

Bicknell Town Council Meeting Minutes

June 6, 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, Hiedi Woolsey, Deina Riddle, Shawn Davis, Lynn and Kathryn Jackson, Carrie Brinkerhoff, Deann Fraizer, Jim Dudleston Brock Jackson, and Scott Woolsey. Councilman Kerry Stevens led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for the town council meeting on May 2, 2024, were reviewed. Mayor Johnson asked if the council had any corrections. There were no corrections needed. Kerry motioned to approve the May 2, 2024, minutes, and Steve 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- Shawn Davis was there representing the Wayne school board and first wanted to thank the town council and mayor for everything they have done. He also explained that the school board had decided to come to the town Council meetings periodically to keep the town updated on the happenings in the school district. He described the anticipated date for the new high school is July 19. The project has three phases first it is building the new high school second is the demolition of the old high school, and the third is building the new gymnasium. They also are hoping to get funding for a new elementary school it will be where the existing middle school is. On completion of the new school kindergarten through sixth grade will be held at the elementary school seventh grade through 12th grade will be in the new high school. The other thing Shawn mentioned was the new school will be very safe. Nobody can come into the school after the doors are locked in the morning. There was a question about closed or open campus that Shawn wasn't sure of yet, which would be discussed at their school board meeting the following week. Also, he reported that they have confirmation that the school District will be going to four-day weeks and they have done some research and found that it improves academics and attendance. Other districts in our region also do a four-day week as well. Shawn thanked the council for their time, and the council thanked Shawn for the update. Lynn Jackson and his wife were here to introduce themselves. He is running for House Representative District 69, which is currently Phil Lyman's position. He discussed his experience and what he wants to accomplish if he is elected, if elected he would like to talk with not only the County commissioner's municipalities as well to see what the needs are in this district. There was some discussion about how he could help if he is elected. He thanked the council for allowing him to come and speak to them.

Water Project Update- Mayor Johnson wanted to update everybody on the water project. They just finished the survey. Hopefully, the last part will go out to out for bid next month. Garkane Energy will not be able to do the three-phase power until fall. Also, the mayor explained a grant from the Division of Water Resources came up, and we hurried and got an application in for it to finish the pipeline up the mountain to the spring. The bid was \$985,000 and \$40,000 would be the match, which we could use the leftover money from the water project for this. There was some discussion about if the new water tank wasn't in use. Scott explained it was still dirty. They discuss some possible strategies to try to clean it out as well as talk with the engineers to see what else can be done.

Planning and Zoning Report- The planning commission met on May 14. Everyone was in attendance except Tony Jackson. First on their agenda was Miguel Jimenez about rezoning to make one of his triplex an Airbnb. The planning commission went over the short-term rental ordinance, and the requirements were not met after some discussion Miguel agreed to put the apartment for rent as a long-term rental. Next, Ron Rock representing Wayne Community Health Center was present to talk about rezoning the home the Clinic acquired. They have received a grant to remodel the home and provide mental health in the home. There was some discussion and ultimately the planning commission recommended a conditional use permit like the current Clinic has instead of rezoning. Next,

the planning commission had a conference call with Planning Post the firm helping them with the subdivision ordinance. The planning commission would like the town council to be able to approve this ordinance at their July meeting, even though the deadline isn't until the end of the year. The consultants will make flow charts for the process and put an application together. The planning commission approved the ADU application and will get it to the town clerk. The mayor asked what the planning commission would work on after the subdivision ordinance and Jim they would be looking into annexation.

Adopt Budget 2024-2025- The mayor asked if anybody had any more questions about the budget for 2024-2025. There were none so Gregg made a motion to adopt the 2024-2025 budget and Weston seconded. There was a roll call vote Wear Albrecht, Anderson, Johnson, Stevens, and Johnson all voted yes. Motion passes.

Compensation Resolution NO. 06-2024- The mayor asked if anybody had any questions there were none so Weston made a motion to pass the compensation resolution for the mayor and town council and Kerry seconded it. There was a roll call vote where Albrecht, Johnson Stevens Anderson, and Johnson all voted yes. Motion passes.

