

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DUNCAN COMMON COUNCIL
THURSDAY, JULY 30, 2020; 5:15 PM
DUNCAN TOWN HALL; 506 SE OLD WEST HIGHWAY**

CALL TO ORDER: MAYOR THURMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 5:16 PM.

ROLL CALL: COUNCILMEMBER JILL WEARNE, MAYOR ANNE THURMAN, TOWN MANAGER JOHN BASTEEN, JR. ARE PRESENT. VICE-MAYOR VALERIE SMITH IS PRESENT BY COMPUTER (ZOOM MEETING) AND TOWN ATTORNEY JOHN GRIFFITH IS PRESENT BY PHONE. QUORUM PRESENT.

- 1. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 20-07-30 ACCEPTING THE FY 2021 FINAL BUDGET: VICE-MAYOR VALERIE SMITH MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE FY 2021 FINAL BUDGET. COUNCILMEMBER JILL WEARNE SECONDED. ALL FAVORED. MOTION CARRIED.**

- 2. CONSENT AGENDA: COUNCILMEMBER WEARNE** ASKED ABOUT THE CHECK WRITTEN TO ROSANNA LOPEZ, FMI WATER LINE EASEMENT FOR \$17,500. THE MANAGER SAID THAT WAS TAKEN OUT OF A GRANT.

SHE ALSO ASKED ABOUT U.S. BANK EQUIPMENT FOR A 2012 CATERPILLAR FOR \$2447.88. THE MANAGER SAID THAT IS FOR A LOADER THAT THEY GOT FINANCED.

SHE ALSO SAID THEY ARE STILL SEEING LATE FEES ON CARDMEMBER SERVICES. HE SAID THEY GOT RID OF THE CHEVRON CARD BECAUSE THEY ONLY HAVE A FEW DAYS TO SEND IT BACK, SO HE CANCELED THE CARD. HE SAID ON CARDMEMBER SERVICES THEY HAD A QUESTION ON THE BILLING, SO THEY DID NOT GET THE BILL PAYED ON TIME. COUNCILMEMBER WEARNE SAID THERE WAS ALSO A LATE FEE ON HOME DEPOT. THE MANAGER SAID THE LATE FEE WAS PROBABLY FROM THE PREVIOUS MONTH, SO THERE SHOULD NOT BE ONE THIS TIME.

COUNCILMEMBER WEARNE ALSO ASKED ABOUT THE USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PAYMENT. THE MANAGER SAID THAT IS A BILL FOR THEIR WATER BONDS, WHICH THEY PAY IN JUNE AND IN DECEMBER.

VICE-MAYOR SMITH SAID SHE HAD A QUESTION ABOUT THE MINUTES FOR THE JUNE 25TH REGULAR MEETING AND THE EMERGENCY MEETING FROM JUNE 30TH. SHE SAID IT LOOKS LIKE THERE ARE TWO MEETINGS COMBINED AND WANTED TO KNOW IF THAT IS THE CASE. THE CLERK SAID THEY HAVE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING AND THE EMERGENCY MEETING, BUT THEY ARE NOT COMBINED. SHE SAID SHE ABBREVIATED THE EMERGENCY MEETING, BECAUSE THEY WERE SO MUCH ALIKE. AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION THE VICE-MAYOR WAS OKAY WITH THE MINUTES, SHE JUST NEEDED SOME CLARIFICATION AND SHE DOES SEE WHERE SHE VOTED NO FOR THE 4TH OF JULY EVENTS AND SHE IS OKAY WITH THAT.

VICE-MAYOR VALERIE SMITH MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CONSENT AGENDA. COUNCILMEMBER JILL WEARNE SECONDED. ALL FAVORED. MOTION CARRIED.

- 3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC: SUZANNE MENGES** REPORTED THAT HUMAN SEX TRAFFICKING IS A DIFFICULT THING TO THINK ABOUT ESPECIALLY WHEN YOUTH ARE INVOLVED AND IT IS ALSO HARD TO RECOGNIZE IN OUR COMMUNITY. SARA MCCARGISH FROM MORENCI HAS BROUGHT

TO THE ATTENTION OF MANY IN OUR COMMUNITY THAT THE KINDS OF HIGHWAYS AND ROADS THAT WE HAVE IN GREENLEE COUNTY ARE WHAT ATTRACTS THE TRAVELING AND TRANSPORTATION OF THESE UNFORTUNATE INDIVIDUALS, ESPECIALLY CHILDREN. THE TRAFFICKERS TEND TO STAY OFF THE MAIN HIGHWAYS AND GO INTO THE BACK BYWAYS. A GROUP OF PEOPLE HAVE RECOGNIZED THIS AND THERE ARE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO ARE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THIS. SHE ENCOURAGED THE COUNCIL TO TUNE IN OR BRING A LAWN CHAIR AND MASK AND LISTEN TO THE PRESENTATION THAT IS GOING TO BE MADE TOMORROW AT 4:00 PM IN CENTENNIAL PARK.

