



TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
January 29, 2024

1. Meeting was called to order 6:00 pm.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.
3. Roll call took place with council members present: Medina, Buford, Pepper, Watkins, and Mayor Barber. Trustee Romero arrived later, (6:28 P.M.). Additionally present were Town Administrator Karen Gates, Town Attorney Malouff, and Deputy Town Clerk Antuanette Haddad, Ron Sisneros, Lori Hills, and Chuck Maguire.
4. Additions/Changes to the Agenda: Add 8-I, 9-C move to public comment as item 7-B, add 9-L and remove 9-H.
5. The changes to the agenda were approved 4-0. **Watkins (M), Pepper (S).**
The agenda was approved with changes 4-0. **Pepper (M), Medina (S).**
6. The January 8, 2024 minutes were approved 5-0. **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.)
Lori Hills-explanation of her business: Komfy K9 Pups and Purrs and renting 315 Main St.
Chuck Maguire-Water Tank Bid for Maguire Water.
A. **Council Comments-None**
7. Old Business
 - A. **An update on FAW wells was given.**
 - B. **An update on the 2019 audit was given.**
 - C. **An update to the cemetery was given and vision plan took place.**
 - D. **An update on utility property liens was given.**
 - E. **An update on 2024 Election was given by Karen Gates, Town Administrator.**
 - F. **An update to Civil Forfeiture Report was presented.**
 - G. **An update to the Broadband Grant was given by Karen Gates, Town Administrator.**
 - H. **An update to the Backflow inspections for the marijuana grow facilities was given.**
 - I. **The Blue Ribbon Processing expansion was discussed.**
8. New Business
 - A. The council approved the 2024 Budget for the Town of Ordway. **Pepper (M), Romero (S). Approved 5-0.**
 - B. The council approved the Resolution 2024-02: 2024 Budget. **Watkins (M), Romero (S). Approved 5-0.**
 - C. Wastewater permit was **Tabled.**
 - D. Karen Gates, Town Administrator, informed the council Lead and Copper surveys mailed to residents with water bills.
 - E. Town Clerk Scarlett Markus ordered materials so the town staff can take the Administration and Enforcement of Pesticide Applicators' Act.
 - F. It was discussed and approved to purchase sewer machine from USA Bluebook **5-0. Medina (M) Watkins (S).**
 - G. Burn Permit Ordinance-Tabled

H. Resolution 2024-03: Marijuana Ballot Initiative-Approved 5-0. Pepper (M), Medina (S).

I. EPA Grant application was discussed.

J. Arkansas Water Basin Water Forum was discussed.

K. Marijuana License Renewal-Starbuds approved 5-0 Watkins (M), Medina (S).

9. The council did not go into Executive Session.

10. Next meetings or work sessions: **February 12, 2024.**

11. Adjournment at 7:47 P.M.

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Scarlett Markus, Clerk

12-4-24
Date