Planning and Zoning Compensation Resolution NO. 06-06-24- The mayor asked if there were any questions there were none so Kerry motioned to pass the compensation resolution for the planning and zoning and Steve seconded it. There was a vote where Johnson Stevens Anderson Albrecht and Johnson all voted yes. Motion passes.

Brock Jackson- Brock Jackson from Six County was there to provide information on annexation. He wondered if Bicknell had anything in place to only sell water hookups inside town limits which Bicknell does not, he said that was a good idea to look into putting something like that in place. He says to start the process of annexing the gas station and car wash into town would be to amend our current annex policy. The current policy and map do not show the property in question as being part of our plan. Brock also suggested annexing to the cemetery, which the county owns property in between where their community center currently is so that probably wouldn't work. Brock also suggested it may be easier to contact the property owner first instead of trying to do a forced annexation. The mayor has spoken to them and they are willing to annex. Brock has more information on the process and we also should speak to our attorney. Also, Brock wanted to let us know about a pilot program for IT that Utah Cyber Safety is doing and asked if we would be interested. The rural community grant was bumped up if we are interested in that. Also, Brock reminded everyone of the mayor commissioner meeting on Monday, July 10th at 6:30 PM.

24th of July Celebration- The mayor would like to have a meeting sometime this month with everyone involved in the 24th of July celebration, we will work on finding a day that works for everyone. Also, the mayor wondered about fireworks. She was thinking we could do them up by the water tank. Weston needs to call the fire marshal and fill out an application. The fireman would also need to take a training, the cost would be about \$2500 to \$3000, the council thinks it's a good idea and we will start working towards that.

MEMBER REPORTS

Scott- The Mountain Springs are producing 62 gallons a minute. The tank is full and running over. Brinkerhoff Springs is too high. Scott thinks something is blocking the water flow which that puts bad water into the water system. Scott isn't sure how to fix it. Steve suggested maybe borrowing equipment from the Bicknell bottoms committee. Scott will do some more research on what needs to happen. Scott also wondered if he needs to fertilize the memorial grass and the park, he has read you're not supposed to fertilize sod for a while after it is established. The mayor would like the memorial grass fertilized. Scott has sprayed weeds on Main Street. Scott needs somebody to turn the water on Friday Saturday Sunday this week and Kerry offered. Also, Kerry said if Scott would dump a load of rocks, he would work on spreading them in the east side of town where they have been washed away from floods. Also, they need to get working on a flag holder so we can get the flags out of the church building. Scott has talked to David Moseman about drilling holes for the Pickleball net and he knows that the basketball court needs to be sealed and will get that done soon.

Gregg- Gregg reported that some of the sod placed at the cemetery before Memorial Day is dying and probably in the future, we should do sod after Memorial Day. The cemetery was sprayed with weed and feed again.

Steve- Steve is going to the Garkane board meeting on June 24. Anybody that can go with him. Let him know Gregg thought he could maybe go.

Carrie- The beautification committee cleaned and polished the memorial and has put flowers at the memorial and the information sign. They have a schedule for watering and weeding between them. The signs were discussed again and was suggested to make a more detailed picture to give to McCoy so he can get us a bid. The lead and copper survey are ready to be sent out Carrie and Scott picked who to send them to. They will mail them two weeks after that. They'll send another one and see what we get back. Rita is working on the GIS mapping for the water system. Carrie wants to put in for the community change grant. She's thinking maybe solar panels and new windows at the town hall as well as another greenhouse. The application is very long and Brock is finding out more about it and will connect with Carrie.

Kelsey- Kelsey was wondering what the council thought about prorating business licenses. There was some discussion and ultimately it was decided to leave the business license ordinance alone and continue with the \$75 per year regardless when they obtain the license.

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 8:57, PM, The Mayor adjourned the meeting.

_____ Mayor _____ Clerk