

## Bicknell Town Council Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2024, 7:00 PM

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

Mayor Noreen Johnson called the meeting to order. Councilmembers present were Gregg Anderson, Weston Johnson, and Steve Albrecht. Others present were Dennis Blackburn, Josh Brown, Kelsey Brinkerhoff, Jim Dudleston, and Scott Woolsey. Kerry Stevens and Carrie Brinkerhoff were absent. Councilman Weston Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for the town council meeting on March 7, 2024, were reviewed. Mayor Johnson asked if the council had any corrections. There were no corrections. Steve motioned to approve the March 7, 2024, minutes, and Gregg seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called. Council members voting yes Johnson, Anderson, Johnson, and Albrecht. The vote was unanimous—motion carriers.

The minutes for the town work meeting on March 28, 2024, were reviewed. Mayor Johnson asked if the council had any corrections. The council did not have any corrections. Steve motioned to approve the March 28, 2024, minutes, and Gregg seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called. Council members voting yes: Johnson, Anderson, Johnson, and Albrecht. The vote was unanimous—motion carriers.

### IV. BUSINESS

**Public Comment-** Josh Brown and Dennis Blackburn were in attendance and the mayor wanted to discuss the fire district's contract with Bicknell town regarding the Bicknell town firehouse. There is a current contract in place until the end of 2028 that both parties aren't abiding by. There was some discussion about the fire district buying the paint to paint the outside, which would be considered maintenance, which they are responsible for. The council will discuss if they would like to write a new contract before 2028 or adhere to the one in place. There was also fire mitigation discussed and it was said the fire district would like the town's input on future projects. The subject will be discussed more at a future work meeting.

**Planning & Zoning Report-** The planning commission met on March 19th everyone but Jacee was present. They had two building permits Nick Tomlinson's and Michael Ellett's they recommend approval for both. They have chosen a consultant to work with on the subdivision ordinance. It is Planning Outpost out of Ogden. The planning commission appointed Jim to be the point of contact. He needs a letter from the mayor, approving Jim as the final approval. Kelsey will get a letter for the mayor to sign. There was new legislation so the council went back and corrected a few things. Jim also needs the attorney's contact info for the consulting firm. The council is shooting for approving this subdivision ordinance at the July town Council meeting. The mayor had annexation questions and if the planning commission knew how that worked or not, Jim said that they wanted to get a better understanding of it. There was some discussion about annexing the gas station and car wash into Bicknell Town. The council looked over Michael Ellett's building permit and Weston made a motion to approve it and Gregg seconded it. There was a roll call vote where Anderson, Johnson, Albrecht, and Johnson voted yes. Michael Ellett's building permit is approved.

**Trails-** Steve explained the situation about the trails grant originally, which we put in for \$520,000. and then The Outdoor Recreation Department changed our application from \$520,000 to \$200,000 and put it in the smaller grant class. This means that Bicknell would have to pay \$320,000 to complete the trail and Bicknell could not afford there that amount. After some discussion, it was suggested maybe doing just one loop instead of the two. In the end, it was decided that the council didn't think we could make it work. Steve will contact the trails committee and the Office of Outdoor Recreation to pull our grant application.

**Accessory Dwelling Unit-Fee Schedule-** The auxiliary dwelling unit fee was discussed at last week's meeting and decided on \$50 per application. Gregg made a motion to set that auxiliary dwelling unit fee to \$50 and Steve

seconded the motion there was a vote where Johnson, Albrecht, Anderson, and Johnson all voted yes. Motion passes.

**Taxes & Fees-** Taxes and fees were discussed at the last mayor commissioner meeting where Steve thought it was interesting how low our property taxes are. Steve thinks we need to look over in detail our fees and taxes. The mayor mentioned other places charging more than just a set rate for their business licenses. The council thinks we should look into it. The mayor mentioned that she and Brock Jackson with six counties have discussed implementing a rural hospital tax. It would benefit the county, but it is something that will have to go to vote on a ballot. Brock took it to the county commissioners and now it is up to them a lot of other counties have implemented this tax. Steve was assigned by the mayor to prepare a discussion on fees, taxes, and other revenues for future discussion.

**Website privacy policy-** Carrie was absent from the meeting and she is the one who has this policy. We will look at it next month.

#### MEMBER REPORTS

**Mayor Johnson-** The mayor wanted to remind everyone to register for the Regional Growth Summit on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Gregg-** There are a few limbs down at the cemetery and 13 graves that don't have sod laid on them. Gregg would like to walk through and learn how to water at the cemetery. It was debated on whether to order sod before or after Memorial Day. In the end, it was decided that we would order 500 square feet of sod to lay at the cemetery when Jamie orders sod for the park.

**Steve-** Steve had prepared a budget summary and presented it to the council. Steve also wondered if we need to be working on a homeless ordinance sometime soon. He also asked for a well summary. Steve also received an email from Mike Grange from the division of drinking water, He asked the mayor if he should contact him or if she wanted to. The mayor told Steve to contact him. Steve also saw the list of CIB applications and wondered why Bicknell didn't have one. Lastly, Steve talked with representative Carl Albrecht about scheduling a meeting to discuss flooding funding opportunities he would like whoever can go with him.

**Scott-** Scott reported That Mountain Springs is producing 43 gallons a minute. He got the new flow meter at Brinkerhoff Springs and now we need to contact Ensign and tell them to get the SCADA system back to set up. Both the new and the old tanks are full. The new tank is still dirty. He's going to try to fill it more and try to overflow it to clean the new tank. Installed the hydrant at the park and finished spreading the chips at the park. He dug a grave for Mona Hiskey, and Weston covered it. The Clinic wants Scott to sweep their parking lot. Scott had been in a cross-connection class all day and he said there's lots to that coming up. Scott also wondered about the school meters and irrigation valves that the council wants to be replaced.

**Financial-** A list of bills was presented to the council for payment approval. A few of the bills were discussed then Steve 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. The council was also presented with a quarterly budget for review.

#### CLOSED SESSION/ ADJOURNMENT

Since there were no other items on the agenda, at 9:10, the mayor adjourned the meeting.

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