SHE SAID THEY HAVE PROBABLY HEARD OF HER, BUT SARA HAS BEEN AN ADVOCATE AND IS NOW AN EMPLOYEE FOR THE BEAUTY TO ASHES RANCH SOMEWHERE IN SOUTHERN ARIZONA. THEY DON'T ADVERTISE THE LOCATION BECAUSE OF SECURITY PURPOSES. IT IS CALLED A RECOVERY RANCH FOR YOUNG WOMEN WHO HAVE BEEN SOLD AND THEN RESCUED OUT OF SEX TRAFFICKING. SHE SAID IT IS A SAFE PLACE AND A THERAPUTIC RANCH WITH COUNSILORS. SHE SAID IT IS STILL A GOAL AND THEY ARE STILL FUND RAISING, BUT THEY HAVE THE RANCH AND THE MATERIALS AND THEY ARE STARTING TO USE LABOR, IT IS A WORK IN PROGRESS. SARA HAUGHT FROM PIMA COUNTY IS ANOTHER PERSON WHO IS INVOLVED. THEIR STORIES, AS THEY HAVE GONE ACROSS THE COUNTRY ARE VERY HEART BREAKING, BUT VERY MOTIVATING TOO. SUZANNE SAID THERE IS A PIPELINE THAT COMES THROUGH OUR STATE AND THERE IS A GLIMMER OF HOPE IN THIS AWARENESS. SHE SAID BRING YOUR OWN LAWN CHAIR, SOCIAL DISTANCE AND WEAR A MASK, BECAUSE COVID DOES NOT RECOGNIZE THIS KIND OF THING.

4. **MAYOR'S REPORT:** THE MAYOR SAID SHE WANTED TO TAKE A MOMENT AND ACKNOWLEDGE AND GIVE OUR CONDOLENCES TO THE DIXON FAMILY. SHE SAID WE LOST A VERY PROMINENT MEMBER OF OUR COMMUNITY THIS WEEK. SHE HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN MANY DIFFERENT THINGS. SHE SAID SHE AND JILL HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH SANDI FOR THE FIRE DISTRICT ANNEXATION. SHE WAS A VERY INTRICATE PART IN SEEING THAT IT HAPPENED. THEY HAD TRIED FOR YEARS AND IT WAS A GOOD GROUP OF PEOPLE. SHE SAID SHE WILL TRULY BE MISSED.
5. **COUNCIL REPORTS:** VICE-MAYOR SMITH SAID SHE HAD NOTHING TO REPORT. COUNCILMEMBER WEARNE HAD NOTHING TO REPORT.
6. **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:** THEY HAVE STILL BEEN FOCUSING ON CLEANING UP AROUND TOWN. THEY ARE LOOKING AT GETTING SOME HOT MIX AND PAVE CHAPARRAL ROAD, THEY HAVE BEEN FILLING POT HOLES THERE FOR THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR, SO IT IS NOT SO ROUGH OUT THERE. HE SAID THAT WILL BE ONGOING UNTIL SCHOOL STARTS, THEY WILL TRY TO GET THAT TAKEN CARE OF THE BEST THEY CAN.
HE ALSO REPORTED THAT THEY HAVE BEEN WORKING ON GRANTS WITH THE AZCARES FUND. HE SAID THEIR ALLOCATION WAS \$90,000 AND HE SUBMITTED THE \$50,000 AND HE HAD QUESTIONS ON THE OTHER \$40,000 AND WHAT THEY CAN SPEND IT ON AND HAD A MEETING WITH THEM TODAY AND THEY ARE GOING TO WORK WITH US. HE SAID IT IS STILL NOT AN OPEN, THEY ONLY GAVE HIM A FEW SELECTIONS. HE NEEDS TO TRY TO GET SOME IDEAS PUT TOGETHER ON WHAT THEY CAN SPEND IT ON. THEY WANT THE TOWN TO GET A FULL \$90,000 ALLOCATION. THE MAYOR ASKED IF HE WOULD LIKE COUNCIL TO RECOMMEND. HE SAID HE WILL SEND OUT AN

EMAIL, RIGHT NOW IT IS LIMITED TO WHAT THEY CAN SPEND IT ON. HE SAID HE HAS SOME IDEAS, BUT HE WILL SEND THEM THE EMAIL. THE MANAGER SAID IT IS MONEY THAT HAS TO BE SPENT THIS YEAR.

7. REPORT ON CURRENT EVENTS:

- **DUNCAN PUBLIC LIBRARY**
- **DUNCAN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT**
- **GREENLEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:** SUPERVISOR LUNT SAID THAT THE PASSING OF SANDI DIXON WAS A SHOCK TO US ALL. SHE WAS AN INTRICATE PART OF THE WOMENS CLUB AND HELD A STATE OFFICE.

HE REPORTED THAT THEY PASSED THEIR FINAL BUDGET ON WEDNESDAY AND SET THE FINAL TAX RATE. THEY WERE ABLE TO SET THE PRIMARY AND SECONDARY TAX RATE AT \$1.07.44 DOWN FROM \$1.23 FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR WITH A DECREASE OF ABOUT 13%. HE SAID THERE ARE TWO REASONS THEY WERE ABLE TO DO THAT. OUR EVALUATIONS ON REAL PROPERTY COMES OUT IN FEBRUARY AND FREEPORT WHO IS ALMOST 95% OF THEIR TAX RATE, THEIR ASSESSED VALUE WENT UP OVER \$80 MILLION. IT IS ON IT'S WAY DOWN, BUT THEY HAVE OVER \$80 MILLION OVER WHAT THEY HAD LAST YEAR, SO THEY WERE ABLE TO LOWER THE TAX RATE ABOUT \$.16. THE OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS STEPPED UP FOR A TEAM EFFORT AND SOME OF THE CAPITAL THINGS ON THE FIVE-YEAR PLAN WERE TAKEN OFF AND THEY WERE ABLE TO CUT THEIR BUDGET BY ABOUT \$600,000.

