

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DUNCAN COMMON COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 2020; 5:00 PM
DUNCAN TOWN HALL; 506 SE OLD WEST HIGHWAY**

CALL TO ORDER: MAYOR THURMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 5:00 PM.

ROLL CALL: COUNCILMEMBER JILL WEARNE, COUNCILMEMBER DEBORAH MENDELSON, VICE-MAYOR VALERIE SMITH, MAYOR ANNE THURMAN, TOWN MANAGER JOHN BASTEEN JR. ARE PRESENT AND TOWN ATTORNEY JOHN GRIFFITH IS AVAILABLE BY PHONE. QUORUM PRESENT.

PLEDGE: LED BY VICE-MAYOR SMITH.

PRAYER: LED BY MAYOR THURMAN.

- 1. CONSENT AGENDA:** COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID LAST MONTH SHE REPORTED THAT BISBEE RECEIVED A GRANT, SHE DOUBLE CHECKED BISBEE GRANT AND IT WAS NOT IT WAS TO SEAGO FOR REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN LIGHT OF THE CORONAVIRUS FOR \$400,000. SHE SAID IT IS PRETTY COMPREHENSIVE AND IT INCLUDES GREENLEE COUNTY. SHE WAS ASKED TO BE ON THE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR THAT AND SHE ACCEPTED TO DO THAT. SHE ALSO ASKED ABOUT AN INTEREST CHARGE ON THE BANK CARD AND ASKED WHY THEY ARE PAYING ANOTHER INTEREST CHARGE. THE MANAGER ASKED THE CLERK IF SHE COULD ANSWER THAT AND SHE SAID NO. THE MANAGER SAID HE DOES NOT KNOW IF IT HAS TO DO WITH HOW LONG IT TAKES TO MAIL IT BACK, BUT HE CAN GIVE THEM A CALL AND FIGURE THAT OUT. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID IT IS A LOT OF MONEY EVERY MONTH ON INTEREST. SHE WOULD LIKE TO SEE US NOT BE PAYING THOSE CHARGES. THE MANAGER ASKED WHICH CREDIT CARD THAT WAS. SHE SAID CARDMEMBER SERVICES. SHE SAID IF IT IS BECAUSE OF DELAYS IN THE POSTAL SERVICE, IT WOULD BE WORTH CALLING THEM AND LETTING THEM KNOW WE MAILED IT ON TIME, BUT IF IT WASN'T, THEY REALLY NEED TO GET ON TOP OF THAT BECAUSE IT IS A MONTHLY PROBLEM. SHE SAID ALSO ON PAGE 40, THEY HAVE SUBSTANTIAL ELECTRIC AND GAS CHARGES ON THE TOWN HOUSE. THE MANAGER SAID HE WILL BE PAYING ALL THOSE. SHE SAID SHE DOESN'T SEE ANY INCOME REPORTS. SHE ALSO ASKED WHAT THE CITY HALL RENTAL ELECTRIC & GAS IS FOR. THE CLERK SAID THAT IS FOR THE LAB. THE MANAGER SAID IT MIGHT SAY RENTAL BECAUSE THAT IS THE BUILDING THEY USED TO RENT OUT. SHE ALSO ASKED ABOUT PAGE 41, THE HARTFORD FIRE/FLOOD INSURANCE FOR THE TOWN IS \$4,625 AND IS THAT AN ANNUAL COST. THE MANAGER SAID YES, THERE ARE TWO AMOUNTS THEY GIVE US AND THEY CHOSE THE SMALLER OF THE TWO. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON ASKED IF HE EVER CONTEMPLATED BUILDING A FLOOD WALL AROUND THE BUILDING RATHER THAN PAYING THE FLOOD INSURANCE. THE MANAGER SAID NO. SHE SAID HE MIGHT SAVE A LOT OF MONEY. SHE ASKED ABOUT PAGE 42, THE LAND SURVEYOR FOR \$2,885, WHAT IS THAT FOR. THE MANAGER SAID THAT IS FOR PROPERTY THEY HAD PURCHASED FROM MR. NANCE ON THE WATER

BOOSTER STATION. HE SAID IT WAS THE PROPERTY THEY NEEDED TO SPLIT. SHE ASKED WHY THEY NEEDED TO SPLIT PROPERTY. THE MANAGER SAID PART OF IT WAS STILL HIS, SO IT WAS TO DIVIDE IT WITH THE COUNTY ASSESSOR TO DETERMINE WHAT WAS THE TOWN'S AND WHAT WAS HIS.

COUNCILMEMBER WEARNE SAID THE ONLY QUESTION SHE HAD WAS THE INTEREST CHARGE ON THE CREDIT CARD. SHE SAID IT LOOKS TO BE ABOUT 4 TIMES LARGER THAN LAST MONTH, BUT IT WAS ALREADY COVERED. **COUNCILMEMBER DEBORAH MENDELSON MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CONSENT AGENDA. VICE-MAYOR VALERIE SMITH SECONDED. ALL FAVORED. MOTION CARRIED.**

2. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC:** THERE WERE NO COMMENTS.

3. **MAYOR'S REPORT:** MAYOR THURMAN HAD NOTHING TO REPORT.

4. **COUNCIL REPORTS:** VICE-MAYOR SMITH HAD NOTHING TO REPORT. COUNCILMEMBER WEARNE HAD NOTHING TO REPORT. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON REPORTED THAT SHE THINKS THE TOWN EMPLOYEES ARE DOING GOOD WORK.

5. **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:** MANAGER BASTEEN REPORTED THAT THEY WILL BE PULLING OUT 3- TRAILERS NEXT WEEK. TOWN CLEANUP WILL CONTINUE. HE PICKED UP A BUNCH OF CATS AND DOGS THIS WEEK. TAGS WOULD HELP TO FIND THE OWNERS. HE ALSO WANTS TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO FILL OUT THE CENSUS EITHER ON THE COMPUTER OR PHONE OR BY MAIL. HE REPORTED THAT NINE HOUSES IN DUNCAN ARE BEING RENOVATED.

6. **REPORT ON CURRENT EVENTS:**

- **DUNCAN PUBLIC LIBRARY**
- **GREENLEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:** SUPERVISOR RICHARD LUNT REPORTED THAT THE GREENLEE COUNTY FAIR IS SCHEDULED FOR NEXT WEEK. HE THANKED LENDSEY BASTEEN AND THE YOUTH FOR THEIR WORK ON THE FAIR. HE SAID 4H, FFA, AND THE GREENLEE COUNTY LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION CAME UP WITH A PLAN. HE GAVE THE SCHEDULE OF ANIMAL SHOWS AND THE AUCTION IS SATURDAY AT 3:00 PM. HE ALSO REPORTED THAT GREENLEE COUNTY HAS ONLY FILLED OUT 39% OF THE CENSUS FOR THE AREA. HE STRESSED THAT POPULATION IS A FACTOR FOR EVERYTHING.

MANAGER BASTEEN INTRODUCED MARTHA LUJAN FROM FREEPORT MCMORAN. SHE TOOK EMILY MUTEB'S PLACE.

- **GREENLEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:** SHERIFF SUMNER HAD NOTHING TO REPORT.

7. **INTERVIEW INTERESTED PARTIES FOR OPEN COUNCIL SEAT: AT 5:20 PM, VICE-MAYOR VALERIE SMITH MADE A MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ORDER TO INTERVIEW INTERESTED PARTIES FOR THE OPEN COUNCIL SEAT. COUNCILMEMBER DEBORAH MENDELSON SECONDED. ALL FAVORED. MOTION CARRIED.**

VICE-MAYOR VALERIE SMITH MADE A MOTION TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION AT 6:55 PM. COUNCILMEMBER DEBORAH MENDELSON SECONDED. ALL FAVORED. MOTION CARRIED.

