

Town of Lake Santeetlah

Zoom Council Meeting Minutes

December 10, 2020

Vice Mayor, Keith Predmore called the meeting to order at 10:00AM. Town Administrator Kim Matheson called role of all council members. Diana Simon, Roger Carlton, and Keith Predmore were present for the meeting. Mayor Jim Hager was not present and Kevin Haag was not present until 10:12AM. Attorney Brian Gulden (assistant to Craig Justus), Town Administrator Kim Matheson, Clerk Morgan Postell were also present.

The first order of business was the approval of the agenda. Councilmember Roger Carlton made a motion to approve. Councilmember Diana Simon seconded. All others were polled. The motion passed unanimously.

The second order of business was the approval of the October 15th, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes to be modified and adopted. Councilmember Diana Simon made a motion to modify the October 15, 2020 Council Meeting minutes to reflect changes. Councilmember Roger Carlton seconded. All others were polled. The motion passed unanimously. Councilmember Diana Simon also made a motion to accept the modified October 15, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes and Councilmember Roger Carlton seconded. All others were polled. The motion passed unanimously.

The third order of business was the approval of the November 12, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes. Councilmember Roger Carlton made a motion to approve, councilmember Diana Simon seconded. All others were polled. The motion passed unanimously.

The fourth order of business was the approval of the November 12, 2020 Closed Session Meeting Minutes. Councilmember Diana Simon made a motion to approve, Councilmember Kevin Haag seconded. All others were polled. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report/Tax Report: Town Administrator Kim Matheson presented the November 30, 2020 report. The general account balance is \$34,706.11; the water operating account balance is \$43,013.05. The tax collection in November was \$64,021.57. Past due water bills will be contacted again so we can collect prior billing as well. The current payment for the Water Meter Loan is \$926.57 and the total amount paid is \$4,632.85. We are working on the budget for the new loan and the payment we had budgeted for is well under the amount we are currently paying.

Request for Public Comment:

Property Owner Gross indicated his desire to comment.

Property Owner Gross stated his opinion about whether draft minutes should be published on the town website.

Old Business:

1. **Update of Santeetlah Lakeside Fire Hydrant Repair:** Councilmember Keith Predmore indicated that a repair may be underway today.
2. **Report from Jose Rosado on Lakeside Condominium Variance Requirements:** Councilmember Roger Carlton gave a brief update that pre-construction work continues.
3. **Report from Town Attorney on ETA for Legal Review of Draft Zoning Code Ordinance Amendments:** Attorney Brian Gulden spoke to Craig about this issue and he will be assisting Craig with this. February is a possibility for public meeting for Planning Board.
4. **Report on County Review of Cooperation Agreement:** It was recently declined. Councilmember Roger Carlton commented and suggests that it is critical this issue be reopened. Attorney Brian Gulden and Town Administrator Kim Matheson will reach out to the county to discuss what their concerns are.
5. **Status Report on Engagement Letter from Town Attorney:** The Town will be working with Craig Justus on this.

New Business:

1. **Increasing Water Rates:** Councilmember Keith Predmore suggested no action be taken at this time. This should be on the agenda for the January Council Meeting.
2. **Report from Zoning Administrator Regarding all activities in November:** Councilmember Roger Carlton would like an update on Hutsell from the Zoning Administrator. Kim Matheson indicated everything is okay for Hutsell to start building as long as he comes in and applies for a zoning certificate which has not been done. Letters will be sent out from the Zoning Administrator. Councilmember Keith Predmore recommended if this has not been done that we reach out to the attorney on the next steps. Brian Gulden stated a notice of violation should be sent as the next step.
3. **Easement Request for Tonya Bassett:** Councilmember Kevin Haag made a motion to decline the proposal before the Town Council. Councilmember Diana Simon seconded. All others were polled. The motion was passed unanimously. The issue was left open for an alternate plan that does not use the park.
4. **Resolution thanking Beth Fields for her service to the Stecoah Center:** Councilmember Roger Carlton volunteered to draft a resolution and invite her to the next Council Meeting and present that for her work to the Stecoah Center. Councilmember Roger Carlton made a motion for a resolution of appreciation for Beth Fields, Councilmember Diana Simon seconded. All others were polled. The motion was passed unanimously.

Public Comment:

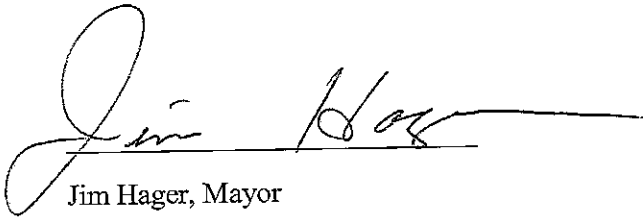
Property owner Gross comment as above.

Discussion:

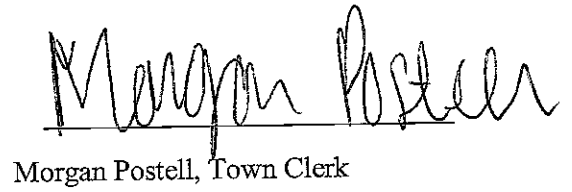
1. **Planning Board Update on Legal Review:** See Old Business Item #3.

Announcements: The next Town Council Meeting will be January 14, 2020 at 10AM. The meeting will be held by Zoom unless otherwise notified.

Meeting Adjourned: Councilmember Kevin Haag made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Diana Simon seconded. All others were polled. The motion was passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:16AM.

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Jim Hager, Mayor

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Morgan Postell, Town Clerk