

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
October 1, 2020 7:00 p.m.
TOWN OF VIRGINIA CITY, MONTANA
Zoom Video & Telephone Meeting

Council Present On-line: Justin Gatewood, Dave Bacon, Amy Grice, Erin Leonard

Council Absent: Jon Osborn

Staff Present On-line: Nancy Stewart Clerk/Treasurer, Robert Erdall PWO

Public Present On-line: Kelly Rasmussen, Laurie Hansen, David Laufenberg

1) Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Justin Gatewood, Mayor

2) Mayor and Commissioner's Reports/Comments:

a) Congratulations Mayor Gatewood on new nephew, Atlas Howey. Parents are Anders and Lindsey Erdall Howey.

b) Condolences to the Lois Yenny family.

c) Mayor Gatewood stated that the Madison County Health Department is now prohibiting gatherings of over 50 people because of the spike in COVID cases. As always, our community safety is our #1 priority.

d) Amy Grice stated that it was very important to update our Growth Policy. People interested in being on the planning board are Bobbie Dirks, Eric Barsness and possibly David Laufenberg.

3) Clerk's Report:

a) The Town's STIP annual confirmation needs to be updated.

b) The Town is doing a 3 month free trial on Black Mountain's Cloud software. The cost of this would be \$700 annually.

c) As of the end of August, the Resort Tax is down about 30% from last year.

4) Public Comment:

a) New property owners, Laurie Hansen and Kelly Rasmussen look forward to the monthly council meetings.

5) New Business:

a) **Resolution 2020-05 – Budget and Mills for FY 20-21:**

MOTION: To approve the Budget and Mills for FY 20-21. Motion made by Justin Gatewood; Seconded by Dave Bacon. **The question was called.** The motion passed by voice vote, Justin Gatewood, Dave Bacon, Erin Leonard, and Amy Grice in favor. None opposed.

b) Resolution 2020-06 – Alley Abandonment:

PW Erdall shared the impact report with the council, which will be on file with the permit.

MOTION: To approve Resolution 2020-06 as amended. Add conditions: 1. Applicant will pay transfer fees equal to market value of vacated alley. 2. Applicant will amend plat showing new boundaries and record at the Clerk and Recorders office, Madison County. Motion made by Justin Gatewood; Seconded by Erin Leonard. **The question was called. The motion passed by voice vote, Justin Gatewood, Dave Bacon, Erin Leonard and Amy Grice in favor. None opposed.**

c) Planning Grant:

The deadline for this grant is October 15, 2020. This grant would help pay for a part-time HPO and also help with the Design Review Guidelines. Mayor Gatewood and Clerk, Nancy Stewart will work on the grant. Jim Jarvis will be taking 2 months off due to health reasons.

6) HPO Report:

None

7) HPAC Report:

a) Development Permit – David Laufenberg cabin:

MOTION: To approve the permit to finish cabin and put in small pane windows with board and baton siding on exposed cement. Motion made by Erin Leonard; Seconded by Dave Bacon. **The question was called. The motion passed by voice vote, Justin Gatewood, Dave Bacon, Erin Leonard and Amy Grice in favor. None opposed.**

b) Development Permit Bunitsky Roof:

This permit was approved earlier by Mayor Gatewood due to leaking roof.

8) Old Business:

a) Parking Lot:

Council discussed the purchase of the Town Parking Lot before the end of the year. The breakdown of the purchase is as follows: Price - \$575,000

\$20,000 - down

\$52,500 – USDA Grant

\$43,000 – Commitment from VC Chamber of Commerce

\$4,500 – Donations

\$19,000 – Received in the 1% Resort Tax

Remaining \$136,000 will be paid out of Town funds.

9) Public Works:

a) Episcopal Church sidewalk/ditch will be fixed when the roads are graded before winter.

b) Move gas and diesel tanks to lagoon within the next month.

c) Door on alley way of new office is not a priority and might be done this winter.

d) Fixing the run-off on Jackson Street at the Boles house will be done in the spring.

e) PW Erdall stated that the next project will be cleaning culverts for winter.

f) Public Works has been busy with the sewer camera and cleaning sewer lines for the last 2 months.

Mayor Gatewood congratulated PW Erdall on his new grandson.

10) Consent Agenda:

a) Minutes for Council Meeting September 3, 2020:

MOTION: To approve the minutes from September 3, 2020. Motion made by Dave Bacon; Seconded by Erin Leonard. **The question was called.** The motion passed by voice vote, Justin Gatewood, Dave Bacon, Erin Leonard, and Amy Grice in favor. None opposed.

b) Accounts Payable, Receivable and Adjustments, September 2020:

MOTION: To accept the accounts payable, receivable and adjustments for September 2020. Motion made by Justin Gatewood; Seconded by Amy Grice. **The question was called.** The motion passed by voice vote, Justin Gatewood, Erin Leonard, Dave Bacon and Amy Grice in favor. None opposed.

11) Public Comment:

a) Henry Gatewood spotted a mountain goat above the truck escape ramp on the Virginia City Hill.

12) Adjournment:

MOTION: To Adjourn. Motion made by Dave Bacon; Seconded by Amy Grice. **The question was called:** Motion was passed by voice vote, all in favor. None opposed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm

Respectfully submitted and attested,

Justin Gatewood
Mayor

Nancy Stewart
Clerk Treasurer