8. **CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE NEW COUNCILMEMBER: COUNCILMEMBER JILL WEARNE MADE A MOTION TO CHOOSE ALEX BLAKE FOR THE NEW COUNCILMEMBER. VICE-MAYOR VALERIE SMITH SECONDED. ALL FAVORED. MOTION CARRIED.**
9. **SWEAR IN NEW COUNCIL MEMBER:** THE TOWN CLERK SWORE IN ALEX BLAKE FOR THE OPEN COUNCIL POSITION.
10. **OPEN SEALED BIDS FOR 1972 920 LOADER: MAYOR THURMAN OPENED ALL THE SEALED BIDS. COUNCILMEMBER DEBORAH MENDELSON MADE A MOTION THAT KENT CLOUSE WAS THE HIGHEST BIDDER OF THE 920 LOADER. COUNCILMEMBER JILL WEARNE SECONDED. ALL FAVORED. MOTION CARRIED.**
11. **CONITINUING EDUCATION ON COVID 19:** MAYOR THURMAN SAID IF YOU HAVE LOOKED AT THE NUMBERS IT IS PRETTY IMPRESSIVE. COUNCILMEMBER WEARNE SAID THEY WERE AT ONE AS OF TODAY. THE MAYOR SAID SCHOOL HAS BEEN IN SESSION FOR THREE WEEKS, BUT THEY JUST HAD A BIG LABOR DAY WEEKEND, SO HOPEFULLY IT WILL STAY LOW. SHE SAID IT IS NOT TIME TO RELAX. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID THAT SHE WOULD LIKE TO DIRECT EVERYONE'S ATTENTION TO THE ARTICLE IN THE COURIER TODAY THAT KIM SMITH, THE NEW EDITOR, PUBLISHED TODAY. SHE SAID IT WAS ABOUT WHAT GREENLEE'S PROGRAM WAS TO CONTAIN THE INFECTION. SHE SAID IT IS A VERY GOOD PIECE, SHE IS TRULY A PROFESSIONAL. SHE REALLY GOT INTO THE WEEDS ABOUT HOW GREENLEE COUNTY DID WHAT IT DID AND IT IS QUITE IMPRESSIVE.
12. **CONSIDER OPTIONS FOR MOTOR GRADER:** THE MANAGER GAVE THE COUNCIL SOME HANDOUTS. HE REPORTED THAT THE MOTOR GRADER IS CURRENTLY NOT WORKING AND THAT IS PART OF THE PROBLEMS AT HUNTER ESTATES. EMPIRE CAME OUT AND HE SAID IT WOULD BE \$11,000 TO FIX IT AND IT BASICALLY NEEDS A WHOLE NEW ENGINE. HE SAID HE RECEIVED THREE ESTIMATES. ONE IS A SHORT BLOCK, ONE LONG BLOCK, AND ONE IS FIXING IT SOMEWHAT. RIGHT NOW, THERE IS A LOCAL GENTLEMAN WHO HAS A BLADE AND HE WILL DO THE ROADS AT LEAST THIS TIME TO GET THE WASHBOARDS OUT AND HE CHARGES \$90 PER HOUR. HE SAID THEY ARE LOOKING AT 10 HOURS TO GO OUT THERE AND BLADE ALL THE ROADS. HE WILL DO IT ON A SCHEDULE IF WE WANT HIM TO. TO GET A GRADER OUT HERE TO RENT WE ARE LOOKING AT \$3200 A WEEK. CATERPILLAR WILL BRING IT OUT TO US. HE SAID A NEW GRADER FROM CAT IS AROUND \$210,000. IT WOULD BE A 7 YEAR LEASE AND IF WE CAN'T AFFORD THE GRADER THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR, THEY CAN GIVE IT BACK TO THEM AT NO COST. EVEN IF NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS CAME ON AND THEY SAID THEY DID NOT WANT THE GRADER ANYMORE IT WOULD GO BACK TO THEM AT NO COST AND THAT IS HOW IT IS BUILT INTO THE GOVERNMENT LEASE. THE SALE PRICE WOULD BE \$222,000 AND THE FINANCE AMOUNT WOULD BE \$223,390 A PAYMENT, FOR THE YEAR \$23,957.33 WITH A BALLOON PAYMENT OF

\$89,600 WITH A FIXED RATE OF 3.35% AND THE PAYMENT WOULD BE AROUND \$2,000 PER MONTH. HE SAID HE DOES NOT WANT TO DO A NEW GRADER RIGHT NOW THEY CAN LOOK AT THAT IN THE FUTURE. HE WOULD LIKE TO TRY TO GET A GRANT TO SEE WHAT THEY CAN DO WITH A GRANT FIRST. HE SAID WE ALREADY HAVE TWO PIECES OF EQUIPMENT THAT THE TOWN IS LEASING, IF THEY WERE PAID, HE WOULD SAY YES LET'S LOOK AT A NEW ONE. HE SAID THIS IS SOMETHING THAT NEEDS TO BE ON THE RADAR TO DO OUR OWN ROADS. HE SAID THEY CAN GET A DECENT GRADER FOR AROUND \$60,000 TO \$70,000 ON AN AUCTION. HE SAID HE CAN LOOK AT WHAT IT WOULD COST FOR THE FUTURE TO LEASE A GRADER.

