

**REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 13, 2021**

**MINUTES**

Mayor Blakley brought the First Regular Meeting of the Dinosaur Town Council to order at 6:00 P.M. Those present were Mayor Richard A. Blakley, Mayor Pro Tem Charles Winkler, Trustees Darcie Rocque, Devonna Wilczek, David Heinrich, Robert Essex, LeRoy Trujillo, Town Marshal/Administrator Laurance Elarton and Town Clerk Tamara Long.

Trustee Rocque made a motion, seconded by Trustee Heinrich to accept the accounts payable as presented. Ayes: 17. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Trustee Heinrich made a motion, seconded by Trustee Wilczek to accept the minutes from March 8<sup>th</sup> as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mr. Tom Kleinschnitz from Moffat County Tourism Association brought in a packet with a list of the events going on in the County. He said that they do not have anything for Dinosaur, but would like to get something in the future. He said that they have printed a lot of the Moffat County brochures. His idea is to get the information in the people's hands before they leave to come down here. He said that he felt this would be a good year for tourism.

Mr. Kleinschnitz mentioned that they are getting a 3-D map of the County. He said that the \$40,000 map was paid for by the Local Marketing District.

He said that they have a river trip Aug 18, 19, and 20<sup>th</sup>. He said that there are two slots for someone here in Dinosaur if they would like to go.

He said that the Superintendent at the monument wants to build a 24-Million-dollar complex behind their headquarters. The headquarters have been drifting to Jensen, and he would like to see it back here in Colorado.

He asked the Council what he could do for Dinosaur. Trustee Heinrich said that he would like to see Harpers Corner opened earlier.

Mr. Kleinschnitz said that he is looking for any input. He said that May 2<sup>nd</sup> through the 8<sup>th</sup> is Tourism & Visitor Appreciation week. He asked the Council to look at the proclamation and see if it was okay. Trustee Heinrich made a motion, seconded by Trustee Winkler to adopt the Proclamation for Colorado's Great Northwest Tourism & visitor Appreciation week will be celebrated May 2<sup>nd</sup> through the 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 in conjunction with US Travel Association's National Travel & Tourism Week. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mr. Larry Elarton Town Administrator mentioned to Mr. Kleinschnitz that the charging station at the Welcome Center does not work with Tesla cars. He said that they take a different adaptor. Mr.

Kleinschnitz said that he will call Mr. Roy Tipton with the County and let them know, so that can be taken care of.

Mayor Blakley said that they need to get someone in Dinosaur to sit on the LMD Board. Trustee Wilczek asked if it needs to be someone on the Council. Trustee Heinrich said that they do not need to be on the Council and they do pay mileage. Mayor Blakley said that the meetings are on the second Thursday at each month at 4:00. Trustee Wilczek said that maybe we could put a flier at the Post Office. Mayor Blakley said that he would go to the next meeting if we do not have anyone. Tabled to see if a citizen would be interested.

Mr. Elarton said that the roof at the school is 1done. They used the money that was left in that grant and will be getting it closed out. He said that they are still working on the school design. He said that they are going to try and keep the GYM the same size, for different events. And put hallways that will be ADA approved.

Mr. Elarton said that we are waiting for surveys stakes for 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. And once the weather starts clearing, they are going to start running the sewer camera, to see what we have.

He talked to Dusty today about the codes, and they are half done with them. He said that they will also do the new Model traffic codes. Trustee Wilczek asked if they are changing the ordinances. Mr. Elarton said that the ordinances will stay the same, but they will be put into titles and put together.

Mr. Elarton said that they are working on filling the positions for the Clerk and Judge. He said that he has hired two new Marshals.

They are going to start working on the Well house for Well 2. Mayor Blakley said that he will be going to training next week. When he gets back, he will start running the water down the ditch. Mr. Elarton said that we have not been notified if we get to keep the Well or not. But if we get it tested the State will see that we are interested in it. Mayor Blakley said that the State Health is treating it like a new well. Mr. Elarton said that it has been flushed every year, we just have not had the money to get it on line.

Mr. Elarton said that he will be taking some time off to go back East.

Trustee Wilczek mentioned that she has been getting Colorado River district mail, she asked if it pertained to the town. Trustee Essex said that they are working on our behalf to protect the water rights for western Colorado. Mr. Elarton said that Rangely did get approved for their Dam. Mayor Blakley said that it will be out in Winter Valley.

Mayor Blakley said that he got ahold of the local guy over our region on the natural gas. He said that he was familiar with the project. He had mentioned that Randy Dorf was trying to get it in, and he was in second command. He said that he would reach out to his boss. USDA has not received anything on the study, so he has been getting them the information. He said that Ms. Amy Kreck with USDA has done some research. She said that EDA is very interested in helping with the funding so we can move ahead with the project. He said that would be a grant, and USDA would be a loan. Mayor Blakley said that if

we get the gas lines, they want us to put fiber optics in the same trench. He said that this was discussed a few years back. He was told that if the town put it in then we can keep rates down with the fiber optics.

Mayor Blakley said that Mr. Dan Brown had 3<sup>rd</sup> Street surveyed, and He will come down and reset the markers. Trustee Wilczek said that she would like to see Boodle Blvd done. Mr. Elarton said that they are going to talk to Mr. Brown about that also.

Trustee Wilczek asked what they are doing with the building inspector. Mr. Elarton said that they can continue doing some of it. He said that if we start getting more business, we can look at getting someone here for the inspections.

Trustee Wilczek mentioned that Earth Day is April 22. She said that she would like to get people together to clean up the highways. Mayor Blakley said that we use to have the town clean up in May. Mrs. Tresa Lance said that they would volunteer for an end. Trustee Wilczek said that she would check with Rocky Mountain Cannabis and get back with them.

Trustee Winkler asked what they are going to do about a maintenance truck. Mayor Blakley said that he got a bid from Craig for a F150, plain truck with no extras and an eight-foot bed. He said that the price was \$30,567 new. Mr. Elarton said we did not budget the money for it, and if they decide to get it, they may have to do an amendment to the budget. He said that we will have to look into it. Trustee Trujillo made a motion, seconded by Trustee Heinrich to purchase the truck for maintenance for \$30,567. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Abstain: 1 (R. Blakley). Motion carried.

Trustee Essex made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m. all were in favor.

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Richard A. Blakley, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Tamara Long, Town Clerk