THEY MET ABOUT THE FAIR AND LENDSEY AND THE YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS THAT HELPED COME UP WITH A PLAN THAT WOULD ALLOW THEM TO HAVE A SHOW OF THE ANIMALS AND AN AUCTION ONLY, THEY ARE NOT DOING ANYTHING ELSE. THURSDAY NIGHT WILL BE THE HOG SHOW AND FRIDAY THEY WILL SHOW THE LAMBS, SHEEP AND STEERS WILL BE SHOWN. THEY WILL COME BACK ON SATURDAY WITH A MIXTURE OF VIRTUAL AND LIVE AUCTION. HE SAID IT IS NOT WHAT THEY WANTED, BUT THEY WANT TO ALLOW THE YOUTH WHO WORK SO HARD ON THOSE. THEY TOLD THEM LAST SPRING TO GO AHEAD AND RAISE THEIR ANIMALS AND THEY WOULD DO SOMETHING AND THEY ARE. HE SAID HE APPRECIATES EVERYONE INVOLVED IN THIS. HE HAS BEEN GETTING CALLS FROM ALL OVER THE STATE WANTING TO KNOW WHAT THEY WERE GOING TO DO AND HE THINKS THEY HAVE COME UP WITH A GOOD PLAN. HE THANKED THE COUNCIL FOR SERVING THE COMMUNITY IN THE BEST WAY THEY CAN.

- **GREENLEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

8. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL TO ACCEPT SUSAN D. RIOS' RESIGNATION FROM THE TOWN

COUNCIL: THE MAYOR SAID SHE RECEIVED A RESIGNATION LETTER FROM SUSAN. SHE READ THAT TO THE PUBLIC. COUNCILMEMBER WEARNE SAID SHE GOT TO KNOW SUSAN ON THE FIRE DISTRICT ANNEXATION. SHE SAID SHE WAS QUITE IMPRESSED WITH HER. SHE CAME TO TOWN AND WAS READY TO GO TO WORK TO MAKE THE TOWN A BETTER PLACE. SHE SAID THERE IS ALWAYS A NEED IN DUNCAN AND SHE FELL IN LOVE WITH HER RIGHT AWAY, BUT SHE NEEDS TO STEP OUT AND TAKE CARE OF HER HUSBAND RIGHT NOW.

VICE-MAYOR SMITH SAID HER HEART IS HEAVY FOR THEM AND SHE CAN'T IMAGINE HAVING TO MAKE THOSE KINDS OF CHOICES, SHE JUST HOPES THEY FIND A LIGHT IN ALL OF THIS AT SOME

POINT AND STAY STRONG. THEY ALL LOVED HAVING HER ON THE COUNCIL. **COUNCILMEMBER JILL WEARNE MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT SUSAN D. RIOS' RESIGNATION FROM THE TOWN COUNCIL. VICE-MAYOR VALERIE SMITH SECONDED. ALL FAVORED. MOTION CARRIED.**

9. **CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL TO RENT OUT THE BAKERY:** MANAGER BASTEEN SAID THEY HAVE A GENTLEMAN THAT WOULD LIKE TO RENT OUT THE BAKERY. HE WENT TO SCHOOL FOR CULINARY ARTS AND HE WANTS TO SETUP THE BAKERY AND RENT IT. THE MANAGER SAID THEY HAVE RENTED IT OUT PRETTY CHEAP IN THE PAST. THEY HAVE RENTED IT OUT FOR \$100 TO MAKE SURE THEY WOULD SURVIVE. HE SAID HE WAS GOING TO LEAVE IT UP TO COUNCIL TO DECIDE WHAT THEY WANT TO RENT IT FOR, BUT HE WANTED TO SEE IF THEY WOULD ALLOW THIS GENTLEMAN TO RENT IT. COUNCILMEMBER WEARNE WANTED TO KNOW IF THEY PAY THEIR OWN UTILITIES. MANAGER BASTEEN SAID THEY PAY THEIR OWN ELECTRICITY AND WATER AND RENT.

COUNCILMEMBER WEARNE WANTED TO KNOW IF HE IS A DUNCAN RESIDENT. MANAGER BASTEEN SAID HE IS FROM MORENCI. SHE WANTED TO KNOW IF HE IS RUNNING SOMETHING IN MORENCI. MANAGER BASTEEN SAID NO, NOT CURRENTLY, HE CAME DOWN DURING THE 4TH OF JULY AND SAW IT WAS SETTING THERE AND HE GOT IN TOUCH WITH HIM. HE IS WILLING TO MAKE SAMPLES TO LET THE COUNCIL SAMPLE HIS PRODUCT.

