



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Town Hall
8720 Spruce Mountain Road
Larkspur, Colorado 80118

Sept 17, 2020

6:00 PM

Meeting Minutes

The regular Town Council Meeting will take place following the Town Hall in the Larkspur Community Park, Large Pavilion. **MANDATORY FACE MASKS**

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

Mayor Marvin Cardenas: Present
Mayor Pro Tem Isaac Levy: Present
Paul Bowers: Present
Shannon Buss: Present
William Teague: Present
Sandy McKeown: Present
Brian Cook: Absent

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

III. MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA: A motion was made to approve the Agenda of September 17, 2020 Regular council meeting by Councilmember Sandy McKeown, seconded by Councilmember William Teague. No discussion. In a roll call vote five (5) approved, zero (0) opposed, one (1) absent, the Mayor affirmed. **MOTION CARRIED.**

IV. MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES: (1805-1810)

- **Meeting Minutes Sept 03, 2020 Regular Meeting Draft:** A motion was made to approve the Minutes of the September 3, 2020 Regular Council Meeting by Councilmember Sandy McKeown, seconded by Councilmember Shannon Buss. No discussion. In a roll call vote five (5) approved, zero (0) opposed, one (1) absent, the Mayor affirmed. **MOTION CARRIED.**

V. SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES: (10 min limit)

- Statement to Town Council: Stephen Gonzales stated his observations of the Town governance and what is needed is to do what is best for the Town. Put aside all the recalls and bullying and recognize that the vote of the council is the vote of the people. Full Statement was submitted for the record and is attached

- Statement to Town Council: Bill Fischer: Emergency water problem prevented Bill Fischer from attending this meeting.
- Statement to Town Council: Ruth Ann Arfsten gave a statement regarding council division and her displeasure in what was happening in the Town. Full Statement was submitted for the record and is attached.
- Ames Construction: Kirk Bergstrom the subcontractor for the I-25 Gap Project addressed the Council and stated he would like them to reconsider selling water for his project. He said he is willing to pay the higher price and estimates he will need about 500,000 gallons. The Council, town residents and Water and Sewer Board Chair-head Tricia Bernhardt discussed the downside of depleting the aquifers and after much discussion asked Kirk to bring a proposal to the next meeting of exactly how much water he will need. Councilmember William Teague asked Kirk why he did not attend the August 6th meeting and present his case for reinstatement of his revoked permit. Kirk stated that he had a conversation with Councilmember Brian Cook who informed him that he would not have the votes and told him to not bother with attending the meeting, which was why he did not attend. Councilmember William Teague apologized for his fellow councilman's behavior and thanked Kirk for coming out to present his case. It was noted by the Town Clerk that the town subsidizes 75 percent of the water operations. At the rate that was being proposed the town could pay for a full month of operational costs with no supplementation. The Mayor read a statement from the Larkspur Fire Protection District regarding the safety concern they believe as being generated by the added construction from the I-25 Gap Project. **A motion was made to have a Special Council meeting for Wednesday, September 23, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. on the virtual platform by Councilmember Isaac Levy, seconded by Councilmember William Teague. In a roll call vote five (5) approved, zero (0) opposed, one (1) absent, the Mayor affirmed. MOTION CARRIED.**

VI. ACCOUNTING: (1825-1835)

- Finance Update: Donnelle Johnson gave a financial update to the Town and Town Council.
 - ✓ Bills to Pay
 - ✓ **General Fund: A motion was made to approve general fund bills in the amount of \$29,226.66 by Councilmember Shannon Buss, seconded by Councilmember William Teague. In a roll call vote five (5) approved, zero (0) opposed, one (1) absent, the Mayor affirmed. MOTION CARRIED.**
 - ✓ **Water & Sewer Fund: a motion was made to approve the water and sewer bills in the amount of \$11,169.45 by Councilmember Sandy McKeown, seconded by Councilmember William Teague. In a roll call vote five**

(5) approved, zero (0) opposed, one (1) absent, the Mayor affirmed. **MOTION CARRIED.**

