go to the church more chairs. The council didn't feel like that was a priority right now. Also, Steve had two older people ask why the newsletter is not in the bills anymore. There was a suggestion maybe an option to get a paper copy on the next bill.

Financial- A list of bills was presented to the council for payment approval. A few of the bills were discussed then Kerry made a motion to pay the bills. Gregg 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 8:55, 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, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

_____ Mayor _____ Clerk