VICE-MAYOR SMITH SAID SHE THINKS IT IS IN A CONDITION THAT CAN BE OCCUPIED, SHE THINKS THIS IS THE DIRECTION THEY ARE TRYING TO GO WITH ALL THE PROPERTIES THAT THEY HAVE, BUT SHE ALSO LIKES THE IDEA OF GROWING THAT AFTER A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF TIME. SHE SAID THE STATISTICS FOR MOST RESTAURANTS IS THEY MOST LIKELY FAIL WITHIN THE FIRST TWO YEARS, SO SHE PERSONALLY WOULDN'T MIND \$100 FOR THE FIRST YEAR AND \$200 A MONTH FOR THE SECOND YEAR AND THEN GO UP TO \$400 OR \$500 A MONTH. SHE SAID THAT WOULD BE HER RECOMMENDATION. MAYOR THURMAN SAID SHE THINKS THAT IS REASONABLE AND SHE AGREES. MANAGER BASTEEN WANTED TO KNOW IF THEY WANT TO CHARGE THE \$100 AND THEN THE \$200 AND THEN SEE FROM THERE. MAYOR THURMAN SAID THEN THEY COULD RE-EVALUATE. VICE-MAYOR SMITH SAID YES. **VICE-MAYOR VALERIE SMITH MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE TO RENT OUT THE BAKERY. COUNCILMEMBER JILL WEARNE SECONDED. ALL FAVORED. MOTION CARRIED.**

TOWN ATTORNEY JOHN GRIFFITH SAID HE WAS LOOKING IN THE TOWN CODEBOOK TO SEE IF THERE WAS SOMETHING STATING THAT THEY HAD TO GO OUT TO BID. HE DOESN'T SEE ANYTHING ABOUT THAT EXCEPT HE WOULD LIMIT THE CONTRACT AMOUNT TO NOT BE IN EXCESS OF \$2,000, BECAUSE THERE IS A SECTION OF THE CODE REQUIRING SEALED BIDS FOR PURCHASES OR CONTRACTS IN EXCESS OF \$2,000 UNDER THE POWERS AND DUTIES SECTION. THAT IS HIS ONLY ADVICE ON THAT. VICE-MAYOR SMITH ASKED IF THAT IS \$2,000 FOR A YEAR, BECAUSE IF THIS IS ON A MONTHLY BASIS, ARE THEY TOTALING IT FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR. THE MANAGER SAID FOR THE FIRST YEAR THEY WILL BE OKAY, BUT HE WILL HAVE TO LOOK AT IT FOR THE SECOND YEAR.

10. **CONTINUING EDUCATION ON COVID 19:** MANAGER BASTEEN SAID HE ASKED THE CLERK ABOUT THIS AND SHE SAID IT WAS REQUESTED TO BE ON THE AGENDA, SO HE DOES NOT KNOW. THE CLERK SAID TO LOOK AT PAGE 7, ITEM 7 COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON MADE A MOTION, SHE WAS HOPING TO GET MATT BOLLINGER AT THE MEETING.

VICE-MAYOR SMITH SAID SHE WOULD LIKE TO RECOMMEND THAT SOME OF THEIR AZCARES MONEY GO TO, JUST TO FUNNEL PROPER INFORMATION, BECAUSE WHAT SHE IS SEEING IS OPINIONS BEING MADE ON OLD RESEARCH OR THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN PROVEN INCORRECT. WITH COVID 19 IT IS A GLOBAL EFFORT OF RESEARCHERS AND SCIENTISTS AND VIROLOGISTS AND IMMUNOLOGISTS AND ALL THE LABS THAT THEY HAVE BEEN WORKING ON PERHAPS ON OTHER THINGS HAVE ALL CEASED AND HAVE STARTED TO FIGURE OUT THIS VIRUS, BECAUSE THEY ARE FINDING THAT IT IS EFFECTING MUCH MORE THAN WHAT THEY ORIGINALLY REALIZED. WITH THE CONSTANT STREAM OF INFORMATION ONE PERSON IS NOT CAPABLE OF KEEPING UP WITH THE TIMES. SHE FEELS IT IS THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE SURE OUR CITIZENS KNOW HOW TO PROTECT THEMSELVES 100% OF THE TIME. THEY CAN'T FORCE PEOPLE TO WEAR MASK, THAT IS FINE, BUT SHE REALLY WANTS TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYONE UNDERSTANDS WHAT IS HAPPENING. SHE SAID IT IS SLOW GOING OUT HERE AND WITH GRAHAM COUNTY SHOOTING UP THOSE FEW HUNDRED ACTIVE CASES AND MOST OF US GO TO GRAHAM COUNTY AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK FOR OUR SHOPPING THAT SHE THINKS THAT WE REALLY NEED TO MAKE SURE OUR CITIZENS UNDERSTAND ALL THAT THEY CAN INFORM THEM WITH INFORMATION THAT IS ACCURATE AND UP-TO-DATE. SHE REALLY THINKS THAT SOME OF OUR AZCARES MONEY SHOULD GO TO EDUCATING OUR CITIZENS. AND ENSURING THAT THEY KNOW MORE ABOUT THE RISK THAT ARE COMING TO BE APPARENT.

