

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
May 6, 2021 7:00 p.m.
TOWN OF VIRGINIA CITY, MONTANA
Zoom Video & Telephone Meeting

Council Present On-line: Justin Gatewood, Dave Bacon, Amy Grice, Jon Osborn, Erin Leonard

Staff Present On-line: Nancy Stewart Clerk/Treasurer, Robert Erdall PWO, Jim Jarvis HPO

Public Present On-line: Ruth Hauri, Tanya Engle, Lorraine Salmon, Liz Mahoney, Don Mefford

1) Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Justin Gatewood, Mayor

2) Mayor and Commissioner's Reports/Comments:

a) Amy Grice commented that the new boardwalk was looking good.

b) Mayor Gatewood stated that around 33% of Montanans have been fully vaccinated against COVID. In Madison County 30% of the population has been fully vaccinated with 37% having their first shot.

c) The Council meetings will go back to in person at the Rehearsal Hall on June 3rd. We will also continue with the Zoom meetings.

d) The EV charger at the parking lot is fully functional. The Mayor will get it listed on the EV website.

e) Madison County Commissioners will hold a meeting on May 11th at 6:00 pm regarding the blocked Adobe Town road.

f) The County will move two storage containers at the old Mason house out of town by the end of the week.

g) Thank you to the VC Elks for donating snack bags to the youth baseball teams.

3) Public Comment:

None

4) Clerk's Report:

a) The Town's auditor was here to finish out FY20. Topics discussed were segregation of duties, transferring money from our checking account into a savings account and setting up a town credit card.

b) American Legal Publishing Company has bought Sterling Codifiers. They have sent out an Ordinance Codification Proposal for the Town to look at.

5) HPO Report:

a) The final report for the CLG has been sent in.

b) The architects for the County are still working on design and bids for the annex canopies.

6) **HPAC Report:**

a) **Development Permit – Mahoney cabin windows and door:**

MOTION: To approve Mahoney’s development permit. Motion made by Justin Gatewood; Seconded by Dave Bacon. **The question was called.** The motion passed by voice vote, Justin Gatewood, Dave Bacon, Jon Osborn, Erin Leonard, and Amy Grice in favor. None opposed.

b) **Development Permit – Entryway Arch for Parking Lot:**

MOTION: To approve Don Mefford’s plans for round unaltered natural logs and hitching posts on either side of the entryway. Motion made by Justin Gatewood; Seconded by Erin Leonard. **The question was called.** The motion passed by voice vote, Justin Gatewood, Dave Bacon, Jon Osborn, Erin Leonard, and Amy Grice in favor. None opposed.

c) **Sign Permit- Relocation of Julies Gems sign:**

MOTION: To approve the sign relocation and waive the sign permit fee. Motion made by Amy Grice; Seconded by Dave Bacon. **The question was called.** The motion passed by voice vote, Justin Gatewood, Dave Bacon, Jon Osborn, Erin Leonard, and Amy Grice in favor. None opposed.

d) **Sign Permit – Tag Along Gallery and Gifts sandwich board:**

MOTION: To approve the sandwich board for Tag Along Gallery and Gifts. Motion made by Erin Leonard; Seconded by Dave Bacon. **The question was called.** The motion passed by voice vote, Justin Gatewood, Dave Bacon, Jon Osborn, Erin Leonard, and Amy Grice in favor. None opposed.

7) **New Business:**

a) **Clerk/Treasurer Job Notice:**

MOTION: To approve the ad for the Clerk/Treasurer position. Motion made by Erin Leonard; Seconded by Amy Grice. **The question was called.** The motion passed by voice vote, Justin Gatewood, Dave Bacon, Jon Osborn, Erin Leonard, and Amy Grice in favor. None opposed.

b) **Historic Preservation Job Notice:**

MOTION: To approve the ad for the HPO position. Motion made by Dave Bacon; Seconded by Erin Leonard. **The question was called.** The motion passed by voice vote, Justin Gatewood, Dave Bacon, Jon Osborn, Erin Leonard, and Amy Grice in favor. None opposed.

The Council thanked Jim Jarvis for all his years of service to the town.

c) **Sign Permit – Madison County Mental Health temporary banner:**

MOTION: To approve the Madison County Mental Health banner for the month of May and to waive the sign permit fee. Motion made by Amy Grice; Seconded by Jon Osborn. **The question was called.** The motion passed by voice vote, Justin Gatewood, Dave Bacon, Jon Osborn, Erin Leonard, and Amy Grice in favor. None opposed.

d) **RFP Scoring Sheet:**

MOTION: To accept Great West Engineering’s proposal for engineering and planning for Virginia City for the next five (5) years. Motion made by Justin Gatewood; Seconded by Dave Bacon. **The question was called.** The motion passed by voice vote, Justin Gatewood, Dave Bacon, Jon Osborn, Erin Leonard, and Amy Grice in favor. None opposed.

e) **Speed Bump on Cover Street:**

The Council will look at Cover and Idaho Streets to see where to place speed bumps. The decision about speed bumps and stop signs will be made at the June 3rd meeting.

8) Public Works Report:

- a) Matt Mudd from Great West Engineering has been working on projects for property owners in Virginia City.
- b) The boardwalk in front of the new parking lot is almost done. Putting down gravel and grading will be next.
- c) The floors in the Community Center bathrooms have been re-painted.
- d) PWO Erdall has been working on a report for Andy Bobst from GWIP. Bobst will have the report for next months council meeting.

9) Consent Agenda:

a) Minutes for Council Meeting April 8, 2021:

MOTION: To approve the minutes from April 8, 2021. Motion made by Dave Bacon; Seconded by Amy Grice. **The question was called.** The motion passed by voice vote, Justin Gatewood, Dave Bacon, Jon Osborn, Erin Leonard, and Amy Grice in favor.

b) Accounts Payable, Receivable, Checks and Adjustments, April 2021:

MOTION: To accept the accounts payable, receivable, checks and adjustments for April 2021. Motion made by Amy Grice; Seconded by Justin Gatewood. **The question was called.** The motion passed by voice vote, Justin Gatewood, Dave Bacon, Erin Leonard, Jon Osborn, and Amy Grice in favor. None opposed.

10) Public Comment:

- a) Mayor Gatewood talked to County Commissioners about a county person on the Towns Planning Board, suggesting Dave Laufenberg, as a candidate. The Commissioner's would like to put it out to everyone before they decide.
Dave Bacon would like to start setting up Planning Board meetings and look for funding on infrastructure.
- b) Mayor Gatewood asked PWO Erdall about spraying weeds this year. Mr. Erdall thought it would be a good idea to contract it out again this year.
- c) The Town needs to decide on what kind of signs they will need for the parking lot, hanging signage, interpretive signs, a sign in front, etc.

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 8:35 pm

Respectfully submitted and attested,

Justin Gatewood
Mayor

Nancy Stewart
Clerk Treasurer