



TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

August 14, 2023

Minutes

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.
3. It was approved 6-0 to appoint Manuel Medina as Town Trustee to fill the remaining term of Trustee Belinda Kurtz. **Pepper (M), Watkins (S)**
4. Town Administrator Karen Gates swore in Trustee Manuel Medina
5. Roll Call took place with council members present, Buford, Pepper, Medina, Romero, Smith, Watkins, Barber, Town Administrator Karen Gates, Town Attorney Malouff, Deputy Clerk Antuanette Haddad, Town Clerk Scarlett Markus, Ruth Froman. Britt Froman, Dave and Theresa Gaskill, Amy Vudures, Chris Chillier, Ron Sisneros
6. Additions/Changes to the Agenda: Add 11H-ADA Compliant Website
7. The changes to the agenda were approved 7-0. **Smith (M), Watkins (S)**
The agenda was approved with changes 7-0: **Smith (M), Medina (S)**
8. The July 24, 2023, minutes were approved 7-0. **Medina (M), Watkins (S)**
9. Public Comment: (those individuals interested in speaking, please sign in at the beginning of the meeting. Comments are restricted to five minutes per person. **None.**
 - A. **Council Comments-None**
10. Old Business-
 - A. **An update was given on Faw Wells**
 - B. **An update on the 2019 Audit was given**
 - C. **An update on the cemetery fence repairs was given**
 - D. **An update on broadband was given**
 - E. **An update on demolitions was given**
11. New Business
 - A. The Sanitation Rate Resolution was approved 7-0. **Romero (M), Smith (S)**
 - B. It was approved 7-0 to replace the two pieces of playground equipment at Conestoga and South Park. **Buford (M), Romero (S)**
 - C. Town Clerk Scarlett Markus gave an update on the Fall Festival.
 - D. This item was tabled.
 - E. It was discussed about semi trucks parking on the streets.
 - F. The council decided to apply for a Strong Communities Infrastructure Grant to upgrade the park equipment at South Park.

G. This item was tabled to request proposals for IT.

H. Town Administrator Karen Gates gave an update on the ADA compliant website and stated that the website is compliant.

12. The council went into executive session at 7:19 pm- Pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4), executive session may be entered into for the purpose of discussing legal advice, matters to be kept confidential by law, security, and negotiations. **Buford (M), Medina (S).**

The council returned from executive session at 8:50 p.m.

13. A. It was approved 7-0 to approve the renewal application for Wild Weed. **Watkins (M), Pepper (S).**

B. This item was tabled until the next meeting. **Buford (M), Watkins (S).**

C. It was approved 7-0 to proceed with having a letter prepared in regards to legal malpractice. **Smith (M), Medina (S).**

14. Next meetings or work sessions: August 28, 2023

15. The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

The following Call-in information was provided for remote attendance.

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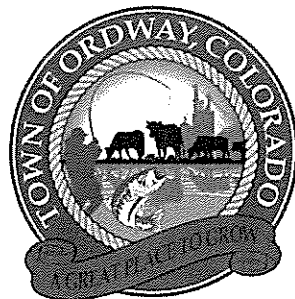
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Karen Gates, Town Administrator

8/28/23

Date



TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

August 28, 2023

Minutes

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.
3. Roll Call took place with council members present, Buford, Pepper, Medina, Romero, Watkins, Barber, Town Administrator Karen Gates, Town Attorney Malouff, Town Clerk Scarlett Markus, Jon Saunders-SECOM, Edie Schwartz, Tony Moreland, Jim Olson, Ron Sisneros
4. Additions/Changes to the Agenda: Add 9K-132 Arkansas, 9L-326 Idaho, 9M-215 E. 4th, 9N-CEBT Renewal
5. The changes to the agenda were approved 6-0. **Watkins (M), Pepper (S)**
The agenda was approved with changes 6-0: **Pepper (M), Watkins (S)**
6. The August 14, 2023, minutes were approved 7-0. **Pepper (M), Medina (S)**
7. Public Comment: (those individuals interested in speaking, please sign in at the beginning of the meeting. Comments are restricted to five minutes per person. **Jim Olson gave a presentation to the Town Council regarding the Lead & Copper Rule.**
 - A. **Council Comments-None**
8. Old Business-
 - A. **An update was given on Faw Wells**
 - B. **An update on the 2019 Audit was given**
 - C. **An update on the cemetery fence repairs was given**
 - D. **An update on demolitions was given**
9. New Business
 - A. This item was tabled to the next meeting
 - B. The council discussed the issue of Ms. Schwartz's water bill and will have the Town Clerk take an average of the last three months of usage to adjust the bill as there were no leaks on the property.
 - C. No quote was received on this item
 - D. It was approved 6-0 to change the days and hours for the tree dump to Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. A form will be filled out for the tree dump at Town Hall and a key will be provided to the customer and returned to Town Hall after use. **Medina (M), Watkins (S).**
 - E. It was discussed to obtain other proposals from other vendors.

F. It was approved 6-0 to have the Otero County Health Department Poker Run come through Ordway on September 23, 2023. **Watkins (M), Romero (S).**

G. It was approved 6-0 to opt in to Proposition 123 for the Ordway East Subdivision. **Pepper (M), Romero (S).**

H. Town Administrator updated the council on the District 6 meeting coming up on September 21, 2023, in Lamar, Colorado.

I. It was approved 6-0 to have the Town Attorney begin condemnation proceedings for 305 Arkansas. **Buford (M), Watkins (S).**

J. It was approved 6-0 to have the Town Attorney begin condemnation proceedings for 317 Arkansas. **Buford (M), Pepper (S).**

K. It was approved 6-0 to have the Town Attorney begin condemnation proceedings for 132 Arkansas. **Buford (M), Medina (S).**

L. It was approved 6-0 to have the Town Attorney begin condemnation proceedings for 326 Idaho. **Buford (M), Romero (S).**

M. It was approved 6-0 to have the Town Attorney begin condemnation proceedings for 215 E. 4th. **Romero (M), Medina (S).**

N. It was approved 6-0 to renew the health insurance with CEBT for 2024. **Pepper (M), Watkins (S).**

10. There was no executive session at this meeting.

11. Next meetings or work sessions: September 11, 2023

12. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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Karen Gates

Karen Gates, Town Administrator

9/25/23

Date