Minutes March 2, 2020

A regular meeting of the Minersville Town Council was held on March 2, 2020 at 5:00 pm at the Minersville Town Hall.

Council present: Mayor Caleb Evans, Kalie Stringer, Kade Blackner, Kolby Blackner and Brandon Wiseman. Public works supervisor Brandon Davis and Town Clerk Cherie Wood.
Visitors: Clay Carter, Les Whitney, Chris Craw, Dallin Smith and Bryton Langston.

Prayer was given by Caleb Evans

Mayor Caleb Evans called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm
Minutes: Kade Blackner made a motion to approve the minutes with a correction, Kolby Blackner seconded the motion; all voted in favor, the motion passed.

Dallin Smith asked the council for money to help him pay to attend Boys State this summer. Mayor Evans explained to Dallin that the town would need to have a service project from him before they could give him money. Dallin agreed to help with the horse shoe pit at the park. Kalie Stringer made a motion to give Dallin Smith $50.00 towards his Boys State tuition in return for the project at the park, Kolby Blackner seconded the motion; all voted in favor, the motion passed.

Fire house water usage: The water usage at the firehouse building has been very high in the summer months. The water used to fill the fire trucks does not run through the meter. The council is concerned that the sprinkler system has a leak or is watering way to long. Les Whitney is wondering if the meter is reading correctly. The meter has been checked and is reading correctly. Chris Craw is over the ground maintenance at the fire house and will make sure the sprinkler system is checked for leaks as soon as it is time to start watering. The council will re address the water usage this summer.

Review Public Works job applications and Lifeguard applications: The Council reviewed the applications. There are 4 application for the public works job and 5 applications for lifeguards.
The council would like to set up interviews for the public works applicants for Monday March 16. The council would like to leave the lifeguard job open for a while longer.

Brandon Davis has some information from the water conference that he would like to make the council aware of. The State will be changing some of the lead and copper testing in the next few years. The State is also wanting Cities and Towns to push more public awareness for back flow prevention in our water systems. Brandon will get more information to send out to all water customers stressing the importance to comply with back flow prevention regulations. The council also needs to put an order in place that states if customers are found not to be compliant with back flow regulations then the town can shut off their water.
Brandon contacted Jade Wayman about fixing the spring generator and he does not have time. The council would like Brandon to get some prices on a new generator.

Kolby Blackner would like to discuss the water rates and how much more revenue is needed for the town to make the payments on the new water bond. Kolby has been crunching some numbers and feels that if the town raises $2.50 on the base rate for each ERC, and raises the overage rate for each 1000 gals over 50,000 to $1.25 from $1.00 that it will provide enough revenue for the town to pay the bond payment and also provide money to run the water system efficiency for the next few years.
The Council would like to address this next month after they have all had time to think about it.

Kade Blackner would like to propose a road agreement with Beaver County for continued help with snow plowing, salting and grading our roads that were annexed into Minersville a few years ago, and also for the use of their equipment when the town needs it. Kade proposes that the town have an agreement written up, with the help of legal council stating that the town will pay the county $1500.00 yearly for their help. Kade also feels like it is importance to put at least a 10 year term in the agreement.
Kolby Blackner made a motion to approve this agreement proposal to be drawn up and $1500.00 set into the budget for next year, Brandon Wiseman seconded the motion; all voted in favor, the motion passed.

Kalie Stringer made a motion to approve a $400.00 budget for the Easter egg hunt for Minersville. Brandon Wiseman seconded the motion; all voted in favor the motion passed.

Bryton Langston had baseball practice so he was not able to be here at the beginning of the meeting with Dallin so he is here to ask the council if they will help support him in going to Boys State this summer with a donation. Mayor Evans explained to Bryton how the town cannot donate money unless a service project is done for the town. Mayor Evans asked Bryton if he was willing to help the other boys with the horse shoe pit at the park. Bryton agreed. Brandon Wiseman made a motion to give Bryton Langston $50.00 towards his tuition to Boys State in return for help with the project at the park. Kade Blackner seconded the motion; all voted in favor, the motion passed.

Other Business:
The council discussed the planning and zoning board, Cherie will post a notice here and at the post office asking if there is anyone interested in being on the board, in knowing that the council will choose and appoint.
Brandon Wiseman gave the council an update on the hospital board meeting that he attended.

Kade Blackner made a motion to adjourn and move into Executive Session pursuant to the provision of Utah Code 52-4-204. Kalie Stringer seconded the motion. Brandon Wiseman voted yes, Kolby Blackner voted yes, Kalie Stringer voted yes, Kade Blackner voted yes and Caleb Evans voted yes.

Mayor Caleb Evans reconvened back into regular session council meeting at 8:51 pm
Kolby Blackner made a motion to adjourn the council meeting, Kade Blackner seconded the motion all voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm

Cherie C. Wood

Minutes March 4, 2020

An Emergency Council meeting was held on March 4, 2020 at 5:00 pm at the Minersville Town Hall.

