

Regular Council Meeting  
December 19, 2023

Members present were Mayor Trish Callahan, President Stacy Equitz, Vice President Delena Oden, Councilor Alvin Thompson and Councilor Paul Price. Councilors absent were Peggy Davis-Gilliam and Keith Gilliam

there were no town staff present

Audience in attendance was Ed Peebles, Mark Rohde, Evan & Emily Goettel, Tim & Kirsten White and Franchesca Ford.

President Equitz made a motion to open the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Councilor Paul Price seconded. All ayes motion carried.

Pledge of Allegiance - Led by Mayor Trish Callahan

Previous Minutes: President Equitz made a motion to approve the previous minutes with the change to the Mayor's notes from November 21st. Councilor Price seconded. All ayes motion carried.

Council Work Session Meeting Minutes: President Equitz made a motion to approve the previous minutes from November 8th. Councilor Price seconded. All ayes motion carried.

Bills: President Equitz made a motion to approve the bills. Councilor Price seconded. All eyes motion carried.

Business from the Audience: Evan Goettel requested approval from the council to proceed with getting bids for the improvements to Redwood Avenue (from 1st street to 2nd street). Mr. Goettel gave the council a brief synopsis of his background in construction. Mr. Goettel's explained that he has done research on the improvements needed to gravel Redwood Avenue. He has spoken with the Fire Chief of Butte Falls regarding the size of the cul-de-sac that is proposed to be placed at the end of Redwood Avenue at 2nd street. He has also consulted with Ron Hailicka regarding the type of rock that would be the best for this location. With council approval, Mr. Goettel will proceed to work with an engineering company to get plans drafted of the proposed road to bring back to council for approval. President Equitz made a motion to approve the request to proceed with engineering plans. Councilor Price seconded. All eyes motion carried.

New Business: Mayor Trish Callahan asked the council to decide on a date in January 2024 to conduct a workshop to discuss the Bluff Avenue Properties. Meeting set for Monday, January 8,

2024 at 3:00 p.m. During this workshop, Fire Chief Jeff Gorman will give councilors a tour of the properties in question.

Mayor Trish Callahan asked the council for approval of Mildred Arnold's resignation from the Planning Commission. Resignation from Mildred Arnold included in Council Packet. Councilor Price made a motion to approve the resignation. President Equitz seconded. All ayes motion carried.

Mayor Trish Callahn asked the council for volunteers to be on the hiring board for the new police officer. President Equitz, Vice President Oden, Councilor Price and Councilor Thompson all volunteered to be on the hiring board. Interview date and time will be determined and all volunteers will be notified.

Department Reports:

Community Forest - a copy of this report is in each councilor's packet.

Public Works - a copy of this report is in each councilor's packet.

Mayors Report - a copy of this report is in each councilor's packet.

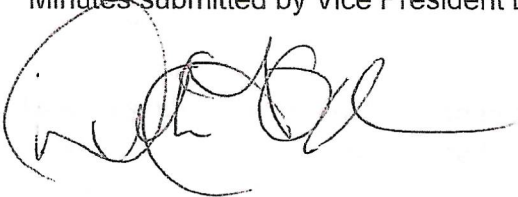
Security Report - Franchesca Ford gave a brief report of security activity. They are asking the Sheriff's Department for a speed car, still waiting for reply from Sheriff's office. Mayor Callahan stated that she is working with Jackson County to make Broad street "A Safety Corridor" and that President Equitz is working on getting sidewalks on Broad Street. Franchesca Ford said that she has been working with the Yound Marines to have them volunteer to help clean up the cemetery and property inside the town limits to bring resident property and city property to meet code requirements.

Public Comments: Emily Goettel asked if our current security team would be training our new police officer. Mayor Callahan explained that the Town does not have the funds to have both the security team and a police officer at the same time. Councilor Thompson explained that the Security Team is being paid out of the General Fund and the Police officer will be paid out of the Police Fund which will allow for fund raising activities to supplement the police fund.

Tim White asked if the Security Team can write citations for traffic violations. Mayor Callahan explained that they cannot write citations for traffic violations but can write citations for code violations. Mayor Callahan explained that the new police officer will be able to write citations for all violations, hoping that this will bring in more revenue to the town.

Councilor Price made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. President Equitz seconded. All ayes meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Vice President Delena Oden

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Delena Oden', is written over the typed name. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning and a long horizontal stroke at the end.