

Bicknell Town Council Meeting Minutes

August 1, 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, Kerry Stevens, and Steve Albrecht. Others present were Kelsey Brinkerhoff, Shawn Davis, Carrie Brinkerhoff, Jim Dudleston, Brennan Rees, Ellen Anderson, Laura Lasco, and Scott Woolsey. Councilman Kerry Stevens led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the town council meeting on July 3, 2024, were reviewed. Mayor Johnson asked if the council had any corrections. There were no corrections needed. Weston motioned to approve the July 3, 2024, minutes, and Gregg seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called. Council members voting yes Johnson, Anderson, Stevens, Johnson, and Albrecht. The vote was unanimous—motion carriers.

IV. BUSINESS

Public Comment- Laura Lasko is concerned about the triangle piece in front of our house. She thinks the signs don't look great and it does not comply with the Town sign ordinance. The mayor agreed that the signs don't look good and will be removed. the mayor thanked Laura for bringing this to our attention and she thanked the council. Jim Dudleston also had concerns about the bulletin board down by the post office. There are some very offensive things being hung on it and he thought maybe would be a good idea to hang a sign that says for official use only. There was some discussion and everyone decided to get a sign to put on it that says for official use only. Shawn was there to report about the school due to situations out of the school board's control or the contractors. They have postponed school for two weeks. The high school will start on September 3. They will have to make up seven days throughout the year. It comes down to supply chain issues. There was some discussion on the funding for the elementary school, which Shawn said has not been received, also was questioned about the gymnasium. Shawn wanted to make it known that safety is the main concern. He thanked the council for their time.

Riley Taylor-Bicknell Bottoms Water Company- Riley Taylor was here representing the Bicknell Bottom Water Company it was discussed that over 30 years ago Bicknell Town allowed Mont Ellett to install a line and deliver water to the Bicknell bottoms area which Riley thanked Bicknell Town for. He offered the waterline to the town. The mayor kindly said no thank you. He questioned how many hookups were allowed on the line. Currently, there are 12 active meters and six more shares purchased, but not hooked into the system. Riley was concerned about the six who had not purchased a meter and wondered if Bicknell Town would sell them a meter it was questioned whether that line was capable of that many shares. Brennan with Ensign was here and he didn't think it would be, but he would run some numbers and get back to us. The mayor recalls that Bicknell only allowed a maximum of 15 hookups to be sold. Riley had different notes looking through the minutes. His minutes said the capacity was 36 hookups. Brennan will look into it and get it figured out if the six more could get water and get back to Riley. Riley thanked the council and excused himself. Brennan Rees was there to provide an update on the equipment plan for the well. It has been approved and next week they will advertise for bids. On August 15 there will be a meeting and bids will be due August 29th. This is everything else that needs to be done. Steve questioned when will Garkane start, and Brennan said Garkane assured us that they would be done by the end of the year. Brennan also explained they're in contact with the division of drinking water and they are aware we might need an extension on spending our money. Steve also questioned about adding a line of culinary water to the cemetery. Brennan explained it would probably have to be an 8-inch line and cost about \$150,000. Steve wondered if that could be part of our water project. Brennan didn't know for sure the council thanked Brennan for all that he did and does.

Planning & Zoning Report- Planning and zoning had a public hearing for the proposed annexation map no public was there. They had a zone change request by Jim Dudleston on his half-acre piece from residential to commercial. Jim filled the town council in about what he has planned, and flooding of the property was also discussed. The planning and zoning will do a public hearing on the zone change on August 20 along with a subdivision public hearing for final review of the finished subdivision ordinance. They have gotten back all the things needed from

the consulting firm planning outpost for the subdivision ordinance. They decided to appoint two members of the planning commission to approve the final subdivision. There were some changes made and Ellen explained how grateful they are for all of Jim's hard work.

Annexation Map- The mayor asked if there were any questions on the proposed annexation map, but there were none, so Steve made a motion to pass the proposed annexation map, and Weston seconded it. All council members voted yes. It was discussed to talk with Brock about getting a new map to hang on the wall.

Fraud Risk Assessment- Kelsey the fraud risk assessment for the council to look over. There were no questions about it.

MEMBER REPORTS

Mayor Johnson- The mayor received a card from Elon and Jacobs saying how wonderful the 20 Fourth of July celebration was.

Scott- Scott read meters, and both tanks were full. He put in the school shop and Michael Ellett meter. The inmates came and trimmed the cemetery and spread the gravel in the garden. He's been spraying weeds and working with Rita Trick on the operating plan. He dug a grave on Saturday and the mountain springs are producing 38 gallons a minute.

Gregg- Gregg talk to newbies and they will be spraying the grass at the memorial starting this month through the rest of the season.

Kerry- Kerry had concerns about the cemetery Road. It needs some work maybe gravel or road base Gregg will call Jackson and get some road base delivered.

Steve- Steve wondered if there was a mowing schedule for the weeds. It was discussed, that Weston is trying to get it but the weeds grow so fast and he does not have a lot of time. Steve also reminded everybody of the meeting on September 23 about flooding. Steve had sent a thank you to Carly and received a letter back from Carly, who helped with the trials, he read the letter explaining the changes. The division of outdoor recreation has made to their grant process. He wants to know if the council wants to drop it or go ahead with trying to get trails around Bicknell. There was some discussion, we will need to discuss with Fremont Irrigation and a few other things and make sure the neighbors are OK with it. We will put it on a future agenda to discuss. Steve also questioned the liability of the park and memorial, and getting signs were discussed. Also, Steve wondered about putting soundboards at the Park Pavilion. It is very hard when there are a lot of people in there to hear the mayor explain we have some that just need to be hung. Steve Memorial Steve also wondered about doing the most beautiful yard award the mayor did not like that idea, Steve also wondered about the pipe being moved by the water tank. Kerry will do that. Steve thanked the planning and zoning commission and the beautification committee for all they do for the town do anything concerning the hearing on Howard Blackburn 's property on the 14th the mayor will call Colleen, but since it's in the county, there's not much Bicknell Town can do.

Carrie- Carrie found in the minutes that Bicknell Town Limited the Bicknell bottom water company to 15 hookups. Also, Carrie reported Rita Trick worked with Scott on the operating plan. It's a step-by-step for everything to do with culinary water. Brennan will be sending Rita the GIS maps for the new system.

Kelsey- Kelsey asked the Town council if we could do an Easter egg hunt in April. The other celebrations were discussed and ultimately the council decided that would be a good idea. Kelsey will be in charge of that.

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—the motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION/ ADJOURNMENT

Since there were no other items on the agenda, at 8:59, PM, The Mayor adjourned the meeting.

Mayor

Clerk