

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING**  
**February 4, 2021 7:00 p.m.**  
**TOWN OF VIRGINIA CITY, MONTANA**  
**Zoom Video & Telephone Meeting**

**Council Present On-line:** Justin Gatewood, Dave Bacon, Amy Grice

**Council Absent:** Jon Osborn, Erin Leonard

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

**Public Present On-line:** Laurie Hansen, Tanya Engle, Elijah Allen, Don Mefford, Pat Jacobs, Toni James, Janet Allestad, Bev Penninger, Sheri Jarvis, Scott McClintic, Kate Steeley, Don Steeley, Angela Mueller, Alyson Young

**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) COVID-19 vaccines are becoming available at the Ruby Valley Hospital and the Madison Valley Hospital.

b) Mayor Gatewood stated that the Madison County Commissioners told him the County Annex canopy project would be done by spring or early summer. The County has their architects working on it.

c) Mayor Gatewood expressed condolences to the Nancy Allen Family and the Linda Roberts Family and wished Michael "Pigger" Clark a quick recovery.

**3) Clerk's Report:**

a) The Town has received notice on the 2021 Bridge and Road Safety and Accountability Tax Allocation. This year's allotment will be \$15,809 and can be applied for in March 2021.

**4) Public Comment:**

a) Elijah Allen, MHC, stated that the Heritage Commission will donate \$15,000 to Virginia City for the light project on Wallace Street.

b) Angela Mueller has been following the County Commissioner's on the proposition of a new Law and Justice Center in Virginia City. Mayor Gatewood commented that the Town appreciates the County seat being in Virginia City and that the proposition has been put before Madison County residence twice and has been soundly defeated both times.

**5) HPO Report:**

a) The CDBG Grant is due next week.

b) The Sandra Evans property has sold. The people that bought the property would like to do some additions. The Mayor said an addition will be required as the current square footage of the primary structure is less than the 500 sq. ft minimum in our building requirements that Mrs. Evans was permitted to build.

**6) HPAC Report:**

a) **Site/Zoning Permit – Penninger & Young Home:**

**MOTION: To approve the site/zoning permit.** Motion made by Justin Gatewood; Seconded by Dave Bacon. **The question was called.** The motion passed by voice vote, Justin Gatewood, Dave Bacon and Amy Grice in favor. None opposed.

b) **Site/Zoning Permit – Penninger & Young Covered Outdoor Living Area and RV Pad:**

**MOTION: To table this permit until the March 4<sup>th</sup> council meeting, as the plans have been revised.** Motion made by Justin Gatewood; Seconded by Dave Bacon. **The question was called.** The motion passed by voice vote, Justin Gatewood, Dave Bacon and Amy Grice in favor. None opposed.

**7) Old Business:**

a) **Parking Lot Design – Tourism Grant:**

Mayor Gatewood talked with DOC Tourism Grant Office about getting an extension on the deadline of March 19, 2021 for the parking lot project. The Council will have a work session next week to go over the designs from HPAC and come up with a design to send to Montana DOT for approval. HPAC should have a Development Permit for the parking lot for their meeting at the end of February.

b) **Elks Lodge – 15 Minute Parking Sign:**

A 15 Minute Parking Sign will be put up with the Elk's approval in the spring when the ground thaws.

**8) Public Works:**

None

**9) Consent Agenda:**

a) **Minutes for Council Meeting January 7, 2021:**

**MOTION: To approve the minutes as amended from January 7, 2021.** Motion made by Dave Bacon; Seconded by Amy Grice. **The question was called.** The motion passed by voice vote, Justin Gatewood, Dave Bacon and Amy Grice in favor.

b) **Accounts Payable, Receivable and Adjustments, January 2021:**

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

**10) Public Comment:**

a) Angela Mueller asked about parallel (angled) parking on main street to make more room. Montana DOT will not allow parallel (angled) parking.

b) Mayor Gatewood stated that all the streetlights will be switched out everywhere except on Wallace Street. Northwestern Energy will put shields front and back shields on the streetlights and, if requested in a month or two, side shields on a case-by-case basis. If property owners on Idaho Street wish to come up with different streetlighting plan then they can do that at a later date.

**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 8:30 pm

**Respectfully submitted and attested,**

**Justin Gatewood**  
Mayor

**Nancy Stewart**  
Clerk Treasurer