

TOWN OF HOT SULPHUR SPRINGS

MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 21, 2024

6:28 pm MEETING CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

Mayor Ray Tinkum, Mayor pro-tem Christine Lee, Trustee Tim Harvey, Trustee Meredi Howe, Trustee Richard Gott, Trustee Kathy Knight, Trustee Dan Nolan: *All present with Trustee Kathy Knight calling in.*

1. CONSENT AGENDA

Agenda for March 21, 2024 and meeting minutes from February 15, 2024

- i. *Motion made by Mayor pro-tem Christine Lee to accept the agenda and the meeting minutes from February 15, 2024; seconded by Trustee Richard Gott. All voted aye; motion carried.*

2. FINANCIAL REPORT

Town Clerk/Treasurer Katie LaDrig presented the Board of Trustees with copies of the credit card statement from February, the bank statement for the month of February, and the statement for February for the COLO Trust Savings accounts. The financial statement for the month of February was disseminated for the 2024 for perusal by the Board showing the current budget, expenditures to-date and percentage of money spent as compared to the budget. The question was asked regarding the reporting in the budget paperwork as to why the medicare payments are showing at a percentage rate that is incorrect. The Town Clerk will also check with the accountant as to when a budget amendment needs to be done. The Board will read this report and ask questions of this report at the next meeting. There will be an action plan put in place to address the auditors concerns regarding the recommendations on the last audit. This will be discussed at the next board meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jessica Rahn from the Grand County Wildfire Council Executive Director was at the meeting to introduce herself and give a brief update on what the Wildfire Council is accomplishing to-date.

Tom Baumgarten, Fire Chief for the HSS/Parshall Fire District spoke to the Board, updating them on fire protection and prevention.

Tish Linke from the Grand County Republican Party presented a resolution to the Board regarding becoming a non-Sanctuary town. Discussion ensued. Will be moved to an action item.

4. STAFF & COMMUNITY PLANNING STRATEGIES UPDATES

a. Public Works Department: The emergency grant for the BOLL filter was approved by DOLA for \$61,667.00. This also includes some money for the Resource Road Map project. The new employee, Johnny Hirt, is working out very well. Still working on the Lead and Copper project for the state. The Consumer Confidence Report will be available for residents at the end of the month. It will also be available on the website. Public Works is also working on Construction Standards to implement with the Code Updates.

b. Town Hall: Water/Sewer bills will be mailed out on the 29th of March. Included in the bills will be the Town Clean-Up Day and the Community Gardens Newsletter from Leslie Crosby. Grand County Tourism board will be photographing the Hot Sulphur Springs area at the beginning of April. First quarter reporting will be input to DOLA for the Comp Plan. Tree mitigation will commence in the next two weeks, which will complete the deadfall issue through Pioneer Park. The Board will have to make a decision in the coming months as to whether or not the currently paved roads will be converted back to gravel.

c. Wendy Bourn: Wendy will be working on the administrative duties in the BOLL Filter Grant.

d. CPS/TJ Dlubac: Inquiries are beginning again on building and permitting. The property at Cedar and Maple is under discussion regarding a re-platting issue. That will be addressed in the next week. The IGA will be addressed in the next couple of weeks regarding building permits. Code updates continue and will hopefully have the whole project wrapped up in the next month. A public meeting will be held on May 2nd for the Comprehensive Plan roll out. Tentative plan to have the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan and Code Update in June.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Approval to make the Town Clerk Katie LaDrig the Administrator over BOLL Filter Grant Process:

- i. *Motion made by Trustee Meredi Howe to accept Katie LaDrig as Administrator over grant process; seconded by Mayor pro-tem Christine Lee. All voted aye, motion carried.*

- b. Dean Public House Liquor License: Moved to Action Item
 - c. Building Permit Fees / Changes to Procedures – tabled until future board meeting
6. OPEN ACTION ITEMS:
- a. Grand Places 2050 – Congressman Neguse’s staff attended Grand Places 2050 meeting. Oil and gas leases, dating back 5 years ago, were pulled due to County’s concerns over the closeness to the towns. The County is again attempting to get those leases permanently disqualified due to the same concerns. Early discussions on putting information on various apps and websites for trails. Interpretative signs in state park areas are being looked at for updating. Water rights in the Shoshone Water Plant are up for sale and the County is looking to apply for OLRT grant money to help pay for this.
 - b. Crosswalk across Highway 40 – No update at this time
7. ACTION ITEMS:
- a. Accounts payable in the amount of: \$41,266.42
 - i. Motion was made by Trustee Dan Nolan to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$41,266.42; seconded by Trustee Richard Gott. All voted aye, motion carried.
 - b. Payroll in the amount of:

01/29/2024 – 02/11/2024	\$10,684.18
02/12/2024 – 02/25/2024	\$13,377.01

 - i. Motion was made by Trustee Dan Nolan to approve the payroll listed above; seconded by Mayor pro-tem Christine Lee. All voted aye, motion carried.
 - c. Building Permit Fees / Changes to Procedures
 - i. Tabled
 - d. Resolution on non-Sanctuary Status:
 - i. Motion was made by Meredi Howe; seconded by Trustee Kathy Knight. Discussion ensued. Vote taken: 2 ayes, 4 nays, 1 abstain; motion failed.
 - e. Dean Public House Liquor License:
 - i. Motion was made by Mayor pro-tem Christine Lee to approve the renewal of the liquor license; seconded by Trustee Dan Nolan. Vote taken; 6 ayes, 1 abstain; motion carried.
8. OTHER BUSINESS:
- Mayor Ray Tinkum
 Mayor pro-tem Christine Lee-Mayor/Manager meeting update. There will be a new public address system put in place of Code Red. Support for Hwy 40 improvements for the west side of the county was addressed. The tourism tax ballot issue will be on the next election. Grand County wants to stop more coal trains from going through our county. The Chamber of Commerce has money left from grants and it can only be used for signage around town. Thanks to Bill LaDrig and Andy Hugley for filling potholes.
 Trustee Dan Nolan
 Trustee Meredi Howe
 Trustee Tim Harvey
 Trustee Kathy Knight
 Trustee Richard Gott
9. ADJOURNMENT:
- i. Motion was made by Trustee Tim Harvey to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Trustee Meredi Howe. All voted aye, motion carried.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm


 Raymond R. Tinkum, Mayor


 Katie LaDrig, Town Clerk / Treasurer

