Special Meeting

February 1, 2022

1:00p.m.

Attending: Mayor Rose Arndt, Council – Demont Grandy, Theresa Lewis, Shane Viehweg, Colby Peck by Zoom, Shane Pope, Justin Pope, Laura Pope, Mike Duran, Charles Dayton, Pam Grandy, Clerk Jody Harmon

1. Call to Order at 1:06p.m. by Mayor Rose Arndt
2. Motion by Councilman Grandy seconded by Councilwoman Lewis to adopt the agenda as written. Passed unanimously
3. Justin Pope Director of Public Works discussed the recommended EPA – Emergency Response training. He would like to have backup power for the town hall, shop, water and sewer. Scenarios were discussed with designations as to who would be called out first and the duties of each person. He suggested several staging areas in the town hall. He suggested to have a reverse 911 system. Justin would like to have mock exercises every six months and have several copies of the emergency plan in the different buildings, and the water and sewer plant. He also showed the survival backpacks provided by the city of Nibley for their workers. He suggested Cokeville provide backpacks as well. EPA is giving a seminar for 4 weeks. Justin will forward the information to everyone.
4. Mayor Rose Arndt handed out a copy of the new Kemmerer water/sewer rates and discussed the need for water meters. Councilman Grandy informed everyone of the approved WWDC grant for the water well, $276525 was approved for the well. Councilman Grandy stated that the main priority for this year is to drill the water well. Mayor Rose Arndt informed everyone about the Lincoln County solar project. She had attended the siting council hearings to discuss the impact fees for Cokeville. The siting Council approved $350,000 for roads, Police $135,000, Parks $82901.50, Water/Sewer $240000, for a total of $807,901.50. Mayor Arndt also stated that there will be impact fees release in 2023-24 from Exxon Mobile.
5. Charles Dayton presented the Cokeville Revitalization Plan to the council. He would like to have a plan to make the community better. He suggested to have a strategy for growth. Mayor Arndt suggested to actively annex property into the city limits might be something to look at for Cokeville. It was suggested to try to expand the city limits past the current houses. Charles suggested to have a strategy by looking at the current zoning laws and identify potential properties, maybe revise the current zoning ordinances if needed. Could also obtain input from people who are in the building industry. Three items to get started are audit what is available, annex properties and zone those properties. He summarized saying that a plan is needed that will survive elections so when new people are voted in, they can carry out the plan. If you would like fiber installed in your home you need to call All West Communications and ask for it. Laura Pope shared the plan for the WY Mainstreet project, lights will be installed around the park. If you would like to donate a light it is $2500 and your brand will by on the lamp post. She also talked about trees to be planted on main street with the approval of WY DOT. The project is approximately $150,000. Another project that she is working on is making the sidewalks ADA accessible, this project estimated at $300,000 (worse case scenario), the town would have to match 20%.

Charles summed up his remarks by saying the town needs:

List of priorities

Housing/land use plans

Auditing homes that are in dilapidation.

Streetscapes – Lighting

Trees

Park lights

Follow up on Fiber

The Co-Op would like to have someone come into town that would be willing to own and operate a grocery store.

It was discussed to develop the legion grounds but an easement for the roadway would need to be obtained first.

The Chamber of Commerce is planning an art show in the summer.

Councilman Grandy stated that right now the Town has 3 major projects, drilling the water well, installing fire hydrants, and gathering data for the GPS system. He stated that was plenty of projects without doing any more.

There are two houses on fifth street that would be considered dilapidated. This needs to be brought up in council meeting and discussed with Attorney Stout.

Shane Pope will contact Scott Scherbel for an updated zoning map.

1. Mayor Arndt will discuss police position on the February 8, 2022 at council meeting and would like Councilman Peck and Shane Pope to discuss the janitorial position.

Motion to adjourn at 5:28p.m. seconded by Councilman Viehweg. Passed unanimously.

Mayor Rose Arndt Clerk Jody Harmon