

**JULY 11, 2023**  
**MINUTES**

Mayor Blakey brought the First Regular Meeting of the Dinosaur Town Council to order at 6:00 p.m. Those presents were Mayor Richard A. Blakley, Trustees Marshelle Gray, Jeremiah Gray, Michael Taylor, Robert Essex, and LeRoy Trujillo.

Trustee Essex made a motion, seconded by Trustee M. Gray, to accept the accounts payable as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Trustee M. Gray made a motion, seconded by Trustee Taylor, to approve the minutes from June 13, as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mayor Blakey said that they have a renewal for Baxter Spring marijuana license. Trustee M. Gray made a motion, seconded by Trustee Trujillo, to renew the license for Baxter Springs. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Abstain: 1. (J. Gray). Motion carried.

Ms. Julie Elarton was here for the Dinosaur Stampede. Ms. Elarton said that last year the town allowed the vendors to pay five dollars a day instead of twenty-five. She also wanted to ask about a donation. She said that it is a private entity, but they do it for the town. She mentioned that they pay \$1000 for insurance for the two days, dinner last year for the town cost them \$4900. She said that the volunteers are donating and at their own expense. She said that the event will run 15-20 thousand. So, she was here asking if they would help again this year. Trustee Essex asked what they were looking for. Ms. Elarton said that last year the town donated \$10,000. She said that they got donations so that they will not have to charge for most of the events. Trustee Trujillo made a motion, seconded by Trustee Taylor, to donate. \$10,000 to the Dinosaur Stampede. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Abstain: 1 (M. Gray). Motion carried.

Trustee J. Gray made a motion, seconded by Trustee Taylor, to approve the \$5 per day for the vendor license. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Abstain: 1 (M. Gray). Motion carried.

Trustee Taylor asked if there was a written policy on the notification of a meeting, when or if we are going to have a council meeting. Mr. Larry Elarton said that we are a statutory town. He said that the council can develop a policy and procedure. He said that by state it is a notice of 24 hours prior to the meeting. He said that the council can set up what they want to do.

Trustee Essex said that they can make a substitution to the agenda. Mr. Elarton said that the mayor could amend the agenda but normally there would not be anything that needs to be voted on. Trustee M. Gray said that she would like to get the minutes and everything out the Friday prior to the meeting. Mr. Elarton suggested doing a work session and what they would like to see. He said that the Dustie from the Lawyers office is pulling manuals on procedure for meetings. Trustee Taylor said that he would like to see an officer at the meeting if they get out of control. He said that he would like to know if there is or is not going to be a meeting.

Mayor Blakley said that Ms. Wendy Christoff called about weeds in the alley, she did not have any way of mowing them because they were too tall and big. She was wondering if the town could mow them. He said that he had given her some names of individuals in town that would probably do her yard.

Mayor Blakley said that the tank project has been going slow because of breakdowns. He said that they should be back tomorrow to coat the tanks, once it is coated there will be a seven-day cure time. He said that they will have to disinfect the tank.

Mr. Elarton said that they had a meeting with Rangely on the gas line. He said that they did not want the line to go through the town of Rangely. He said that it will cost easements through different properties. He said that it would cost us a lot of money. He said that they have a couple of other options.

Mr. Dale Long asked what about the line just outside of town. Mr. Elarton said that was one of the other options. Mr. Elarton said that DOLA offered the town a pretty good deal if we piggybacked with broadband. He said that they would have paid about half of our cost for the natural gas. Mayor Blakley said that the longer they wait the higher the price. Mr. Elarton said that they want two million for the tap.

Mr. Elarton said that they need to think about some of the unused town property. He said that the town is being charged \$90,000 liability for each of the three old water tanks that are not being used. He said that if they are not using some of these things, they need to get rid of them.

Trustee Essex mentioned that the marijuana grow closed its doors. He said the town needs a maintenance facility, and a facility for workers if they take on natural gas. He said that that they should go look at the building to see if it would work for the town. He said that it is big enough to hold all the equipment.

Mr. Paul Jachim said that he runs the food bank. He mentioned that they were going through Love Inc, but they have put a lot of stipulations, where people can only get food once a month. He said that they got rid of them. He said that now he is getting food from Rangely and donations. He asked if the town could help with the food bank. Trustee M. Gray said that when she look into it as a write-off, a charitable contribution, she would need a 501 C3 from them. Mayor Blakley asked if Love Inc brings anything anymore. Mr. Jachim said that they still bring food over to the people that call them. Mayor Blakey said that they need to investigate the legal aspect. Trustee Essex suggested using the town credit card. Mayor Blakley said that they will check it out tomorrow. Trustee Taylor made a motion, seconded by Trustee Essex, that if it is okay to do this that they give Mr. Jachim the town card with a limit of \$500 for now. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Trustee M. Gray made a motion to go into executive session Colorado Revised Statues Title 24 article 6 section 402 and subsection 4 to discuss personnel matters, the matter to be discussed behind closed doors is Town Ordinances. Trustee Essex said that they are going to discuss town ordinances behind closed doors. Tamara asked isn't that public information. Trustee Essex said yes ordinances are public. Trustee Taylor said that they could go into executive session to discuss what is going on, and when they come out, they can handle it publicly. Trustee M. Gray said that it is a personal matter. She said that it is a personal matter regarding ordinances but not specifically ordinances. Trustee Taylor seconded the motion for the executive session at 7:02 p.m. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Out of executive session at 7:25.

Mayor Blakley said that they discussed some of the personal and not being supplied with information on what they need to follow. He said that we have a code codification book that we can get now. He said that we need a motion to get some of the books made up so everyone is on the same page. Trustee Taylor asked how many do they need. Mr. Elarton said that they need one for the council members. One or two for the front office. Mayor Blakley said that the council copies would have to be turned in once they are out of office, they will be town property. Trustee Essex made a motion, seconded by Trustee Trujillo, to make copies of the codes for everyone. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mr. Long said that you are talking about liquidating some of the property in town. He said what would it cost to put a sixteen-foot door in the GYM at the school. Trustee Essex said that we couldn't fit the town equipment in the GYM, he said that they need a real facility to work out of. Ms. Kris Davis said that they all heard how the insurance was so high on all the buildings that were donated to the city, it would be more cost effective to use the building that we have. Trustee Essex said that it will cost over five hundred thousand to build the building. Trustee J. Gray said that they are trying to eliminate a cost while making a town place that we do not have to buy. Mr. Elarton said that he asks everyone to look at the plans that they have for the school. He said that it was a community place to meet. He said that there are plans online for a community center.

Trustee M. Gray made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. all were in favor.

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Richard Blakley, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Tamara Long, Town Clerk

