



Minutes
April 8, 2024 Meeting

1. Call to order took place at 6:00 p.m.
 2. The pledge of allegiance was held
 3. Roll call: Barber, Pepper, Buford, Watkins, Romero, and Medina were present. Smith was absent
Also, present were Gates, Malouff, Ron Sisneros, Rick Goeppinger, Doug Hudson, Mario Rodriguez.
 4. The agenda was approved Watkins (M), Romero (S), passed 6-0.
 5. The agenda with changes was approved 6-0, Pepper (M), Watkins (S)
 5. The March 25, 2024 minutes were approved. 6-0. Buford (M), Watkins (S)
 6. The winners from the April 2, 2024 Election were Sworn in. Gerald Barber-Mayor, Tracy Pepper-Trustee, Ron Sisneros-Trustee, Rick Goeppinger-Trustee, J.C. Watkins-Trustee
 7. There was no public comment
 8. Old Business
 - A. The Faw Wells evaluation is taking place. The water agreement with SECCD has been returned.
 - B. Mayor Barber will be at a grant and planning meeting on fiber optics at SCEDD on 4/11/2024.
 - C. The 2024 Election was discussed concerning how to make up the monies that were lost in the Tax Question raising marijuana tax. Utility rate increases were discussed as the option available to make up the \$18,000 that is needed for maintenance cost increases. Another option discuss was the reduction of the 12% & 7% given to the fire department and recreation departments out of the marijuana taxes.
 - D. Town Administrator, Karen Gates gave an update on the Lead and Copper surveys and the grant.
 - E. The new requirements concerning PFAS were presented by Karen Gates, Town Administrator.
 - F. The town has received the SIPA grant to help with meeting the ADA requirements on July 1, 2024.
 - G. The council approved purchasing playground equipment for the south park for the \$22,665.50. Watkins (M), Romero (S), all voted yes. Passed 7-0.
 - H. The town discussed the Tower placed on top of 208/210 Main and the failure to obtain a building permit. The town will begin the court proceedings.
 9. New Business
 - A. The council discussed the grant received by the fire department for Jaws of Life equipment and how the match would be funded. Karen Gates will bring back a final recommendation.
 - B. The Arbor Day proclamation was read and approved 7-0. Pepper (M), Watkins (S).
 - C. The council discussed the possibility of applying for a grant to purchase Sonar Equipment in June.
 - D. The council heard from Karen Gates (TA) on the CML Clerks convention this October.
 - E. Karen Gates (TA) gave the council an update on the problems with reading meters.
 - F. The council approved the town holiday party. Passed 6-0, Watkins (M), Romero (S)
 - G. Resolution 2024-05 on bank signatures was approved 7-0. Pepper (M), Watkins (S).
- 10 Adjournment took place at 6:54 p.m. Next Meeting, April 22, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

4-22-24
J.E.S.