Dutton Town Council Meeting Minutes

Town Hall

11 Main Street West

Monday, March 7, 2022

**Present**

**Mayor:** Susan Fleshman **Councilpersons:** Bob Dauwalder, Pete Klein, Candace Ellsworth, and Pat Bayala **Public Works Director:** Jeremiah Kjensmo **Assistant Clerk:** Sayde Wallace **Public:** None

**Call to Order**

Mayor Fleshman called the Council meeting on March 7, 2022, to order at 7:04 pm.

**Public Comment**

No Public comment.

**February 7, 2022, Meeting Minutes**

After reviewing the minutes Councilwoman Ellsworth moved to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Bayala and passed unanimously.

**Current Bills**

Mayor Fleshman explained the current bills and presented the Council with the list of bills that have come in. Councilman Dauwalder moved to accept the bills that we have received and the ones yet to come in this month. The motion was seconded by Councilman Klein and passed unanimously.

**Bills List**

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| **Num** | **Date** | **Name** | **Original Amount** |
|  | **03/01/2022** | **QuickBooks Payroll Service direct deposit checks** | **548.10** |
| **EFT** | **03/02/2022** | **QuickBooks Payroll Service** | **14.00** |
| **E-pay** | **02/17/2022** | **United States Treasury** | **2,433.46** |
| **18092** | **02/15/2022** | **Gouchenour, Evan B.** | **1,059.14** |
| **18093** | **02/15/2022** | **Kjensmo, Jeremiah L.** | **1,602.75** |
| **18094** | **02/15/2022** | **Wallace, Sayde M** | **1,265.23** |
| **18095** | **02/17/2022** | **Montana Department of Revenue & Finance** | **329.00** |
| **18096** | **02/17/2022** | **Montana Department of Revenue & Finance** | **299.00** |
| **18097** | **02/17/2022** | **Montana Department of Revenue & Finance** | **347.00** |
| **18098** | **02/17/2022** | **Montana Department of Revenue & Finance** | **382.00** |
| **18099** | **02/17/2022** | **Montana Department of Revenue & Finance** | **368.00** |
| **18100** | **02/17/2022** | **Montana Department of Revenue & Finance** | **349.00** |
| **18101** | **02/17/2022** | **Montana Department of Revenue & Finance** | **367.00** |
| **18102** | **02/17/2022** | **Montana Department of Revenue & Finance** | **631.00** |
| **18103** | **02/17/2022** | **Montana Department of Revenue & Finance** | **592.00** |
| **18104** | **02/17/2022** | **Montana Department of Revenue & Finance** | **460.00** |
| **18105** | **02/17/2022** | **Montana Department of Revenue & Finance** | **251.00** |
| **18106** | **02/17/2022** | **Montana Department of Revenue & Finance** | **698.00** |
| **18107** | **02/17/2022** | **Montana Department of Revenue & Finance** | **531.00** |
| **18108** | **02/17/2022** | **Montana Department of Revenue & Finance** | **464.00** |
| **18109** | **02/28/2022** | **Amazon Capital Services, Inc.** | **475.01** |
| **18110** | **02/28/2022** | **Energy Lab** | **134.00** |
| **18111** | **02/28/2022** | **Great West Engineering** | **1,363.50** |
| **18112** | **02/28/2022** | **Northwestern Energy** | **1,834.72** |
| **18115** | **02/28/2022** | **Dauwalder, Robert M.** | **274.05** |
| **18117** | **02/28/2022** | **Fleshman, Susan J.** | **602.45** |
| **18118** | **02/28/2022** | **Klein, Frank P.** | **274.05** |
| **18119** | **02/28/2022** | **MMIA** | **148.65** |
| **18120** | **02/28/2022** | **Gouchenour, Evan B.** | **855.44** |
| **18121** | **02/28/2022** | **Kjensmo, Jeremiah L.** | **1,401.00** |
| **18122** | **02/28/2022** | **Wallace, Sayde M** | **1,024.79** |
| **18123** | **03/01/2022** | **Century Link** | **339.61** |
| **18124** | **03/01/2022** | **DEQ** | **637.50** |
| **18125** | **03/01/2022** | **Verizon Wireless** | **80.02** |
| **18126** | **03/03/2022** | **Big O Tires** | **428.42** |
| **18127** | **03/03/2022** | **Great Falls Ace** | **133.77** |
| **18128** | **03/07/2022** | **Mountain View Co-op** | **355.43** |
| **18129** | **03/07/2022** | **Northwest Pipe Fitting** | **334.00** |
| **18130** | **03/07/2022** | **Northwestern Energy** | **56.04** |
| **18131** | **03/07/2022** | **US Bank** | **1,739.01** |

**Assistant Clerk Request for Conference Funds**

Assistant Clerk Sayde Wallace requested funds for the Clerks Institute in May. After a brief discussion Councilman Klein made a motion to approve the request. Councilwoman Ellsworth seconded the motion. The request was not approved, and funds were denied due to budget constraints as this was an unplanned event and it was not budgeted for.

**Chicken Ordinance Discussion**

The Mayor began the discussion talking about the chickens we have gotten complaints about, that had been running at large. She asked the Council if they felt that there was a need to do an actual chicken ordinance at this time. The general feeling was that it would be better to take it on a case-by-case basis. At the conclusion of this discussion the Town will not continue with the process of a chicken ordinance.

**Update on the Pool Levy**

Mayor Fleshman informed the Council that the Levy for the Pool would have to be by special election. It would be extremely cost prohibitive to put it on the ballot for the next election. She then spoke about how much the levy would need to be increased to meet the growing needs of the Pool. Finance Officer Kjensmo will get some numbers together in preparation for the two public meetings that will be held in April. The dates were tentatively set for April 11 for the evening meeting, hopefully it will be held during the Civic Clubs regular meeting in an effort to reach more of the public, and April 20 for the afternoon meeting at the Senior Center directly after lunch. The Mayor will call the people needed to set up the meetings.

**Mayors Report**

Mayor Fleshman started her report by talking about the new carpet that will be installed this week. The furniture must be moved from the back room and that will be done tomorrow in preparation for the carpet on Thursday.

There were a couple breaks and frozen pipes in the last month at residences, but they have been dealt with. The Patterson house is still having water issues, but we have done what we can at this point.

Jim Stiles was here and worked on the telemetry system upgrade. There are still some computer address issues that need to be worked out.

Last week a Great West engineer came, and pressure tested 8 of the fire hydrants. This was done to gather information for the water project grant.

**Coming Holidays**

None

**Next Meeting**

Mayor Fleshman set the next regular Council meeting for April 4, 2022, at 7 pm.

**Adjourn**

The Mayor Adjourned the meeting at 8:09 pm