COUNCILMEMBER WEARNE SAID THEY ALL NEED TO BE MORE AWARE OF WHAT'S GOING ON, IT IS EVERYTHING FROM YOU DON'T KNOW YOU HAVE IT TO IT IS STILL KILLING. LUCKILY THE DEATH RATES ARE DOWN TREMENDOUSLY, BUT SHE KNOWS TWO WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY, SO IT IS GETTING CLOSER AND CLOSER TO HOME AND WHEN IT COMES TO CONTINUING EDUCATION, SHE THINKS IT DEPENDS ON WHERE YOU GET YOUR SOURCES FROM, SO YOU CAN GET FEAR TO COMPLETE CHAOS, SO THEY ALL NEED TO AGREE WHERE THEY ARE GOING TO GET THEIR INFORMATION FROM. VICE-MAYOR SMITH SAID SHE WOULD PERSONALLY LIKE SUMMARIES OF SCIENTIFIC JOURNALS OR WHOLE REVIEWS OF PEIR REVIEWED SCIENCE THAT'S OCCURING. SHE SAID THERE IS ONE OUT THERE THAT IS EASY TO READ THAT WALKS YOU THROUGH THE ENTIRE PROCESS OF ALL THE STRIDES THAT HAVE BEEN MADE. SHE SAID IT IS STILL A GRIM PAPER BECAUSE IT BASICALLY SAYS IT DOES NOT CARE WHO YOU ARE OR WHAT YOU DO. IT BASICALLY SAYS YOU ARE GOING TO GET THIS VIRUS AND WE DON'T KNOW HOW YOUR IMMUNE SYSTEM IS GOING TO EITHER ATTACK YOU OR YOU ARE GOING TO DIE BECAUSE OF THE VIRUS ITSELF. SHE SAID SHE THINKS THEY NEED TO NOT FOCUS ON WHAT THE MEDIA IN GENERAL HAS TO SAY, BUT WHAT THE SCIENCE HAS TO SAY. SHE SAID STARTING WITH THE CDC, WITH W.H.O., WITH THE SCIENCE JOURNALS THAT ARE COMING OUT. SHE SAID SO MANY OF THEM ARE TRYING TO MAKE SURE IT CAN BE UNDERSTOOD BY MORE PEOPLE THAN JUST SCIENTISTS AND DOCTORS. THEY NEED TO ACCUMMULATE THOSE TYPES OF ARTICLES AND GET OUR CITIZENS INFORMED WITH THAT RESEARCH. SHE IS NOT ONE TO SHARE ANYTHING THAT SHE DOES NOT THINK HAS BEEN ACCURATELY PROCESSED AND VETTED BY THE SCIENCE INDUSTRY AND SHE THINKS THAT IS THE WAY TO GO WITH THE EDUCATION ASPECT.

MAYOR THURMAN ASKED IF SHE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE COME IN, EVEN IF IT IS NOT MR. BOLLINGER. MAYBE COME IN FOR A MEETING AND GIVE AN UPDATE OR INFO THAT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR OUR COMMUNITY. SHE SAID IT IS SOMETHING THAT IS NOT GOING TO GO AWAY TOMORROW. SHE SAID SHE WOULD RATHER

THAT THE INFORMATION COME TO US FROM THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT OR HEALTH SERVICES. THEY CAN ADD THIS TO THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING.

AT 6:10 P.M., COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON JOINED THE MEETING BY PHONE AND SAID SHE AGREES THAT THE TOWN NEEDS TO BE PROACTIVE IN COVID EDUCATION AS WELL. **COUNCILMEMBER JILL WEARNE MADE A MOTION TO PLACE ITEM 10 ON THE AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING. VICE-MAYOR VALERIE SMITH SECONDED. ALL FAVORED. MOTION CARRIED.**

- 11. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #20-07-31 TO SUBMIT APPLICATION AND IMPLEMENT CDBG PROJECTS:** MAYOR THURMAN READ THE RESOLUTION TO THE PUBLIC. SHE SAID EVERYONE IS AWARE THAT THEY ALREADY HAVE A CDBG PROJECT FOR PLANNING. SHE SAID THIS IS THE SECOND PART OF IT, THE ACTUAL PAVING OF CHAPARRAL AND MCGRATH. **VICE-MAYOR VALERIE SMITH MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #20-07-31 TO SUBMIT APPLICATION AND IMPLEMENT CDBG PROJECTS. COUNCILMEMBER JILL WEARNE SECONDED. ALL FAVORED INCLUDING COUNCILMEMBER DEBORAH MENDELSON. MOTION CARRIED.**

