

Mayfield Town Council Meeting
Wednesday September 9, 2020
7:00 PM

Present are Mayor John P Christensen, Councilmen Jake Dyreng, Aaron Peterson, Mike Bennett, Amanda Bennett Clerk/Recorder, Garrick Willden, Brandi Meyer, and Travis Good.

Meeting called to Order at 7:08PM
Pledge of allegiance by Mayor Christensen
Prayer by Eric

Mayor explains the guidelines regarding masks and social distancing.

Scheduled Items

There are no scheduled items.

Public Comment

Travis is present and expresses a need to get direction on the flower bed at the park. He states it gets watered, and they are mowing the weeds regularly. It needs to be better maintained. He thinks maybe digging it up and putting down some fabric. Low maintenance rock garden, perhaps a memorial for Maryann Bjerregaard, as she was influential in putting it together. Discussion ensues about a monument perhaps that we could honor those who have contributed to bettering the park. A plaque with names of those inducted into the wall of fame. Travis indicates EcoLife will donate whatever is needed if the Town will provide labor. Travis will email a plan that will help salvage what is there. Perhaps we could generalize it so it is safe in up keep, and additions are not inadvertently left off. We will advertise when we have a date set to get volunteers for labor. Travis has also worked on certifying the backflow devices. Brandi indicates the Town is required to have them certified by the end of the year.

Travis also mentions he has been keeping the park watered and updates on needs at the cemetery such as pine cone clean up.

Review and approval of August minutes

Minutes from the August 12 meeting are reviewed by the Council. After discussion a motion is made by Jake Dyreng, Second by Eric. Motion passes.

7:25 PM Mike enters the meeting.

Review and approval of September bills

Invoices from 8/13/20-9/9/20 are reviewed. After discussion and clarification on payment to Sanpete County Fire District, the Mayor mentions an individual approached him about helping to get funding for a fire station in town to house a brush truck. A motion to approve payment of said invoices is made by Aaron, second by Eric. Motion passes-roll call vote Mike, Jake, Aaron, Eric, Mayor John -yes.

Brandi Meyer

No items to discuss. Updates of disinfection bi-product samples, awaiting results on that.

Amanda Bennett

Amanda distributes an updated financial report for Quarter 1. She continues by updating the Council about the cabin toilet not working. Eldon was able to fix it for now, but the septic still needs to be pumped. Discussion ensues about the cabin septic. Amanda continues by stating the cemetery rules have been posted at the cemetery.

Eric Peterson

Eric updates the Council about the vehicles on the roads and the situation with the residence next to the post office.

Mike Bennett

Mayor updates Mike on the flower bed suggestions at the park discussed earlier in this meeting.

Mike will check into similar cabins and what they charge on rentals and evaluate if we need to increase our fees to help as a revenue source.

Jake Dyreng

Jake explains the progress on a plan for acquiring the land by the white hills. He will follow up on that and keep moving forward. The County is interested in helping with this, and Jake is also checking on options working directly with the BLM. Discussion ensues about economic development in that area and making plans that will be sensitive to those concerned and consistent with our general plan.

Aaron Peterson

Aaron states that core samples of the pines at the cemetery were taken by the Snow College Natural Resources department. They determined the age and the condition of the inside of the pines. A lot of the pines look good, they did every other tree and will come back and do some more. Engelmann Spruce trees are what type of trees they

are. If the CCC planted those, they are susceptible to beetle disease as they are usually found on the mountain at higher elevation.

Mayor John Christensen: Consideration and possible approval of expending the CARES Act funding.

Mayor Christensen explains the CARES act funding to the council. Discussion ensues of possible things to use the funds for. A list of possible items is distributed. Mike states we need to check into using some of the funds to fix up the restroom at the cabin due to increased use from COVID 19 which brought a bump in recreational use. Possibly could grant some to Central Utah Mental Health to see if they would come to help anyone in need due to the pandemic. Maybe better served by redoing the website instead of marquee.

Motion is made by Jake to expend CARES act funds as listed on the distributed list i.e. computer upgrades, laptops for water and recorder, and electronic equipment for the office, PPE, a sprayer with disinfectant. The motion is seconded by Eric and the motion passes unanimously.

The only item not approved on the distributed list is the marquee as it doesn't flow with Mayfield's small town feel. Mike will work on a good quote for the cabin bathroom and Amanda will get an idea of the cost for internet for public wi-fi and continue pursuing additional purchases that these funds could be used for.

Review of employment applications and possible appointment of the water operator position

2 applications received one from Garrick Willden along with a proposal, and one from Brandi Meyer, current water operator.

Mayor explains that perhaps supervising the water system could be given to Garrick, and keep Brandi under Garrick. Aaron asks the meeting to be moved to a closed session while applicants are interviewed.

Discussion of and possible approval of a plan moving forward with the water operator position in light of applications received.

8:31 PM Motion to move to a closed session to interview applicants is made by Eric, the motion is seconded by Aaron, all in favor.

Record stopped. New record started for closed session.

9:38 PM Motion to move into regular open meeting is made by Mayor Christensen, motion is seconded by Jake and the motion passes. The following action is discussed due to the closed session.

Mayor Christensen explains Mike will give details on the agreed upon plan moving forward with the water operator position. Mike explains Brandi will continue employed by Mayfield Town for 1 year (October 2020 to October 2021) with the annual salary of \$16,000 plus benefits, in addition to being assistant water operator, she will assume the cabin and park cleaning duties. Mike continues by explaining Garrick will be appointed as Water Operator at the annual salary of \$6,000 with no benefits for 1 year (October 2020 to October 2021) after which time Garrick will be able to have an accurate log of how much time the water system requires. Current operations will continue as they are while Garrick observes for a couple months. Garrick will manage the water system and continue with getting his certifications, Brandi will report to Garrick as his assistant. After which time the positions will be re-evaluated. Mayor Christensen asks for an affirmative from both Brandi and Garrick, they both agree to these terms. Motion is made by Mike to approve appointing Garrick Willden as Water Operator at \$6,000 annual salary with no benefits and Brandi Meyer as Assistant Water Operator at \$16,000 annual salary plus benefits w/added cabin and park duties. The motion is seconded by Aaron and the motion passes unanimously.

Unfinished Business

None

Motion to adjourn is made by Mike, seconded by Aaron and the motion passes unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM.