



## TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

May 8, 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, Kurtz, Pepper, Romero, Smith, Barber, Town Administrator Karen Gates, Town Clerk Scarlett Markus
4. Additions/Changes to the Agenda: Add 9F-Town Building Break-in, 9G-Picnic Tables
5. The changes to the agenda were approved 6-0. **Kurtz (M), Pepper (S)**  
The agenda was approved with changes 6-0: **Smith (M), Kurtz (S)**
6. The April 24, 2023, minutes were approved 6-0. **Pepper (M), Smith (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. **John Vigil with Black Hills Energy informed the council that there will be an open house event in Rocky Ford on May 19, 2023. Mr. Vigil also mentioned that they will be giving away 150 trees on a first come first serve basis.**
  - A. **Council Comments-None**
8. Old Business-
  - A. **An update on Faw Wells and the Reservoir was given**
  - B. **An update on the town hall remodel was given.**
  - C. **An update on the 2019 audit was given**
  - D. **An update on the cemetery fence repairs was given**
9. New Business
  - A. The building code ordinance was approved 6-0. **Kurtz (M), Smith (S)**
  - B. The council discussed the draft of the burn permit ordinance along with the Ordway Volunteer Fire Department and it was mentioned that more information needed to be included in the ordinance. This item will be brought back at the next meeting.
  - C. The amendment to the Black Hills franchise ordinance was approved 6-0. **Kurtz (M), Pepper (S)**
  - D. The financial matters with the Ordway Volunteer Fire Department was discussed and it was decided that Town Administrator Karen Gates and the Fire Department would have a meeting to discuss the matter.
  - E. Town Administrator Karen Gates updated the council on the new rates for the water attorney.

F. Town Administrator Karen Gates discussed with the council the matter of a break in at the building at 315 Main Street.

G. It was discussed about purchasing some picnic tables for the park. Town Administrator Karen Gates will look into this.

10. There was no executive session.

11. Next meetings or work sessions: May 22, 2023

12. The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

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

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May 8, 2023, 6:00 – 8:00 PM (America/Denver)

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Gerald Barber, Mayor

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Date