- 12. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL TO ADD CHANGE RATES FOR SERVICES:** THE MANAGER SAID ALL OF THE RATES FOR SERVICES ARE OUTDATED. THERE ARE PRICES IN THE CODEBOOK FOR SERVICES AND LAB SERVICES HE WOULD LIKE TO CHANGE RATES ON. HE SAID IT IS NOTHING ON THE MONTHLY BILL, JUST SPECIAL SERVICES. HE WOULD LIKE THE COUNCIL TO GIVE HIM AUTHORITY TO GO THROUGH THAT BOOK AND CHANGE THE FEES.
- VICE-MAYOR SMITH SAID SHE THINKS THEY SHOULD GO TO \$500 ON THE OPERATOR FEE. COUNCILMEMBER WEARNE ASKED WHAT THE RATE IS NOW. THE MANAGER SAID IT IS SET AT \$300 RIGHT NOW. HE SAID A GUY OUT OF SAFFORD THAT DOES OUR SEWER CHARGES \$500 AND NEVER COMES OUT OR ANYTHING, IT IS JUST A LICENSE ON THE WALL. HE SAID THE STATE CHARGES \$300 PER LICENSE AND HE HOLDS FOUR, SO THAT IS \$1200 EVERY THREE YEARS AND THEN THEY HAVE TO CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION. COUNCILMEMBER WEARNE ASKED IF THE PEOPLE PICK US BECAUSE OF OUR PRICES. THE MANAGER SAID BASICALLY THEY ARE THE ONLY ONES IN GREENLEE AND GRAHAM COUNTY THAT TEST. MANAGER BASTEEN SAID THEY ARE GIVEN A LIST OF OPERATORS AND THE TOWN ALSO HAS A LAB. MAYOR THURMAN SAID THAT MOST OPERATORS DO NOT HAVE A LAB, SO THAT IS A PLUS.
- COUNCILMEMBER WEARNE WANTED TO KNOW HOW MANY TIMES DOES HE CHARGE \$100. HE SAID IT IS MONTHLY, JUST LIKE THE GENTLEMAN THAT CHARGES THE TOWN \$500, IT IS MONTHLY. VICE-MAYOR SMITH WANTED TO KNOW HOW MANY CUSTOMERS DOES THE TOWN HAVE THAT ARE PAYING THIS. THE MANAGER SAID SEVEN. THE MAYOR WANTED TO KNOW IF HE IS THE OPERATOR FOR ALL OF THOSE. HE SAID YES. COUNCILMEMBER WEARNE SAID SHE DOESN'T WANT TO PUSH THE CUSTOMERS OVER TO THE GUY IN SAFFORD. HE SAID HE CHARGES \$100 FOR A TRIP CHARGE. HE SAID THERE IS AN EXTRA CHARGE TO COME IN ON THE WEEKEND. THE MAYOR SAID THE REALTORS USUALLY WANT THEIR RESULTS IMMEDIATELY AND THERE ARE LOTS OF TIMES WHEN THEY CALL ON A FRIDAY AND NEED ONE DONE. THAT WOULD BE AFTER HOURS FEES, BECAUSE THESE TEST WHEN THEY GO IN HAVE TO INCUBATE FOR 24 HOURS. IF YOU RUN A TEST ON FRIDAY, YOU STILL HAVE TO COME IN ON SATURDAY. COUNCILMEMBER WEARNE ASKED WHAT THE AFTER HOURS FEES ARE. THE MANAGER SAID RIGHT NOW THEY DON'T HAVE ANYTHING. HE SAID VERDE LEE GOT RID OF THEIR OPERATOR. HE WAS CHARGING THEM \$800 A MONTH AND HE WAS GETTING OTHER INCENTIVES. HE SAID \$300 OR \$400 IS STILL PRETTY

CHEAP. COUNCILMEMBER WEARNE ASKED IF THEY EVER HAVE ANYBODY NOT PAY THEIR BILL. THE MANAGER SAID THEY WANT THE RESULTS AND THEY DON'T HAVE TO SEND THOSE IF THEY DON'T PAY. HE SAID THEY NEED THE RESULTS TO CLOSE. COUNCILMEMBER WEARNE SAID SHE THINKS THERE SHOULD BE AN INCREASE ON THOSE.

THE CLERK SAID ANYTHING THAT NEEDS TO BE CHANGED IN THE CODEBOOK HAS TO HAVE A FIRST AND SECOND READING AND PUBLISHED TWICE. SHE SAID SHE IS NOT SURE WHAT ALL IS IN THE CODEBOOK. THE MANAGER SAID IT WOULD BASICALLY BE SERVICES TO HOOK-UPS AND THE CEMETERY PLOTS, WHICH HE WOULD LIKE TO RAISE AS WELL, BECAUSE THEY ARE STILL PRETTY CHEAP AND THE CURBING COSTS. COUNCILMEMBER WEARNE WANTED TO KNOW HOW MUCH THEY CHARGE FOR CONCRETE. THE MANAGER SAID \$526. COUNCILMEMBER WEARNE SAID THAT DOES NOT PAY FOR LABOR. HE SAID IF THEY HAD THREE OR FOUR CURBINGS TO DO, THEN IT WOULD BE WORTH IT TO HAVE THEM BRING OUT A TRUCK LOAD OF CEMENT. HE SAID WITH ONE, BAGGED CEMENT WOULD BE THE WAY TO GO. COUNCILMEMBER WEARNE WANTED TO KNOW IF THEY HAVE FORMS OR A CURBING MACHINE. HE SAID IT WOULD BE FORMS. HE SAID 6 HOURS OF LABOR AT \$25 PER HOUR AND THE COST OF THE BAGS OF MATERIAL AND REBAR AND HE CAME UP WITH \$6 A FOOT OR \$480, WHICH THEY WOULD PROBABLY JUST CHARGE \$500 FOR A 20' X 20' BLOCK. HE SAID PEOPLE HAVE THE OPTION TO POUR THEIR OWN, THEY WILL MARK WHERE THE CURBING NEEDS TO BE.

HE SAID THERE ARE OTHER THINGS THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO ADD CHARGES TO, LIKE CHARGING PEOPLE OUTSIDE OF TOWN LIMITS FOR A TRANSMISSION FEE, TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO BE ANNEXED IN. HE SAID THERE ARE TWO GENTLEMEN WHO WANT TO BUILD FROM 14 TO 20 HOUSES OUTSIDE OF TOWN LIMITS. THEY HAVE ASKED FOR WATER AND SEWER ALREADY AND HE TOLD THEM HE WILL HAVE TO SEE IF THEY CAN GET SOME MONEY. HE SAID HE IS LOOKING FOR A MOTION TO ALLOW HIM TO MAKE CHANGES AND HE WILL EMAIL THE COUNCIL AND THEY CAN GIVE HIM THEIR THOUGHTS ON THE PRICES, THEN AT THE NEXT MEETING IT WILL BE READ.

VICE-MAYOR VALERIE SMITH MADE A MOTION TO ALLOW THE MANAGER THE ABILITY TO ADD AND CHANGE RATES FOR VARIOUS SERVICES UPON THE COUNCIL'S APPROVAL AT THE NEXT MEETING. COUNCILMEMBER JILL WEARNE SECONDED. ALL FAVORED. MOTION CARRIED.

- 13. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR GRANTS TO INCLUDE HAZARD PAY FOR EMPLOYEES:** THE MANAGER SAID DEMA HAS GRANTS OUT THERE THAT THEY ARE GOING TO GO AFTER, IT'S NOT JUST FOR HAZARD PAY, BUT IT IS IN THOSE GRANTS AND THEY CANNOT GO ABOVE 25%. THE GRANT WOULD INCLUDE SPENDING MONEY TO EDUCATE PEOPLE ON COVID 19 AND TO OFFSET COSTS TO HIRE EMPLOYEES AS WELL. HE SAID THE GUYS AND GIRLS HAVE NOT STOPPED AND HE DOES APPRECIATE THAT CONSIDERING UNEMPLOYMENT PAY WAS HIGH, SOME PEOPLE WERE MAKING \$800 TO \$900 MORE THAN OUR EMPLOYEES ON A PAYCHECK. HE SAID SOME WERE MAKING \$1400 TO \$1500 ON A PAYCHECK. HE SAID THE EMPLOYEES STAYED AND THEY COULD HAVE ASKED IF THEY COULD BE FURLOUGHED, BUT THEY HAVE BEEN HERE THE WHOLE TIME. HE SAID THEY AGREED NOT TO DO ANY RAISES AND THIS WOULD NOT TOUCH THE TOWN BUDGET, BECAUSE THE GRANT CAN BE TURNED DOWN. THE MAYOR WANTED TO KNOW IF IT WOULD BE A ONE TIME DEAL. THE MANAGER SAID IT WOULD BE BASED OFF THEIR WAGES AND MOST OF THIS RUNS OUT IN DECEMBER. HE SAID THEY COULD START IN MARCH WHEN THIS CAME OUT TO EVEN NOW AND IT WOULD BE A HAZARD PAY AND A ONE TIME THING. THE MAYOR SAID NOT AN HOURLY INCREASE. THE MANAGER SAID RIGHT. HE SAID IT WOULD BE 25%

OF WHAT THEIR HOURLY RATE IS AND THAT IS PER THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. HE SAID IT DOES NOT HAVE TO BE 25%, BUT THAT IS THE LIMIT. COUNCILMEMBER WEARNE ASKED IF THAT WAS LIKE THE WALMART EMPLOYEES WHO GOT THE \$300 BONUS FOR HAZARD PAY. HE SAID YES, IT WOULD BE SOMETHING LIKE THAT. HE SAID THE COUNCIL DIDN'T WANT TO DO RAISES, BECAUSE WE DID NOT KNOW HOW THE MONEY FLOW WOULD GO.

VICE-MAYOR SMITH SAID THEY DEFINITELY NEED TO MAKE SURE THE EMPLOYEES ARE TAKEN CARE OF. MAYOR THURMAN SAID THAT THE EMPLOYEES HAVE BEEN GREAT AND THEY HAVE BEEN DOING THE THINGS THEY NEED TO DO. SHE THINKS THAT IF THEY CAN PURSUE A GRANT TO GIVE THEM HAZARD PAY, SHE IS ALL FOR IT.

COUNCILMEMBER WEARNE SAID THEY STILL DON'T KNOW WHEN THEY ARE GETTING BACK THE HELP FROM THE PRISON. THE MANAGER SAID ALONG WITH DEMA, HE IS GOING TO TRY TO OFFSET COSTS. HE SAID THE PRISON SAID THEY ARE NOT GETTING INMATES BACK UNTIL THE BEGINNING OF NEXT YEAR. HE SAID HE WILL BE ADVERTISING TO TRY TO GET SOME HELP, BECAUSE THEY ARE DOWN TO THREE PEOPLE IN THE FIELD AND THEY NEED HELP. HE SAID HE WANTS TO APPLY FOR DEMA AND TRY TO OFFSET THE COSTS OF WHAT WE LOST. **VICE-MAYOR VALERIE SMITH MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS TO INCLUDE HAZARD PAY FOR EMPLOYEES. COUNCILMEMBER JILL WEARNE SECONDED. ALL FAVORED. MOTION CARRIED.**

- 14. FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE TOWN:** THE MANAGER SAID THAT LAST MONTH THE COUNCIL ASKED ABOUT THE FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE TOWN AND HE SAID THEY WERE RIGHT AROUND \$300,000 IN THEIR FUNDS. HE SAID THE \$18,000 IS THE POOL ACCOUNT AND THAT IS MONEY THEY ARE GETTING FROM THE LAWSUIT AND THAT WILL CONTINUE TO GO UP. HE SAID THE \$80,000 IS OUR WATER BOND, HE SAID THEY ARE REQUIRED TO KEEP \$74,000 IN THE ACCOUNT. HE SAID THAT IS IN CASE THEY DEFAULT THEY HAVE THAT MONEY THERE. HE SAID IN MARCH THE GENERAL FUND INCLUDED A LOT OF THE HURF MONEY, SO THAT IS GOING TO GO DOWN. COUNCILMEMBER WEARNE SAID THAT IS WHY THERE IS A \$100,000 DIFFERENCE. THE MANAGER SAID YES. COUNCILMEMBER WEARNE SAID THAT JUNE 2020 IS A BETTER PICTURE OF THE MONEY THAT THE TOWN HAS NOW.

THE TOWN MANAGER SAID LAST YEAR IN JUNE 2019, THE TOWN RECEIVED \$44,510.99 FROM THE STATE AND THIS YEAR THE TOWN ACTUALLY RECEIVED MORE \$48,070.07 AND LOOKING BACK IT IS MOSTLY FROM TOWN SALES TAX. HE SAID BECAUSE THE UNEMPLOYMENT WAS HIGHER THIS YEAR, HE THINKS PEOPLE WERE SPENDING MORE MONEY. HE SAID THE BUSINESSES ARE TRYING TO BRING IN MEAT AND PRODUCE, SO PEOPLE CAN STAY IN TOWN. HE SAID THEY HAVE NOT SEEN A DECREASE IN STATE FUNDS YET, BUT THAT COULD CHANGE WITH THE NEXT STIMULUS PACKAGE AND UNEMPLOYMENT. HE SAID IF THERE IS SOMETHING ELSE THAT THE COUNCIL WANTS TO SEE ON THE FINANCIAL, LET HIM KNOW SO THEY CAN TRY TO INCLUDE IT, TO GIVE THEM A DIFFERENT PICTURE IF THEY WANT.

VICE-MAYOR SMITH SAID SHE CANNOT REMEMBER EXACTLY WHAT THE AUDITOR HAD SUGGESTED THEY HAVE IN OUR ACCOUNTS, BUT SHE IS PRETTY SURE IT WAS SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER THAN WHAT IS LISTED HERE. SHE ASKED THE MANAGER IF HE REMEMBERS WHAT HE SAID THEY SHOULD HAVE IN THEIR ACCOUNT. HE SAID HE CAN TRY TO GO BACK TO THOSE MINUTES, HE JUST KNOWS THEY WERE CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR RATES NOT COVERING THEIR COSTS. HE SAID THEY HAVE MADE ADJUSTMENTS TO SOME OF THOSE ALREADY AND THE RATE

CHANGES WILL BOOST THEM UP EVEN MORE. HE SAID THE RATE CHANGES WILL NOT AFFECT THE CITIZENS, THESE ARE MORE SERVICES THAT THE TOWN PROVIDES OUTSIDE OF TOWN LIMITS. COUNCILMEMBER WEARNE WANTED TO KNOW IF THEY SEE HOW MUCH IT COSTS TO RUN OUR WATER SUPPLY AND KEEP IT UP AND RUNNING, DOES IT COVER THE COSTS TO RUN THE WATER DEPARTMENT. THE MANAGER SAID THAT IS WHAT THE AUDITORS ARE CONCERNED ABOUT. HE SAID SOMETIMES YES, BUT SOMETIMES NO. SHE WANTED TO KNOW IF WE ARE SLOWLY BLEEDING. THE MANAGER SAID YES. SHE WANTED TO KNOW WHAT THEY HAVE TO DO. HE SAID THEY HAVE TO USE GRANTS TO OFFSET THAT. HE SAID WHEN THEY EXPAND THEY WILL USE GRANTS TO PURCHASE MATERIAL AND TO UPGRADE. HE SAID CDBG IS A GOOD EXAMPLE. HE SAID THAT IS WHAT THEY HAVE USED THEIR CDBG ON UNTIL THIS YEAR WITH THE ROADS. HE SAID THEY HAVE ALWAYS USED CDBG FOR WATER OR SEWER TO TRY TO TAKE THAT \$100,000 TO OFFSET SO THEY ARE NOT BLEEDING. SHE ASKED IF THE GRANTS QUIT COMING, THEY WILL HAVE TO CONSIDER SOMETHING ELSE, RIGHT? HE SAID YES. HE SAID WE LIVE OFF GRANTS AND THAT IS BASICALLY A SMALLTOWN PROBLEM. HE SAID THEY NEED TO CONTINUE TO GET GRANTS TO OFFSET THE EXTRA COSTS.

15. CONSIDERATION OF DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING: THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 13, 2020 AT 5:00 PM.

16. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING: CONTINUING EDUCATION ON COVID 19, AZCARES ACT INFO, 1ST READING ADD/CHANGE RATES FOR SERVICES, RENT OUTPOST FOR A PHARMACY, RENT A BUILDING FOR PINATAS AND A MEXICAN CANDY SHOP

17. ADJOURNMENT: AT 6:40 PM, COUNCILMEMBER JILL WEARNE MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. VICE-MAYOR VALERIE SMITH SECONDED. ALL FAVORED. MOTION CARRIED.

CERTIFICATION:

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING MINUTES ARE A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE DUNCAN TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON THE 30TH DAY OF JULY, 2020. I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE MEETING WAS DULY CALLED AND HELD AND THAT A QUORUM WAS PRESENT.

DATED THIS 10TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2020.

CYNTHIA NICHOLS, TOWN CLERK

