**Dutton Town Council Meeting Minutes**

**April 1, 2019**

**Call to Order**

Mayor Fleshman called the meeting of April 1, 2019 to order at 7:02 pm at the Dutton Town Hall.

**Present**

**Mayor** Susan Fleshman; **Councilpersons**: Bob Dauwalder, Frank P. Klein; Candace Ellsworth; Pat Bayala **Public Works Director /Finance Officer/Clerk** Jeremiah Kjensmo; **Assistant Clerk** Becky Hagen. **Choteau Acantha** Vonnie Jacobson; **Public** Kara Fuhringer

**Public Comment**

Kara Fuhringer expressed concern about dogs running around town as well as vicious dogs. She also mentioned an overflowing dumpster behind her residence resulting in garbage constantly being in her yard.

**March 4, 2019 Town Council Meeting Minutes**

Motion by Councilwoman Ellsworth, Second by Councilman Dauwalder to approve the Minutes of the March 4, 2019 Town Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**Current Bills**

Motion by Councilman Klein, Second by Councilwoman Bayala, to pay the current bills as presented and those yet to come in. Motion carried unanimously.

**Financial Status Update**

Finance Officer/Clerk Jeremiah Kjensmo mentioned Hard Rock Construction and Great West would soon receive payment from the Town. He also mentioned progress has been made navigating QuickBooks and ClerkBooks. There was discussion that the AFR was confirmed submitted and the Town Office is up-to-date on financial reporting to state and government.

**Water Project Update**

Mayor Fleshman discussed the water project and mentioned the pumps were sent later than originally thought, and still have not been received. She mentioned that only one of the pumps out of the two, in place now, is pumping. There are no backup pumps until the new pumps get installed. Mayor Fleshman said if the other pump stops working, water cannot be pumped. Ryon Robinett, from Hard Rock Construction, told the Mayor the new pumps are in Salt Lake City. He had to stop the shipment of them because a pressure relieve valve is a needed part that only ships out of China. The pressure relieve valve should show up next week. Ryon Robinett told Mayor Fleshman he would like to start up the water project by April 15th. Mayor Fleshman discussed that seeded and leveling yards will take place after the pump house is done and once the ground dries up. Mayor Fleshman mentioned the possibility of shutting off the bulk water if the one running pump goes out before the new pumps get installed. She also mentioned Ryon Robinett delivered a new electric heater and it is being installed.

**Discussion on Opportunity of Purchasing All In Inc. Insurance Building**

Mayor Fleshman spoke with Matt Leudtke, the owner of the All In Inc., who wants to sell the insurance building. The Mayor and the Council discussed the possibility of purchasing the building to utilize as the new Town Office. There is much more space in the building; it is 1700 square feet. The price discussed was $125,000.00. The building is not ADA compliant and the Town Office is not. Councilman Dauwalder mentioned the Town should at least look into the opportunity of purchasing the building. He pointed out if the Town office had a new location, it would free up space for the fire department. Councilpersons Bayala, Ellsworth, and Klein all agreed about the possibility of moving forward with the purchase, but only after learning more about a set price and knowing more about the building.

**Building Committee**

Motion by Councilman Klein, Second by Councilman Dauwalder, to further address purchasing the building and forming a building committee. Members of the committee are Mayor Fleshman, Councilman Klein and Councilman Dauwalder. Motion carried with Councilwoman Ellsworth, Councilman Klein, and Councilman Dauwalder voting yes. Councilwoman Bayala abstained from voting due to possible conflict of interest.

**Mayor’s Report**

Mayor Fleshman discussed the DNRC Tree Survey was emailed, and the Civic Club was not impressed with the tree survey and is no longer interested in it. The Mayor mentioned there are questions about the meters not being read because they are not being physically read anymore. Councilman Klein inquired about the chlorine in the water and the snow plow. Mayor Fleshman Public Works Director Jeremiah Kjensmo said the chlorine is within compliance and the snow plow was not running due to unfortunate circumstances relating to employee illness, diagnosing the problem, and obtaining the right parts. Councilwoman Bayala discussed the numerous dog complaints mentioned to her thus prompting the council to have the dog issue placed on next month’s agenda.

**Adjourn**

The next Dutton Town Council Meeting will be May 6th, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:31 pm.

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**Susan Fleshman, Mayor** **Becky Hagen, Assistant Clerk**