



Meeting Minutes

12/01/2023

Roll call: Council President Alex Harwood, Council Secretary Jacob Jamieson, Councilmember Johnny Harwood, Councilmember Tanner Sayer, Councilmember Dianna Beeman.

Recent city council meeting:

- A recent house fire in mtn. home, no deaths
- Someone mentioned the changing of water limits for those outside of city limits.
- They recommended that anyone who can, should donate to Toys for Tots.

Alex will go to the next meeting.

Recruit update:

- Still need members from Richard Mckenna Montessori, Homeschool, and Bennett High School

Committee updates

- Recreation: Requested a vote for Secret Santa or White Elephant
 - White elephant won – Everyone should bring a small gift to the next meeting.
- Community Leadership: Position still vacant
- Social Media/Promotional: Working to add followers on social media & challenged to post at least 3 times per day.
- Outreach: no new update

Visit from Rich Urquidi from Public Works:

- He grew up in Mtn. home, has been working with Public Works since 2001, retiring this month, was teacher at the Mtn. Home High School, and served 4 terms on the City Council
- Public Works oversees the water (including sewage water), the streets, and the airport.
- A lot of road tearing for replacement and adding new stuff
- The airport is supported mostly from state and federal funds.
- The city pool may be finished by this summer. The steel was shipped to Europe to be formed.
- The city is considering a streetlight at the intersection between Haskett St. and American Legion but nothing has been decided yet. Unfortunately, someone might have to die first before it is built.
- There has also been talk about converting the 2-way stop at 10th and 15th to a 4-way stop but again nothing has been confirmed.

- The city currently has 9 wells with another one being built. The new well has been drilled, just waiting for the wellhouse to be built. Both the well and wellhouse were and will be paid for with grant money.
- All the wells run during the summer pumping out about 150 million gallons of water a month but only about 3 wells run during the winter pumping out about 89 million gallons a month.
- Our wastewater is handled by land application which means it goes out to lagoons where about a million gallons of water a day evaporates. Plans for a new lagoon are in the works but will probably not be built for another 3-4 years. A loan will be needed to build that.
 - The city can only get a loan (go into debt) 2 ways.
 1. A bond that is voted on by the citizens (need a 66% vote in favor to pass)
 2. A judicial request – a judge grants permission
 - A judicial request is a way to bypass a vote by the citizens, but the citizens can protest if not in favor)
- Just finished the 1st phase of the sewer project by the hospital. This phase replaced the stormwater and sewage pipes along the side. In the spring they will start the 2nd phase to replace the sewage and stormwater pipes along the front of the hospital. Currently there is a sewage pipe that runs underneath the hospital which is not a good thing.
- Public works is very supportive of the Safe Routes Program. These areas are made a priority. The city may even split the cost 50/50 with a homeowner to replace sidewalks so that kids have a safe route to school.
- The city has multiple water storage tanks. These tanks are used mostly for fires so not to overload the well pumps.
- When something needs to be added, updated, or changed to the city the city contacts their engineers to design it, a request is put out to build it, and then negotiations start.
 - The city engineers are contracted mostly from Keller & Associates who they have used for the last 20 years. The airport has its own engineers from a different company.

Other:

- Ideas for Teen After Hour events – Pokémon & Fortnite Tournament