



TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

March 27, 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, Romero, Watkins, Barber, Town Administrator Karen Gates, Town Attorney Phil Malouff, Town Clerk Scarlett Markus
4. Additions/Changes to the Agenda: Add 10I-Traffic Sign, 10J-Broadband, 10K-CCR Update. Remove 10A.
5. The changes to the agenda were approved 5-0. **Romero (M), Watkins (S)**
The agenda was approved with changes 5-0: **Romero (M), Watkins (S)**
6. The March 13, 2023, minutes were approved 5-0. **Buford (M), Watkins (S)**
7. The March 20, 2023, minutes were approved 5-0. **Buford (M), Watkins (S)**
8. 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**
9. Old Business-
 - A. **An update on Faw Wells was given**
 - B. **An update on the demolitions were given**
 - C. **An update on the town hall remodel was given.**
 - D. **An update was given on the junk vehicle matters**
 - E. **An update on the 2019 audit was given**
 - F. **An update on the cemetery fence repairs was given**
10. New Business
 - A. Item removed
 - B. It was approved 5-0 to use Two Men and a Truck to help move to the new town hall building with staff at town hall doing the packing. **Pepper (M), Watkins (S)**
 - C. An update was given on the new application for Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District.
 - D. Town Administrator Karen Gates updated the council on the legislation regarding the state having land use and zoning authority over municipalities. Ms. Gates will be attending the online town hall meeting on March 29, 2023, regarding this matter.
 - E. This item was tabled 5-0. **Watkins (M), Pepper (S).**

F. The fall festival was discussed and the council felt that local entertainment should be brought for this event.

G. The town will be sending two maintenance employees for the mosquito spray calibration workshop in Florence, Colorado, in April.

H. The annual clean up has been scheduled for April 21, 22, 2023, from 8 to 4 and April 23, 2023, from 1-4. All loads will be charged at half price.

I. It was approved 5-0 to order a new street light for 6th and Main. **Buford (M), Watkins (S)**

J. The broadband legislation was discussed and it was mentioned that this legislation is moving quickly.

K. Town Administrator Karen Gates updated the council on the submission of the CCR report and the public notice that will be sent out to all customers.

11. The council went into executive session at 6:55 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), Watkins (S)**.

The council returned from executive session at 7:20 p.m.

11. It was approved 5-0 to allow for an extension to Bob Offutt. **Watkins (M), Buford (S)**

12. It was approved 5-0 to table the matter at 302 Lincoln and not take any action on this matter until April 10, 2023. **Pepper (M), Watkins (S)**

13. Next meetings or work sessions: April 10, 2023

14. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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

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Date