

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
September 1, 2022, 7:00 p.m.
TOWN OF VIRGINIA CITY, MONTANA
Elks Lodge & Zoom Meeting

Council Present: Dave Bacon, Amy Grice, Jon Osborn, Kacey Smart

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

Public Present:

1) **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Dave Bacon, Council President

2) **Mayor and Commissioner's Reports/Comments:**

a) Councilmember Dave Bacon noted the increased fire risk this weekend and reminded the public of the burn ban that is in effect.

b) Councilmember Dave Bacon mentioned the success of the 5k Fun Run that was held over the weekend. There were over eighty participants, which brought a lot of traffic to town. It is likely to become an annual event.

c) Pharm406 will host another vaccination clinic in Virginia City. Exact dates will be announced, but it will be in October.

3) **Public Comment:**

a) Pat Jacobs thanked the city for its commitment to Stonewall Hall. Mrs. Jacobs noted that there has been lots of public support and that over seventy people attended the recent event.

4) **Clerks Report:**

Clerk Timber Baceski has continued to work on the budget for FY22-23. There are two months left of Resort Tax season and remittances are looking good.

5/6) **HPO/HPAC Report:**

Kate Hampton of Montana State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) will be assisting the HPAC and Planning Boards. She attended the last Planning Board meeting and informed the Board of upcoming grant opportunities we may be eligible for. HPO Eric Barsness will be looking into those opportunities.

MOTION: To move the agenda item "Preliminary Budget Review" to the end of New Business. Motion made by Amy Grice; Seconded by Dave Bacon. **The question was called.** The motion passed by voice vote, Dave Bacon, Jon Osborn, Kacey Smart, and Amy Grice in favor. None opposed.

7) New Business:

b) Hiring New Parks Manager – Part Time

- i) Greg Smart has applied for this position. If hired, he would work 20 hours per week with pay of \$18/hour. He would begin work next Wednesday.

MOTION: To hire Greg Smart for the part-time Parks Manager position. Motion made by Dave Bacon; Seconded by Jon Osborn. **The question was called.** **The motion passed by voice vote, Dave Bacon, Jon Osborn, Kacey Smart, and Amy Grice in favor. None opposed.**

c) Lafever Site/Zoning Permit Application

MOTION: To approve Jackie Lafever’s Site/Zoning Permit Application. Motion made by Jon Osborn; Seconded by Amy Grice. **The question was called.** **The motion passed by voice vote, Dave Bacon, Jon Osborn, Kacey Smart, and Amy Grice in favor. None opposed.**

d) Lohrke Site/Zoning Permit Application

MOTION: To approve Richard Lohrke’s Site/Zoning Permit Application. Motion made by Dave Bacon; Seconded by Amy Grice. **The question was called.** **The motion passed by voice vote, Dave Bacon, Jon Osborn, Kacey Smart, and Amy Grice in favor. None opposed.**

e) St. Paul’s Church Sign Permit Applications

- i) The HPAC Board suggested changing the color of the signs. The applicant was open to this change, though it was decided to table the applications for now until a definite decision is made.

a) Preliminary Budget Review

- i) The Council agreed to change page 3, 1000, 430263, 341, Electric, from \$6,000 to \$5,000.

MOTION: To approve the Preliminary Budget for FY22-23. Motion made by Jon Osborn; Seconded by Dave Bacon. **The question was called.** **The motion passed by voice vote, Dave Bacon, Jon Osborn, Kacey Smart, and Amy Grice in favor. None opposed.**

8) Public Works Report:

PWO Robert Erdall reported that Jack McCormick has finished working for the Town, and Greg Smart will begin next week. PWO Erdall mentioned that Mayor Gatewood had suggested closing one of the bathrooms at the Community Center.

9) Consent Agenda:

a) Minutes from August 4, 2022

MOTION: To table the approval of the Minutes from August 4, 2022 until the October Council Meeting. Motion made by Dave Bacon; Seconded by Amy Grice. **The question was called.** **The motion passed by voice vote, Dave Bacon, Jon Osborn, Amy Grice, and Kacey Smart in favor. None opposed.**

c) Accounts Payable, Receivable, Adjustments and Checks August 2022

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

10) Public Comment:

None

11) 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 8:07 pm

Respectfully submitted and attested,

Dave Bacon
Council President

Timber Baceski
Clerk Treasurer