HE SAID THIS IS BASICALLY WHAT IT WILL COST TO FIX OUR GRADER NOW. COUNCILMEMBER WEARNE ASKED WHAT KIND OF WARRANTY THAT COMES WITH. THE MANAGER SAID 36 MONTHS OR 5,000 HOURS. HE SAID THAT IS NOT INCLUDED ON THE ONE THEY WOULD JUST PIECE TOGETHER. COUNCILMEMBER WEARNE SAID JUST PIECING IT TOGETHER IS ONLY \$3,000 LESS THAN A BRAND-NEW ENGINE. THE MANAGER TOLD HER TO TURN THE PAGE. SHE SAID IT IS ABOUT \$4,000 LESS TO PIECE IT TOGETHER.

THE MANAGER SAID THEY COULD REPLACE THE ENGINE AND THE GRADER IS SO OLD, WHO KNOWS WHAT WILL GO NEXT.

MAYOR THURMAN WANTED TO KNOW IF IT IS THE SAME GRADER THAT WAS PURCHASED THROUGH TOHONO O'ODHAM. HE SAID YES. SHE SAID THEY HAVE HAD IT FOR QUITE A WHILE. COUNCILMEMBER WEARNE ASKED IF THIS IS A PIECE OF EQUIPMENT THAT IS USED WEEKLY. THE MANAGER SAID YES. HE SAID THE ROADS ARE DIRT AND THE GRADER IS NEEDED A LOT. HE SAID ANYTIME THINGS ARE WASHED OUT AT HUNTER ESTATES THEY USED THE GRADER. HE SAID YOU CAN USE THE LOADER, BUT IT IS NOT THE RIGHT PIECE OF EQUIPMENT.

COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON WANTED TO KNOW WHAT THE PROSPECTS ARE FOR A GRANT. THE MANAGER SAID HE NEEDS TO CALL JEFF HOOPER WITH USDA, HE SENT HIM SOME INFORMATION ON EQUIPMENT GRANTS. SHE WANTED TO KNOW WHAT HIS GUT FEELING IS ABOUT THE CHANCES OF GETTING THAT. HE SAID PRETTY GOOD, IT HAS TO BE A MATCH. MAYOR THURMAN WANTED TO KNOW WHAT THE MATCH WOULD BE. HE SAID HE DOES NOT KNOW YET, BUT IT DEPENDS ON THE PRICE.

COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON WANTED TO KNOW WHAT THE GRANT CYCLE IS. HE SAID IT IS ALWAYS OPEN AND ONGOING. SHE SAID THAT SEEMS TO BE WHAT HE WOULD LIKE TO DO. HE SAID YES, THAT IS WHAT HE WOULD LIKE TO DO. HE SAID A USED GRADER WOULD LAST THE TOWN 20 YEARS. COUNCILMEMBER WEARNE ASKED IF THAT IS AT THE \$60,000 PRICE. THE MANAGER SAID YES. HE SAID SOME YOU BID ON AND SOME ARE AT A FLAT RATE. HE SAID HE CALLED CLIFTON, BECAUSE HE HEARD CLIFTON OBTAINED ONE FROM THE MILITARY FOR \$1. HE SAID THAT IS NOT THE CASE. HE SAID THE LAST ONE HE CHECKED WAS GOING FOR \$90,000. THEY DO HAVE LOW HOURS ON THEM.

COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON WANTED TO KNOW HOW YOU WORK THAT WITH A GRANT, BECAUSE YOU HAVE TO SPECIFY THE AMOUNT YOU ARE APPLYING FOR. MANAGER BASTEEN SAID IT IS BETTER TO GET FINANCED, BUT HE CAN HIT A LIMIT AND IF IT GOES OVER HE WILL NOT BID ANYMORE. HE SAID THE WAY HE WOULD WORK IT IS BASICALLY GO THROUGH THE FINANCE COMPANY AND SAY OKAY JEFF THIS IS WHAT WE HAVE AND CAN YOU DO IT. HE SAID THE MILITARY HOURS ARE SO LOW IT IS GREEN, BUT THEY TEND TO COST MORE.

COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON ASKED HOW IT IMPACTS THEIR CASH POSITION, BECAUSE THEY ARE LOOKING AT REDUCED REVENUES. THE MANAGER SAID SO FAR, HE DOES NOT KNOW WHAT

THE REDUCED REVENUES ARE. HE SAID IN AUGUST OF LAST YEAR THE REVENUE WAS AT \$49,558.91 AND THIS YEAR EVEN WITH COVID IT IS OVER \$56,000. HE SAID THERE IS A DIFFERENCE OF \$6500 PLUS THERE.

COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID THE LEAGUE IS WARNING AND ANY OTHER ORGANIZATION IS WARNING THAT MUNICIPAL, COUNTY AND STATE REVENUES ARE GOING DOWN, SO THEY HAVE TO ASSUME THAT. THE MANAGER AGREED, BUT WE DON'T KNOW. HE SAID IF THEY PASS ANOTHER STIMULUS THEIR REVENUES MAY GO UP. YOU CAN SEE THE DIFFERENCE IN TOWN SALES TAX FROM 2019 TO 2020. HE SAID THE STIMULUS PACKAGE AND UNEMPLOYMENT HAVE ACTUALLY HELPED THE TOWN. HE SAID IT HAS HELPED WILLCOX. SHE SAID THE STIMULUS PACKAGE WAS GREAT, BUT IT IS NOT LOOKING VERY PROMISING NOW. THE MANAGER SAID THE UNEMPLOYMENT IS UP TO \$300. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID THAT IS ONLY FUNDED FOR 5 WEEKS. SHE SAID THAT IS FEMA MONEY THAT IS ALMOST EXHAUSTED ALREADY. THE MANAGER SAID HE DOES NOT WANT TO USE THEIR CASHFLOW, HE WANTS TO TRY TO GET AS MUCH GRANT AS POSSIBLE. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON ASKED HIM IF HE THINKS THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE TO GO INTO CASH RESERVES. HE SAID THEY MAY HAVE TO, BUT HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE WHERE THEY ARE AT ON THE OTHER TWO PIECES OF EQUIPMENT. HE SAID THE SKIDSTEER IS THE OLDEST THEY HAVE AND HE WANTS TO SEE WHAT IS LEFT OF THAT THEY HAVE TO BUY. HE SAID IF THEY CAN GET RID OF ONE OF THOSE. SHE ASKED DO YOU MEAN PAY IT OFF? HE SAID YES. HE SAID HE CAN BRING THEM BETTER NUMBERS, SO THEY CAN SEE WHAT THEY HAVE AND WHAT THEY CAN REDUCE.

COUNCILMEMBER WEARNE WANTED TO KNOW HOW LONG IT WOULD TAKE FOR THE PERSON THEY WILL HIRE TO BLADE THE ROAD. THE MANAGER SAID ABOUT A WEEK, DEPENDING ON HOW MUCH HE DOES. HE WILL GO OFF THE HOURS ON HIS BLADE, NOT WHAT HE IS ACTUALLY WORKING. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON ASKED WHO THIS IS. MANAGER BASTEEN SAID IT IS DANNY NIELSON. COUNCILMEMBER WEARNE WANTED TO KNOW HOW LONG THAT LAST. THE MANAGER SAID IT COULD LAST UNTIL THE NEXT RAIN OR TWO WEEKS OR A MONTH DEPENDING ON HOW GOOD HE IS AND THAT WILL BE DETERMINED WHEN HE GOES. HE SAID RIGHT NOW THEY DO NOT HAVE ANOTHER CHOICE, HE DID ASK UNITED RENTALS, BUT THEY DO NOT RENT OUT MOTOR GRADERS. HE ASKED ANOTHER PERSON IN TOWN, BUT THEY DON'T HAVE A GRADER, THEY HAVE A BULL DOZER, BUT THAT WILL NOT HELP.

