

**REGULAR MEETING
MAY 11, 2021**

MINUTES

Mayor Richard A. 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, Darcie Rocque, Devonna Wilczek, David Heinrich, Charles Winkler, Robert Essex, LeRoy Trujillo, Marshal/Administrator Laurance Elarton, Marshal Kyle Baker and Town Clerk Tamara Long.

Trustee Heinrich made a motion, seconded by Trustee Winkler to accept the accounts payable of \$64,509.16 as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Trustee Heinrich made a motion, seconded by Trustee Wilczek to accept the minutes from April 13, 2021 as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Town Administrator Laurance Elarton introduced Mr. Matthew Bradley. He is an Attorney for the State of Colorado, he is interested in the Judge position for the Town. Mr. Elarton said that Attorneys have preference for the Judge position because they know the law. He said that he is from a six-generation ranch family in New Mexico. He is from a small town, so he understands our type of living here. Mr. Elarton said that he went to Colorado Christian University in Denver. He has Bachelors of Science in Accounting, Business Administration. He done his Law School at the University of Notre Dame and graduated from there in 2020.

Mr. Matthew Bradley said that he would like to become beside the community. He said that he lives in Denver, and has always had an interest in law. He said that after college he was able to begin his legal career work with Tom Scheffel in Denver, one of the most well-respected attorneys in the City. Trustee Heinrich asked what is his practice. Mr. Bradley said that Family Law, Probate State Planning. He said that when he worked for the Colorado Supreme Court, he did a lot of Criminal and Civil. He said his focus point is in Domestic Relation and Probate.

He said that at Notre Dame he served at Executive Managing Editor of Journal of Law, Ethics and Public Policy. He worked for Judge David Furman, He said that the time that he was with him he taught more the law school did in a year. He said that one of the most important things that he taught him was how to think like a Judge and analyze the law. And how a Judge should conduct themselves. He said that a Judge has a special place in society.

Mr. Elarton said that Judges rule here is very important. He said that they are here to protect people's individual rights. He said that someone qualified is very important. Trustee Essex asked Mr. Bradley if he is comfortable with the terms of employment that have been offered to him. Mr. Bradley said that he will probably lose money on this, but thinks it is important to be of public service.

Trustee Heinrich made a motion, seconded by Trustee Wilczek to hire Mr. Matthew Bradley for the Municipal Judge. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mayor Blakley said we have Dino Dispensary license renewal. Trustee Essex asked if there has been any trouble with them. Marshal Elarton said there has not been anything on their end. Trustee Essex made

a motion, seconded by Trustee Heinrich to accept the renewal for Dino Dispensary. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Abstain: 1 (Blakley) Motion carried.

Mayor Blakey said we have a renewal for Dino Treats. Trustee Essex asked if there has been in trouble. Marshal Elarton said no. Trustee Essex made a motion, seconded by Trustee Winkler to accept the renewal for Dino Treats. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mayor Blakley said that Julie Elarton said that she would be interested in seating on the LMD Board. Trustee Heinrich made a motion, seconded by Trustee Rocque to accept Mrs. Julie Elarton to sit on the LMD Board. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mayor Blakley said that there have been complaints about the backflow testing that the businesses are paying for every year. He said that there have been different individuals that are not wanting to pay and they think it is the towns responsibility to pay for the testing. Trustee Wilczek asked if this is required by the State. Mayor Blakley said that it is a state requirement. Trustee Wilczek asked since it is a state requirement can they shut the water off. Mayor Blakley said that if it is not paid then it cannot be put in the records and we would have to shut off and locked. Trustee Winkler asked if we have made it clear that it is a state requirement. Trustee Essex asked why does a business owner have to pay for something that has to do with the Town system. Mr. Elarton said that the State is requiring it but if the business owners do not pay then we can turn their water off and if we don't the State could probably turn off our system. He mentioned that we could charge the commercial accounts \$10 more a month to pay for the testing, and then the Town pays it. Mr. Elarton said that it is something that can be brought up and get the publics opinion. Mayor Blakey said that he has to keep all of the records on file. He said that some of the businesses do not need the backflow preventers. Some do not have high risk equipment that can backflow into the system. Trustee Rocque suggested putting a backflow surcharge on the businesses that need them. Mayor Blakley said that he would move ahead with it and see what we can get done.

Mayor Blakley said that surveyors will be here in the morning to survey 3rd Street. He said that once we get it marked, we can see how much asphalt we will need. Mayor Blakley said that he had a call into the County to see about using a maintainer, He said that Mr. Mike Archuleta said that he would run the maintainer to fix the street on Boodle Blvd.

Trustee Essex mentioned that it is free fishing day the first Saturday in June. He said that he would like to get some fishing equipment donated if anyone has any so that he could get the kids over to the fishing. He asked if it would be okay for people to drop off their equipment here. He said that he would get some fliers out. He asked if he could probably use the van to haul people to the lake.

Mayor Blakley asked if they wanted to set up a Saturday for cleanup. Trustee Essex said that there is a lot of garbage out in BLM. He asked if he could bring it to the Town dumpster. The Council said that they did not have a problem with it. Trustee Winkler said that they would not take some of the big stuff like furniture.

Mayor Blakley said that we can get playground chips for \$4800 and they will deliver. He asked if it would be okay if he orders the chips.

Trustee Essex made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 p.m. all were in favor.

TOWN OF DINOSAUR

Richard A. Blakley, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tamara Long, Town Clerk