



Meeting Minutes March 8, 2023

Attendees: MacKenzie Taylor, Austin Turner, Dean Smith, Jim Winkler, Ben Eldridge, Rick Pharis, Larry Randolph, Vernon Miller, Haley Hurst, Avery Ferguson, Ray Rodriguez, Robert Roa, Steve Ecker, Rhonda Adams.

Dean Smith called the meeting to order at 5:06pm. Dean made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023. Austin Turner seconded the motion. Upon voice vote this was unanimously approved.

**Water:** Dean asked Ben, how did things go when power was lost during the snow storm? Ben said, it wasn't a problem since we have a generator.

**Maintenance:** Avery was in attendance on behalf of Matt King not being able to make the meeting. Matt is still recovering from knee surgery. Avery mentioned, we had some serious weather come through on Friday and Saturday. Jim commended him and Austin on doing such a great job plowing for the Town.

Avery reported they have been patching holes and are already out of hole patch. The maintenance department has already gone through a trailer load.

Avery explained there was a complaint that was brought to his attention. During the snow storm a large pine tree was uprooted. This took place on South Jackson Street. Avery talked with the homeowner saying he will take whatever is in the road way. As for the rest, it is the homeowner's responsibility to have it cleaned up.

Avery and Matt both spoke with MacKenzie about alley's that are needing major work done in Town. Avery gave MacKenzie a map and highlighted the high priority alleys. The information has been given to Rick to get quotes. Avery mentioned the alley near his house is having issues with flooding/water going into his garage. Rick said, didn't we fix that one a couple of years ago? Avery replied, yeah. The water was going towards my neighbor's house and now it's coming my way. Rick suggested the Town should name the alleys and put-up signage. If the Town does this, we will be eligible to receive CCMG Funds.

**Marshal:** We have a speaker coming in Thursday from St. Joe County. He will be discussing scams and how to be alerted. This has been advertised around Town.

Ray mentioned he has been looking into the "flock cameras." He said, this would be beneficial for the Town to have one day. For one camera, it's \$3,000 a year. Ray said, they only store footage for 30 days because there's so much data. Jim asked, are grants available? Robert said, Jessica is looking into this for us.

The new speed sign is up and working. We just need to gather the data from it. Unfortunately, it isn't reading from both directions right now. We will call and get it figured out.

Robert said, we had the old one out, but it only lasted for two weeks. I asked about getting a bigger solar panel and to place it somewhere permanently. Vernon said, yeah of course we could do that.

**Park:** Ben said all is well. Dean asked, when is the first game? Ben said, practices start April. The first game should be in May. Jim told Ben, I would still like to go up to the park, check out equipment and drive around and see where gravel is needed. Ben said, I had some gravel delivered last week, it's out by the dumpster. Ben said, I'd like to get quotes to get a parking lot out there near the football field. It's a mud pit out there when it rains. Ben said, we have the TIF revenue. Technically, it can be spent in an area to the park. MacKenzie asked Ben, and you plan on getting permission from the RDC? Ben said, did you talk to Craig? MacKenzie replied, no, I spoke with other municipalities. RDC is in control of the TIF. Ben said, ok.

**Clerk Treasurer:** MacKenzie gave the Council January's bank rec. Suzy Bass has looked over MacKenzie's worked and signed off on it.

MacKenzie gave each Council member a quote for a new Xerox machine. MacKenzie explained, ours is not working consistently or efficiently. The cost for the new machine is \$2,057. MacKenzie told the Council she has \$4,000 in the budget from the CCI account to upgrade technology. Dean asked, is this what you guys need or similar to the one you have? MacKenzie replied yes. Techknowledgy came out and looked at our current machine and matched us with this one. It will have the same features as the old one. Dean asked, will they give us a discount for our old one? MacKenzie said, she isn't sure and would ask Techknowledgy. Dean made a motion to approve the expense to purchase a new Xerox machine. Austin seconded the motion. Upon voice vote this was unanimously approved.

MacKenzie gave the Council the Annual Financial Report for 2022. Suzy Bass helped MacKenzie on this on looked over her information. Joe Wells came in the week prior to put in the Town's assets for 2020, 2021, and 2022. The Town is officially caught up on assets.

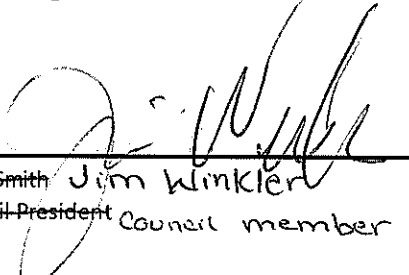
**New Business:** Rick said, I am working on the parking lots, alley, and garage doors. Hopefully, I'll have something for you at the next meeting. MacKenzie, you sent over an e-mail with the alleys that need to be worked on. Rick confirmed he could read what MacKenzie wrote on there just fine.

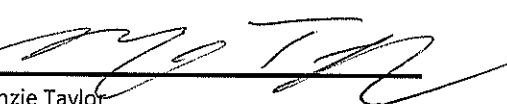
Rhonda Adams is here in regards to her water bill. Since the new meter has been put in, it keeps going up. Rhonda showed her past three month utility bills. Rhonda said, she just doesn't understand why it's so high, she is on a well. She asked, is my meter working properly? Rhonda continued, it's only my husband and I in that house. We both work during the day; how could

this be so high? The consumption for this month was 11,560 gallons. Ben said, I changed the meter in January. Rhonda said, seven days later after meeting you did change the meter. Ben did not detect any leaks when he was in the home and believes everything was functioning properly. Rhonda said, she has checked on everything and cannot detect a leak. Jim asked Rhonda, do you go down periodically and check to see if the meter is running? That could be an option. Rhonda was more than willing to try this but she just wasn't sure how to check and see if the meter was running. Ben said, it has a little red dial. Ben said, I told your husband that when I put that meter in and turned it back on and looked at it for thirty seconds, I didn't see it move. That doesn't mean there hasn't been an issue in the past 30 days. Rhonda told Ben, then maybe you should come and check it again. Ben sad, it's not my job, it's your job as the homeowner. Rhoda said, maybe you should have told me this when you were there. Ben said, I will schedule out ongoing appointments with you for every Monday. Ben said, he'd come every Monday at 7:30am and read the meter. Rhonda agreed that would be just fine. Steve Ecker asked Rhonda if she had a water softener? She replied, yes. Steve explained to Rhonda, that was his issue in the past and why he was receiving such a high water bill. It was cycling every hour. She said she would check on this as well. Dean and Jim tried to explain to Rhonda what to look for. Rhonda was appreciative and thanked them for helping her with this.

Steve started off by apologizing, he said I'm sorry, it's a pet peeve of mine. The flag has still not been replaced back at the park. Dean agreed, we should have a flag up. Avery thought he may have one that would fit. Vernon said, if not, let him know and he will go get one from the lumber yard. Dean asked, what do you do with the old flags? Steve said, he takes them and will dispose of them in the proper manner. Dean said, ok good. I want them destroyed properly after they're done being used.

Dean made a motion to pay bills. Austin seconded the motion. Upon voice vote it was unanimously approved. Austin made the motion to adjourn. Dean seconded the motion to adjourn. Upon voice vote it was unanimously approved to adjourn.

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Dean Smith Jim Winkler  
Council President Council member 4-12-2023

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MacKenzie Taylor  
Clerk Treasurer

Dean Smith was unable to attend the 4-12-2023 meeting. Jim (past president) ran the meeting. Jim motioned to adopt the meeting. Austin Turner seconded the motion.