VICE-MAYOR SMITH WANTED TO KNOW IF THEY RENTED THE EQUIPMENT ON A WEEKLY BASIS, DO THEY HAVE ANYONE WHO CAN RUN THE EQUIPMENT. THE MANAGER SAID YES. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON WANTED TO KNOW IF THERE IS A DELIVERY AND PICKUP CHARGE. THE MANAGER SAID THAT IS INCLUDED IN THE PRICE. SHE WANTED TO KNOW HOW HE DECIDED HE WANTED TO GO WITH A GRANT RATHER THAN DOING RENTAL AS NEEDED. MANAGER BASTEEN SAID THEY WOULD PROBABLY EAT UP THAT CHUNK OF MONEY, IF THEY ARE RENTING FOR \$3200 A WEEK AND A BRAND NEW ONE IS ONLY \$2,000, THEY SHOULD GO FOR THE BRAND NEW ONE.

COUNCILMEMBER WEARNE WANTED TO KNOW WHO WOULD DO PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE ON A BRAND NEW ONE. THE MANAGER SAID THE TOWN WOULD DO IT. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON WANTED TO KNOW WHO HAS THE SKILLS TO DO THAT. THE MANAGER SAID CHANGING OIL IS BASICALLY ALL THEY WOULD HAVE TO DO. HE SAID THEY HAVE TWO DIFFERENT LIFTS, GREASE GUNS, TIRE CHANGERS, BALANCERS, AND PRESS IN THE SHOP NOW. HE SAID THEY

NEED TO GET IT ALL SET UP AND THEY HAVE ACTUALLY BEEN DOING ALL OF THEIR OWN FOR A WHILE.

VICE-MAYOR SMITH SAID SHE THINKS THAT GETTING THINGS LIKE THAT AND INVESTING WILL BENEFIT THEM IN THE LONG RUN.

COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON WANTED TO KNOW IF THE OLD ONE HAS ANY VALUE. THE MANAGER SAID HE IS SURE AND HE CAN ASK CATERPILLAR. HE SAID CATERPILLAR EQUIPMENT IS DURABLE AND THERE ARE WAYS TO FIX THEM. HE SAID THEY MIGHT GET \$5,000 OR \$6,000 OUT OF IT. HE SAID CATERPILLAR MAY SAY THEY WILL TAKE IT OFF THEIR HANDS AND GIVE HIM A PRICE AS WELL. HE SAID IT COSTS THE TOWN \$600 TO GET IT TO THATCHER AND IT WILL PROBABLY BE ABOUT THE SAME TO GET IT BACK TO DUNCAN.

TOWN ATTORNEY GRIFFITH ASKED THE MANAGER IF THERE IS A TIMELINE ON GETTING A GRANT. THE MANAGER SAID HE WON'T KNOW UNTIL HE HAS A DOLLAR AMOUNT AND TALK TO JEFF HOOPER. HE SAID THEY ARE VERY LOW INTEREST RATES BECAUSE IT IS USDA AND HE WILL ASK JEFF.

MAYOR THURMAN ASKED IF HE WILL LOOK INTO IT MORE THIS MONTH AND COME BACK WITH MORE INFORMATION NEXT MONTH. HE SAID YES. HE SAID DANNY NIELSON IS SUPPOSED TO START GRADING NEXT WEEK AND WE WILL SEE HOW LONG IT TAKES AND THE KIND OF JOB HE DOES. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON ASKED IF HE HAS BEEN DOING IT FOR OTHER CLIENTS. THE MANAGER SAID YES, RIGHT NOW HE IS OUT IN VIRDEN AT A LADY'S PROPERTY, BUT HE HAS ALSO DONE SOME STUFF FOR THE MINES UP HERE.

13. FIRST READING OF SEWER FEES TOWN CODE ADD/CHANGE RATES ORDINANCE 20-09-09: THE MANAGER WENT OVER THE CHANGES HE WANTS TO MAKE. MAYOR THURMAN READ ORDINANCE 20-09-09 TO THE PUBLIC.

14. FIRST READING OF ANIMAL FEES TOWN CODE ADD/CHANGE RATES – ORDINANCE 20-09-10: THE MANAGER WENT OVER THE CHANGES HE WANTS TO MAKE. MAYOR THURMAN READ ORDINANCE 20-09-10 TO THE PUBLIC.

