

Minutes from Emery Town Council February 10, 2021

Members present: Amy Sundstrom, Pat Sundstrom, Lindsay Edwards, Mike Christensen, Sam Payne; The Ashley Family (Kris, Justin, and son).

Public Hearing called to order at 6:04 pm; US pledge of allegiance recited.

Minutes from January 13 2021 Town Council were reviewed. Pat made a motion to approve the minutes; Lindsay seconded. Amy: aye, Pat: aye, Lindsay: aye, Mike: aye, Sam: aye.

Minutes from January 20, 2021 Public Hearing were reviewed. Amy requested that the dollar amount be struck from the entry detailing grant request amounts. Pat moved to approve the minutes with that amendment; Mike seconded. Amy: aye, Pat: aye, Lindsay: aye, Mike: aye, Sam: aye.

The Open Invoice report was reviewed. Pat made a motion to approve payment all open/unpaid invoices; Sam seconded., Pat: aye, Sam: aye, Amy: aye; Mike: aye, Lindsay: aye, Mike: aye.

Mayor Amy Sundstrom reported that the **CDBG Grant application** is nearly finished – it's waiting only on the receipt of the new Firefighter Turnouts (which will probably arrive in April sometime.)

She noted that the **CIB Grant application** has been submitted with a request of \$741,000. She anticipates that the preservation committee will meet in May to follow up.

Mayor Sundstrom advised that it is time to assess **committee work** and to reassign Council Members to committees, if appropriate. The Town Council Members expressed a desire to continue working with the committees they are already assigned to and so no reassignment will occur. Additionally, the Mayor assigned the timeframe for each Council Member to be available as **Mayor Pro Temp** -- 1st quarter: Lindsay; 2nd quarter: Mike; 3rd quarter: Pat; 4th quarter: Sam.

Council Member Sam Payne discussed his conversations with both Jim Jennings (Emery County Lands) and Chris Conrad (BLM Field Manager) regarding Emery Town's acceptance of the approximate **640 acres of land** just West of Town. He explained that a gift of land like this is almost unprecedented and that we're fortunate to be on the receiving end. He received different advice from Mr. Jennings (who said Emery Town will be required to follow our general plan with regards to the land) and Mr. Conrad (who noted that once the deed has been transferred, the land is ours to do whatever we want with). Although there is not yet consensus on this aspect, **the process of the deed transfer** is underway and may take up to three or four years to reach completion.

Council Member Lindsay Edwards informed the Council that the Pioneer Church is on a priority list (position #28) for **BEDL grant funding**. In meeting with engineers, she learned that the restoration may require considerably fewer helical piers than originally anticipated; and the Restoration Committee expects to receive a new bid shortly.

Council Member Mike Christensen was contacted by United Minerals with the request that all the property they own surrounding their business location be **re-zoned to “light industrial.”** At present, some of the land surrounding their buildings is zoned residential. Mayor Sundstrom recommend that United Minerals follow the protocol of submitting a written request to the Town Council so that a Public Hearing may be called.

Council Member Pat Sundstrom summarized the key component of the last CVSSD meeting was the adoption of a personal use plan; and a report showing Emery Town’s culinary water usage.

There was no **Old Business** to attend to.

For **New Business**, the **Ashley Family** requested connection of a property they recently inherited to the sewer and culinary water infrastructure. Councilmember Pat Sundstrom explained that until the Ashleys can provide the plans for the building of a permanent structure on the property, the Town cannot approve their application to connect. Mayor Sundstrom indicated she was willing to help the Ashleys access temporary solutions if they decided to reside in a non-permanent structure while working toward their long-term plans.

Pat made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Sam seconded it. Amy: aye, Pat: aye, Lindsay: aye, Mike: aye, Sam: aye.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:48 pm.

Minutes approved: _____
date

Amy K. Sundstrom – Mayor

Liberty Mason – Municipal Recorder