

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING**  
**April 8, 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, Sheri Jarvis, Tanya Engle, Scott McClintic, Scott Petersen, Charlie Leach

**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) Jon Osborn stated that we need to get the word out about the Garden Boxes at the park. Planting should start next month.

b) Mayor Gatewood stated that around 33% of Montanans have received their first immunization shot against COVID.

c) The County Commissioners met with a mold expert last week to discuss the mold in the County Courthouse.

d) Resolution 1-93 (Road Closures) is back on the County Commissioners Agenda.

e) Donnie Steeley has 20 years of service in for the Heritage Commission in Virginia City and Nevada City. Virginia City thanks Donnie Steeley (and Jeff Cleverly) for their years of service.

f) Nancy Stewart has resigned her position as Clerk/Treasurer effective September 1, 2021.

**3) Clerk's Report:**

a) The Town of Virginia City will be receiving \$53,000 from the American Rescue Act.

b) The Town received around \$15,000 from the Bridge and Road Safety Program.

**4) Public Comment:**

None

**5) HPO Report:**

a) Liz Mahoney is working on a Development Permit for windows.

b) The Jarvis' have pulled their Site/Zoning permit from last month.

c) Don Mefford has given prices to do the archway into the parking lot. Mayor Gatewood would like the archway to go through HPAC at their meeting in May.

PWO Erdall will have the boardwalk in before tourist season begins.

**6) HPAC Report:**

**a) Site/Zoning Permit – Charlie Leach garage:**

**MOTION:** To approve the Site/Zoning permit with the change in square feet from 900 sq. ft. to 1,140 sq. ft. 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.

**b) Development Permit – MHC shutters on Bonanza Inn.**

**MOTION:** To approve Development Permit with the change of completion valid for one year. 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.

**7) New Business:**

**a) Town Attorney Contract:**

**MOTION:** To approve Ed Guza’s contract for 2 years. Motion made by Justin Gatewood; 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) Engineering Request for Proposal (RFP):**

**MOTION:** To advertise an Engineering RFP in newspaper for 2 weeks with proposals due on April 28, 2021. 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.

**c) Conditional Use Permit – Ruth Hauri apartment:**

**MOTION:** To approve Ruth Hauri’s Conditional Use permit for a short-term rental. 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.

**8) Old Business:**

**a) Planning Board Nomination:**

**MOTION:** To nominate Angela Mueller to the Town Planning Board as a member at large. 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.

The Planning Board needs a person from the County. Dave Laufenberg would be a nice fit and the Mayor has suggested Dave for the County designee.

**9) Public Works Report:**

a) PWO Erdall is getting ready to work on the boardwalk.

b) The brush pile at the old lagoon has been burned.

c) The gym has been painted along with the floors in the men’s room and utility room.

**11) Consent Agenda:**

a) Minutes for Council Meeting March 4, 2021:

**MOTION:** To approve the minutes from March 4, 2021. Motion made by Dave Bacon; Seconded by Justin Gatewood. **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 and Adjustments, March 2021:**

**MOTION:** To accept the accounts payable, receivable and adjustments for March 2021. Motion made by Justin Gatewood; Seconded by Amy Grice. **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.

**12) Public Comment:**

a) Jim Jarvis has talked to Ron Nye regarding the fence at the Courthouse. They are thinking of taking it down for better drainage.

b) The County is replacing the floor in the Thompson-Hickman Museum. Thank you to Commissioner Nye for getting the ball rolling.

c) Mayor Gatewood talked to Ginette Abdo regarding the GWIP Report. They will have the report to the Town by the June meeting.

d) Sheri Jarvis stated that she was very disappointed in last month's decision regarding sending the Jarvis Site/Zoning Permit to Public Works for review and to have the Town Attorney provide his interpretation of the Historical Residential setback and maximum building size language.

**13) 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 8:45 pm

**Respectfully submitted and attested,**

**Justin Gatewood**  
Mayor

**Nancy Stewart**  
Clerk Treasurer