

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
September 15, 2022, 7:00 p.m.
TOWN OF VIRGINIA CITY, MONTANA
Elks Lodge & Zoom Meeting

Council Present: Justin Gatewood, Dave Bacon, Amy Grice, Kacey Smart

Staff Present: Timber Baceski Clerk/Treasurer

Public Present: Tanya Engle

1) Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Justin Gatewood, Mayor

2) Mayor and Commissioner's Reports/Comments:

a) Mayor Gatewood informed the public that the Council has approved a settlement in the ongoing litigation with Fred Zweifel and Nikki Kline. This was approved at the Closed Council Session held prior to this public meeting.

3) Public Comment:

a) Tanya Engle mentioned that the Elk's Lodge has replaced its ice machine, though the new appliance isn't working properly.

b) Swing dance lessons are being held at the Community Center on September 24th.

c) Pharm406 will return to Virginia City with another vaccination clinic on Sunday, October 9th at the Community Center. They will be offering free vaccinations for Covid, the flu, Tdap, etc.

d) Mayor Gatewood announced that Greg Smart has been hired to take over from Jack McCormick as Parks Manager. The Mayor thanked Jack for his service to the Town.

4) New Business:

a) Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Review and Approval

i) The budget is available for public viewing at the Town Office. Digital copies are available upon request.

MOTION: To approve the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 as amended in the Budget Meeting Notes. Motion made by Justin Gatewood; Seconded by Dave Bacon. The question was called. The motion passed by voice vote, Justin Gatewood, Dave Bacon, Kacey Smart, and Amy Grice in favor. None opposed.

b) Resolution 2022-05 to Increase Wages

MOTION: To approve Resolution 2022-05 to Increase Wages. Motion made by Dave Bacon; Seconded by Amy Grice. **The question was called.** **The motion passed by voice vote, Justin Gatewood, Dave Bacon, Kacey Smart, and Amy Grice in favor. None opposed.**

b) Public Works Department Discussion

i) There are Public Works positions open in Ennis and Sheridan currently, making the labor market tight with competition. The Town aims to find a replacement for PWD Bob Erdall by April 1, 2023 at the latest. There is interest in revamping the position/department.

ii) Mayor Gatewood mentioned that he's spoken with three people who have shown interest in the position. He noted that the position has become rather administrative with ARPA projects and things of that nature, though there are still needs for technical/laborious knowledge and skill.

iii) The job description/advertising for the Public Works Director position will be drafted in the near future.

5) Public Comment:

None

6) Adjournment

MOTION: To Adjourn. Motion made by Dave Bacon; Seconded by Amy Grice. **The question was called:** **Motion was passed by voice vote, all in favor. None opposed.**

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm

Respectfully submitted and attested,

Justin Gatewood
Mayor

Timber Baceski
Clerk Treasurer