



MINERAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 18, 2024 at 6:30 PM

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Members Present

Mayor Edwin Jarvis

Vice Mayor Ronald Chapman

Olivia McCarthy

Bernice Kube

Dave Hempstead

Michelle Covert

Others Present

Town Manager, Nicole Washington

Town Attorney, Catherine Lea

Town Treasurer, [Kelly Singletary](#)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPT OR AMEND AGENDA

Rebecca McGhee resignation added to agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

Amend and Adopt the Water and Sewer Rates

Water rate increase amended to 29%, down from the original 31% suggested amount. The rate increase will take effect July 1.

Motioned by Covert and seconded by Chapman.

Mayor Jarvis questioned if the Town was in danger of having any critical infrastructure issues regarding the water pipes. Council member Covert noted that it is not predictable due to outside factors, such as an aftershock. The Town Manager mentioned that the biggest water issue the Town is facing is leakage. Mrs. Washington believes that the 29% is enough of an increase, as well as the grant money, is enough to fix the system. Mrs. Washington also suggested to Council that the Town hosts a quarterly town hall meeting so citizens can voice their concerns as well as show the Town's progress. The Town will also look into using a Facebook page as a way of communicating with citizens.

Ronald Chapman - yes

Olivia McCarthy - yes

Bernice Kube- yes

Dave Hempstead- yes

Michelle Covert - yes

Motion Passed 5-0-0

FY25 Budget -Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget

The Town Manager proposed a budget reflecting the 29% water increase. A copy of the budget can be found in the agenda packet for this meeting.

Council and Town Manager discussed funds including personnel, legal and zoning. Council also discussed the purchasing of the old Mineral School.

Ronald Chapman - yes

Olivia McCarthy - yes

Bernice Kube- yes

Dave Hempstead- yes

Michelle Covert - no

Motion Passed 4-1-0

Council member Covert objected as she believes there should be more money allocated to the capital project fund.

Appropriation of Funds for Fiscal Year 2025 Budget

A copy of the appropriation of funds can be found in the agenda packet for this meeting.

Motion by Kube and seconded by Chapman.

Ronald Chapman - yes
Olivia McCarthy - yes
Bernice Kube- yes
Dave Hempstead- yes
Michelle Covert - yes

Motion Passed 5-0-0

NEW BUSINESS

Motion for resignation of Council member McGhee acceptance by McCarthy seconded by Chapman.

Ronald Chapman - yes
Olivia McCarthy - yes
Bernice Kube- yes
Dave Hempstead- yes
Michelle Covert - yes

Motion Passed 5-0-0

Council Member Kube introduced resolution 2024-003 and was seconded by McCarthy.

Ronald Chapman - yes
Olivia McCarthy - yes
Bernice Kube- yes
Dave Hempstead- yes
Michelle Covert - no

Motion Passed 4-1-0

ADJOURNED