

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
February 3, 2022, 7:00 p.m.
TOWN OF VIRGINIA CITY, MONTANA
Elks Lodge & Zoom Meeting

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

Staff Present: Timber Baceski Clerk/Treasurer, Robert Erdall PWO, Eric Barsness HPO

Public Present: Toni James, Lance Otto, Mary Stassi, Hannah Brook, Tanya Engle, Laurie Hansen (via Zoom)

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

2) Mayor and Commissioner's Reports/Comments:

a) Mayor Gatewood announced that the Town Hall has COVID tests available, given to the Town by the Madison County Public Health Department.

b) The Pharm406 vaccination clinic that took place last Sunday was the last vaccination clinic in Virginia City until summer or fall.

c) The Town's ARPA grant application has been submitted; we will know if the Town was awarded the funds by April.

d) Greg Smart and Robert Erdall will start driving the Virginia City bus route for Ennis Schools in roughly one week. They will take their skills test on Monday, February 7th.

e) Janet Allestad passed away; the Town gives its condolences. Janet's celebration of life will be held on June 8th, 2022 at the Elk's Lodge, from 3:00-TBD.

3) Public Comment:

None

4) Clerk's Report:

None

5) HPO Report:

HPO Eric Barsness has been working on a document to explain the architectural styles within the Town of Virginia City. HPO Barsness has also been speaking with potential home builders about the Town's guidelines.

6) HPAC Report:

The HPAC Board has been reviewing the Town's design guidelines. Abby Thomas provided the board with useful architectural reference photos.

7) New Business:

a) Montana Heritage Commission (MHC) – Town Public Relations

- i) MHC would like to help the Virginia City Park enhancement project with new swings, playground, and slides up to \$2500, as well as up to \$15,000 for historic streetlights. July 1st, 2022 is the deadline for projects to be approved and funded.
- ii) The Montana Heritage Commission has potential funding of \$500,000-\$750,000 to restore Stonewall Hall. It goes before the state soon, and stabilization would begin in June if approved.

b) Otto Development Permit Application

MOTION: To approve the Development Permit Application for Lance Otto. Motion made by Amy Grice; Seconded by Justin Gatewood. **The question was called.** **The motion passed by voice vote, Dave Bacon, Justin Gatewood, Amy Grice, and Kacey Smart in favor. None opposed.**

c) Sourcewater Protection Plan Committee

- i) The Town is assembling a Sourcewater Protection Plan Committee. The work this committee does will go hand in hand with the Planning Board's growth policy work.
- ii) The last Sourcewater Protection Plan for the Town was written in 2016. These plans are supposed to be updated every 5 years, so we are on track.

8) Public Works Report

PWO Robert Erdall reported that snow removal has been going well. However, the Town's pickup truck is dying. It needs a transfer case and the brakes need work. PWO Erdall received a quote, and the estimate to fix the truck is \$7,500. PWO Erdall is trying to make it work without repair until we reach FY21-22 so the Town can budget funds for a new truck. Mayor Gatewood suggested we get another quote from a different repair shop.

PWO Erdall also mentioned that the skidsteer needs a 3000 hour maintenance, which will be costly.

9) Consent Agenda

a) Minutes from January 6, 2022

MOTION: To approve the Minutes from January 6, 2022. Motion made by Justin Gatewood; Seconded by Dave Bacon. Amy Grice recused herself from the vote. **The question was called.** **The motion passed by voice vote, Dave Bacon, Justin Gatewood, and Kacey Smart in favor. None opposed.**

b) Accounts Payable, Receivable, Adjustments, & Checks January 2022

MOTION: To approve the Accounts Payable, Receivable, Adjustments and Checks for January 2022. Motion made by Dave Bacon; Seconded by Amy Grice. **The question was called.** The motion passed by voice vote, Dave Bacon, Justin Gatewood, Amy Grice, and Kacey Smart in favor. None opposed.

10) Public Comment:

- a) Toni James announced that the Fire Department will be holding the Cake Walk on April 9th.
- b) \$7,000 was raised for the warming hut at the kid's hockey tournament last Saturday.

11) Adjournment:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:57pm

Respectfully submitted and attested,

Justin Gatewood
Mayor

Timber Baceski
Clerk Treasurer