- ✓ **SEP Fund:** A motion was made to amend the previous motion to spend SEP funds on trees but rather to spend \$3000 to purchase three (3) additional solar panels to the solar system by Councilmember Isaac Levy, seconded by Councilmember William Teague. In a roll call vote five (5) approved, zero (0) opposed, one (1) absent, the Mayor affirmed. **MOTION CARRIED.**

VII. COMMISSION & BOARD REPORTS: (1835-1845)

- Planning Commission (PC) Report – Matias Cumsille, Chair: No meeting was held; therefore, there is no report.
- Water & Sewer Board (W&S) Report – Tricia Bernhardt, Chair noted that the next meeting will be the following Tuesday, September 22, 2020. Shannon Buss brought it to the Chair's attention that there are 5 currently unauthorized taps in town.
- Parks & Recreation Board (P&R) Report – Randy Johnson, Chair was not present: Mayor stated that the Parks and Recreation board did a walk through the park to look at the site proposed for the sundial and will notify Council at the next meeting.

VIII. CONTINUING BUSINESS: (1845-1855)

- **Town Survey Approval:** The Town Survey was discussed and read by the Mayor. It was decided to engage a third party to look over the survey—someone not involved with the Town who has experience in preparation of surveys of this type. CML was suggested. **A motion was made to issue an RFP and get bids and engage a third party to prepare the survey by Councilmember Isaac Levy, seconded by Councilmember Paul Bowers. In a roll call vote five (5) approved, zero (0) opposed, one (1) absent, the Mayor affirmed. MOTION CARRIED.**
- **Deferred Payment for USDA extension of 2 years:** Natasha gave a briefing on the USDA extension for an additional year. **A motion was made to approve the two year extension of deferral payments to the USDA by Councilmember Isaac Levy, seconded by Councilmember William Teague. In a roll call vote five (5) approved, zero (0) opposed, one (1) absent, the Mayor affirmed. MOTION CARRIED.**

IX. NEW BUSINESS: (1855-1920)

- **Ordinance 2020-10:** Amending Section 6 of the Larkspur Ordinance 7.84 and declaring new authorized officers of the Loan agreement.: **A motion was made to approve the amendment of Section 6 of Ordinance 7.84 by Councilmember Isaac Levy, seconded by Councilmember William Teague. In a roll call vote five (5) approved, zero (0) opposed, one (1) absent, the Mayor affirmed.**

MOTION CARRIED.

- Maintenance Building Surveillance System Request
 - ✓ Internet requirement and Camera set up: Natasha stated that we would spend \$6000 to update the system through the previous company. However, the very least should pay Paul Gustafson for his research. The council requested the amount that Paul Gustafson was requesting before approval.
- Ordinance/Resolution Ideas:
 - ✓ Council Members must show face on virtual meeting. It was discussed if we use the virtual recording of the meeting, we should have Councilmembers showing their faces during the meetings.
 - ✓ Use of video/recording for meeting minutes: Natasha discussed using the video recording for the official meeting minutes. There was much discussion and Natasha stated if we opt to go this direction, we cannot change and go back to someone transcribing notes from the meeting. It will be discussed in length at the next Council meeting.

X. CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS: (1920-1925)

XI. MAYOR'S REPORT: (1925-1935)

- Council To-Do List: Mayor went over the To-do list and gave a progress report on each item.
- Bill Kramer reinstatement: No motion made
- Cindy Cramer Memorial Location: We will present the location at the next Council meeting.
- Parking Lot Update: The County is working with us on the parking lot.

XII. COUNCIL COMMENTS: (1935-1940): Councilmembers stated we need to come together as a Council and discuss individual problems each encounters before they get out of hand. We need to work as a group and not against each other. It was suggested that Dirt Roads need mad chloride again. Council would like an update from Tim Dumlar. Council Member Shannon Buss was hoping to do a Team Building exercise and was concerned about overgrowing weeds in the park. Council Member Isaac Levy noted that there needed to be updates to the website.

XIII. UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES: (3 min limit): None

XIV. ADJOURN: (1950): Council Member Shannon Buss made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Sandy McKeown. All ayes, meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Please note: The meeting minutes are a summary of the events that occurred during the meeting and are not a complete transcript of the meeting. If you would like to receive the audio recording you may file a CORA request with the Town Clerk's Office at Town Hall.

Posted: 10-02-20 NLH

