



TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

July 24, 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, Pepper, Romero, Smith, Watkins, Barber, Town Administrator Karen Gates, Town Attorney Malouff, Deputy Clerk Antuanette Haddad, Ruth Froman
4. Additions/Changes to the Agenda: Add 9H-Strong Communities Infrastructure Grant Program, 9I-Water Bills, 9J-SE Rural Conference, Remove 10D and 11B Approval of Wild Weed application
5. The changes to the agenda were approved 5-0. **Smith (M), Watkins (S)**
The agenda was approved with changes 5-0: **Smith (M), Watkins (S)**
6. The July 10, 2023, minutes were approved 5-0. **Pepper (M), Watkins (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. **Pam Arbuthnot commented on the weeds and water not being taken care of over on Mountain View. Mayor Barber explained that he asked the maintenance crew to take care of it and would check on it.**
 - 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 broadband was given**
 - E. **An update on Brownsfield was given**
9. New Business
 - A. A resolution will be drafted and presented at the next meeting
 - B. This item was tabled
 - C. This item was moved to executive session
 - D. The council discussed looking at other companies to see if there was equipment that would be under \$10,000.00.
 - E. It was approved 5-0 to donate \$25.00 to the Arkansas Valley Fair. **Smith (M), Watkins (S)**

F. The Market in the Park event was discussed and it was mentioned that the Town of Ordway is not a partner in this event. The flyer will only have information to apply for a business registration with the Town. The first event will be in October.

G. It was discussed that the abandoned vehicle would be towed

H. The council discussed several potential project ideas to do the letter of intent for this Strong Communities Infrastructure Grant Program. The deadline is August 18, 2023.

I. Town Administrator Karen Gates discussed the issue that happened with the water bills regarding the billing company putting in the wrong rate for in town customers that go over 7,000 gallons. Letters are being sent out with the water bills for those customers that need to be adjusted. The company has fixed the rate issue.

J. Mayor Barber discussed having himself and Karen Gates attend the SE Rural Conference in September.

10. The council went into executive session at 7:00 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. **Pepper (M), Watkins (S)**.

The council returned from executive session at 7:37 p.m.

11. A. It was approved 5-0 to hire Antuanette Haddad as a Deputy Clerk at the rate of \$15.00 per hour. **Pepper (M), Romero (S)**.

B. This item was removed from the agenda

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

12. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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

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Karen Gates, Town Administrator

Date