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Town Council meets for its regular session on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Persons wishing to be heard or having an item to be placed on the agenda should make their request to the Clerk of Council by the final Monday of the month preceding the meeting.

TOWN OF MINERAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

**Monday, June 13, 2022
7:00 PM**

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Mayor Pam Harlowe, Edwin Jarvis, Roy McGeHee, Tony Henshaw, David Lawson

STAFF MEMBERS: Willie Harper; Interim Town Manager, Andrea Erard; Town Attorney, Shannon Hawkins; DMV Supervisor, Lisa Yates; Acting Town Clerk/Treasurer

PUBLIC: Blair Nipper, Chris Guerre, Olivia McCarthy, Rebecca McGeHee, Gale Seddon, Ron Chapman

ABSENT: Tommy Runnett, Edward Kube

Town of Mineral Council Meeting

Mayor Pam Harlowe called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion was made by Councilman Lawson to approve the agenda as amended seconded by Councilman McGehee motion passed unanimously

**Tony Henshaw – yes
Roy McGeHee – yes**

David Lawson – yes

Public Hearing-Proposed FY 22 Budget Amendment

Mayor Pam Harlowe Opened Public Hearing

Catherine Nipper questioned the Council why the Town had three Town Managers on the payroll. Rebecca McGehee stated that it was ridiculous the Town was paying for three people to do the Town Managers job.

Gale Seddon voiced her concerns on the proposed water and sewer increased rates.

Councilman Jarvis joined the meeting via phone.

Mayor Pam Harlowe closed the Public Hearing

Motion was made by Councilman Lawson to approve the 2021-2022 Budget as amended; motion failed for lack of second motion.

Public Hearing-Proposed FY 23 Budget and Tax & Utility Rates

Mayor Pam Harlowe Opened Public Hearing

Catherine Nipper questioned why the Town was paying so much for office cleaning

Mayor Pam Harlowe closed the Public Hearing

Motion was made by Councilman Henshaw to wait seven days and vote at a special meeting on June 23, 2022 to approve the proposed FY 2023 Budget seconded by Councilman Lawson, motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Roy McGehee – yes

David Lawson – yes

Ed Jarvis- yes

Tony Henshaw - yes

Public Hearing-Intent to lease Old Town Hall

Motion was made by Councilman McGehee to approve the leasing of the old Town Office to the Mineral Historical Foundation for \$1.00 per month, seconded by Councilman Henshaw motion passed 3-1-0.

Roy McGehee – yes

David Lawson – no

Ed Jarvis- yes

Tony Henshaw - yes

Public Hearing-Ordinance No. 2022-04-Close and Abandon Forest Avenue between 9th & 10th Streets

Mayor Pam Harlowe Opened Public Hearing

Mayor Pam Harlowe closed the Public Hearing

Motion was made by Councilman McGehee, to approve the closing of Forest Avenue between 9th & 10th Streets, 2022-04, seconded by Councilman Henshaw. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Roy McGehee – yes

David Lawson – yes

Ed Jarvis- yes

Tony Henshaw - yes

Public Hearing-Authorize the transfer of property vacated and abandoned by Ordinance No. 2022-04-to Susan and Michael Groome

Mayor Pam Harlowe Opened Public Hearing

Mayor Pam Harlowe closed the Public Hearing

Motion was made by Councilman McGehee, to approve the Authorization the transfer of property vacated and abandoned by Ordinance No. 2022-04-to Susan and Michael Groome, seconded by Councilman Henshaw. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Roy McGehee – yes

David Lawson – yes

Ed Jarvis- yes

Tony Henshaw - yes

Public Comments:

Ron Chapman asked the Town Attorney as to when he might see a copy of the lease to the old Town Office for the Mineral Historical Society. The Town Attorney confirmed she would have it by the end of the week.

Rebecca McGehee spoke in front of the Council members and read a letter she wrote asking why was Willie Harper hired as Town Manager if he can't do the job, and why was Reese Peck still employed by the Town.

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes:

Motion was made by Councilman Lawson to approve the August 9, 2021 Council meeting minutes as amended, seconded by Councilman Henshaw. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Roy McGehee – yes

David Lawson – yes

Ed Jarvis- yes

Tony Henshaw - yes

Motion was made by Councilman Lawson to approve the April 11, 2022 Council meeting minutes, seconded by Councilman Henshaw. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Roy McGehee – yes

David Lawson – yes

Ed Jarvis- yes

Tony Henshaw - yes

Motion was made by Councilman Henshaw to approve the May 9, 2022 Council meeting minutes, seconded by Councilman Jarvis. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Roy McGehee – yes

David Lawson – yes

Ed Jarvis- yes

Tony Henshaw - yes

Motion was made by Councilman Jarvis to approve the May 16, 2022 Council meeting minutes, seconded by Councilman Lawson. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Roy McGehee – yes

David Lawson – yes

Ed Jarvis- yes

Tony Henshaw - yes

Approval of Bills to be Paid:

Motion was made by Councilman Lawson to approve the June bills to be paid, seconded by Councilman Henshaw. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Roy McGehee – yes

David Lawson – yes

Ed Jarvis- yes

Tony Henshaw - yes

Town Manager and Staff Reports

The following staff reports were presented to the Council:

Interim Town Manager report presented by Mr. Harper

DMV Supervisor report presented by Ms. Shannon Hawkins reported that the DMV needs new credit card terminals which will cost about \$800.00 as the ones they have now are obsolete. On June 21st there will be an internal audit for the DMV.

Town Attorney Report

The Town Attorney, Ms. Andrea Erard, reported that the investigation into the missing documents turned out that there is no evidence of any records being destroyed.

Standing Committee Reports

- Auditor Committee Report. No report
- Beautification/Anti-Litter Committee. No report
- Building Committee: no report
- Budget and Finance Committee: no report
- Cemetery Committee. no report
- Communication Committee: no report
- Economic Development Committee: no report
- Personnel Committee: no report
- Planning Commission report: no report
- Police and Legal Matters Committee: no report
- Streets Committee report: no report
- Water and Sewer Committee: no report

Old Business:

Discussion on Interim Manager

Councilman Lawson questioned why we have three people hired to do the Town Managers position when the Town only needs one person for the job.

Motion was made by Councilman Lawson to cease the engagement of Mr. Peck and Ti-Lea Austin as of June 30, 2022 seconded by Councilman Henshaw. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**Tony Henshaw – yes
David Lawson – yes Roy McGeHee - yes**

Resolution 2022-03

Motion was made by Councilman Lawson to end the censorship for Mayor Harlowe immediately, seconded by Councilman McGehee. Motion passed with a 02-0-01 vote. Councilman Henshaw abstained

**David Lawson – yes Roy McGeHee – yes
Tony Henshaw-abstain**

Motion was made by Councilman Lawson seconded by Councilman Henshaw to go into closed session 2.2-37-11(A)(1) for the discussion of hiring a new Town Manager Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Tony Henshaw – yes

David Lawson – yes Roy McGeHee - yes

Motion was made by Councilman Lawson to reconvene and certify that only the matters identified in the motion to go into closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered. Seconded by Councilman Henshaw. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Certification that only what was announced was discussed

Ed Jarvis/Yes

Roy McGehee/Yes

Edward Kube/Yes

Pam Harlowe/Yes

Tom Runnett/Yes

Tony Henshaw/Yes

David Lawson/Yes

Motion was made by Councilman McGehee to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilman Henshaw. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.