Council present: Mayor Caleb Evans, Kade Blackner, Kolby Blackner, Kalie Stringer and Brandon Wiseman. Public works supervisor Brandon Davis and Town Clerk Cherie Wood.
Vistor: Neil Craw

Prayer was given by Kolby Blackner

Mayor Caleb Evans opened the meeting at 5:04 pm stating that the only item on the agenda tonight is the Thermo Road cattle guard bid. After consulting legal council it was decided that the biding process that was conducted for the cattle guard was flawed and needs to be rescinded.
Kade Blackner would like to clarify and have on record that the process was not conducted illegally but because of the time of year that this came up, and due to weather related delays the cattle guard was not put into place in the time allotted to consider it an emergency situation.
Kalie Stringer made a motion to rescind the motion made to accept the cattle guard bid on February 3, 2020 from Rasmussen Excavation in the amount of $53,480.00 and advertise and rebid the project. Brandon Wiseman seconded the motion, Kalie Stringer voted yes, Brandon Wiseman voted yes, Kade Blackner opposed and Kolby Blackner opposed, Mayor Caleb Evans voted yes. The motion passed.

The council discussed finding an engineer, utilizing the in kind donation from Smithfield for the 40 hours of engineering service, to draw up a scope of work and have it ready for our to bid advertising as soon as possible.
The council also discussed moving the interviews for the public works job up to Monday March 9th so that the hiring can be scheduled for the March 16th meeting and plan to have the bidding process ready to be approved then also. Ask our legal council to attend the March 16th meeting.

Kade Blackner made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Kolby Blackner seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 pm

Cherie C. Wood

Minutes March 16, 2020

A regular meeting of the Minersville Town Council was held on Monday March 16, 2020 at 5:00 pm at the Minersville Town Hall.

Council present: Mayor Caleb Evans, Kade Blackner, Kolby Blackner, Kalie Stringer and Brandon Wiseman. Public Works Supervisor Brandon Davis and Town Clerk Cherie Wood.
Visitors: Shannon Terry and Hailey Blackner

Prayer given by Caleb Evans

Mayor Caleb Evans called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm
Minutes: Kolby Blackner made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 2, 2020 council meeting and the March 4, 2020 emergency council meeting without additions or corrections. Kade Blackner seconded the motion; all voted in favor, the motion passed.

Brandon Wiseman made a motion to move into executive session pursuant to the provisions of Utah Code 52-4-204, 52-4-205 for the discussion of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual; strategy to discuss collective bargaining. Kalie Stringer seconded the motion; Kolby Blackner voted yes, Kalie Stringer voted yes, Kade Blackner voted yes, Brandon Wiseman voted yes, Caleb Evans voted yes. Motion passed. Council moved into executive session at 5:03 pm.

Mayor Caleb Evans reconvened back into regular meeting at 6:01 pm

Library employee review: Kalie Stringer made a motion to give Hailey Blackner the library assistant a raise from $7.25 an hour to $8.25 an hour. Brandon Wiseman seconded the motion; Kade Blackner excused himself from the vote. Kolby Blackner voted yes, Brandon Wiseman voted yes, Kalie Stringer voted yes, Caleb Evans voted yes. Motion passed.

Public Works Assistant Job hiring: Kolby Blackner made a motion to hire Barry Marshall at a rate of $14.00 per hour at 32 hours a week, starting April 1, 2020. Kade Blackner seconded the motion; all voted in favor, the motion passed.

Cattle Guard on Thermo Road: Travis Hollingshead, Smithfields engineer drew up a scope of work and bid documents for the Town. The council discussed the documents and made a few additions to the scope of work. Brandon Wiseman made a motion to approve the bid documents with the additions to the scope of work with the approval of legal council. Kalie Stringer seconded the motion; all voted in favor. The motion passed.

Kolby Blackner: Water rates were discussed, the council would like to hold a public hearing before deciding on an amount, but with the recent situation with the COVID-19 virus the council decided it will have to wait a few months. Kolby is concerned about the spring generator and feels that it needs to be fixed. Brandon Davis will let Dallen Goff look at it and see if it possible for him to fix it, if he cant then Brandon will contact Wheeler and have it fixed. The Council will look into putting a new generator in the budget next year. Kolby was also concerned if we have enough chlorine tanks on backup for an emergency. Brandon has taken care of it and has 2 back up tanks ordered, so the town should be set for at least a 3 month supply replacing each tank as soon as one is empty.

Other Business:
The Council feels it necessary to close the Library and Town Office to the public in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the recommendation received by the Governor's office and the local health department.
The Town office staff will continue to work from 9-4 behind closed doors taking payments on line, drop box and mail.
Shannon Terry would like to donate her sick leave to Hailey Blackner so that she will not have to be in the library for the next two weeks while Shannon cleans and disinfects the library. The council agreed to let her.
Cherie will post closure on Facebook page and website along with notices around town.

Kade Blackner made a motion to adjourn, Kalie Stringer seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 Cherie C. Wood