15. FIRST READING OF WATER FEES TOWN CODE ADD/CHANGE RATES – ORDINANCE 20-09-11: THE MANAGER WENT OVER THE CHANGES. MAYOR THURMAN READ ORDINANCE 20-09-11 TO THE PUBLIC. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID THEY NEED TO INCLUDE A PRICE TO EXTEND THE WATERLINE TO SOMEONE'S PROPERTY.

COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON ASKED IF THEY WOULD HAVE TO LOOK FOR NEW WATER SOURCES. THE MANAGER SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO GET IT ENGINEERED. SHE WANTED TO KNOW HOW HE WOULD GO ABOUT EXCESSING WATER SUPPLY OVER TIME GIVEN ON-GOING DROUGHT CONDITIONS, SINCE WE DO NOT WANT TO EXTEND BEYOND OUR CAPABILITY TO SUPPLY WATER. HE SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO HAVE AN ENGINEER LOOK AT IT AND DO A STUDY ON WATER IN OUR AREA AND WHAT OUR CAPACITY IS AND WHAT ARE WE USING NOW. THE MANAGER SAID SOMEONE HAS OFFERED UP A WELL ON STEPHENS LOOP. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON WANTED TO KNOW HOW THAT FIGURES IN WITH THE CURRENT EXPANDING LINE OF JURISDICTION OF THE INDIAN WATER RIGHTS SETTLEMENT. THE MANAGER SAID THEY CURRENTLY HAVE WATER RIGHTS THAT THEY ARE USING FOR FARMING, SO THEY WOULD HAVE TO EXCHANGE IT FOR A MUNICIPALITY.

COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON WANTED TO KNOW IF IT IS ONE OF THE WELLS THAT IS TARGETED UNDER THE WATER RIGHTS SETTLEMENT. HE SAID HE DOES NOT KNOW WHICH WELLS ARE TARGETED. HE SAID FROM WHAT THE ATTORNEYS HAVE SAID IT IS NOT ABOUT THE WELLS, IT IS ABOUT THE HOT GROUND AND THE ONE IN THE FUTURE IS ABOUT WELLS AND IT IS EVERYONE'S WELL. HE SAID HE WON'T KNOW UNTIL THAT LAWSUIT COMES ABOUT. HE SAID IT WOULD HAVE TO BE INSPECTED AND TESTED TO SEE WHAT THE QUALITY FOR DRINKING WATER WOULD BE.

COUNCILMEMBER DEBORAH MENDELSON MADE A MOTION TO TABLE THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 20-09-11 UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING IN ORDER TO INCLUDE THE WATERLINE EXTENSION. COUNCILMEMBER JILL WEARNE SECONDED. ALL FAVORED. MOTION CARRIED.

16. REVIEW MANAGER BASTEEN'S CONTRACT: VICE-MAYOR SMITH SAID SHE REALLY DID NOT WANT TO REVIEW THE CONTRACT, WHAT SHE WOULD LIKE TO DO IS ADVERTISE FOR THE MANAGER'S POSITION AND OPEN IT UP TO ANYONE WHO IS INTERESTED AND THE MANAGER CAN ALSO RE-APPLY FOR THE POSITION. MANAGER BASTEEN SAID HIS CONTRACT HAS TO BE TERMINATED FIRST AND THEN PUT IT OUT FOR BID AND THEN RE-APPLY. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID NOW THAT SHE READS IT CLOSELY, SHE SEES THAT IT AUTOMATICALLY RENEWS UNLESS THE COUNCIL WANTS TO CHANGE SOMETHING OR MOVE TO TERMINATE THIS CONTRACT. VICE-MAYOR SMITH SAID SHE WANTED TO BRING UP THE IDEA OF OPENING IT UP TO ANYONE WILLING TO APPLY AND SHE SAID WHAT SHE HAD TO SAY ABOUT THAT.

17. CONSIDERATION OF DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING: THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8TH AT 5:00 PM.

18. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING: COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON WANTED CONTINUING EDUCATION ON COVID 19 ON THE AGENDA AND ALSO AZ CARES MONEY STATUS AND TOWN WEBSITES. VICE-MAYOR SMITH WANTED A CDBG UPDATE. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON WANTS A REVENUE REPORT ADDED TO THE PACKET.

19. ADJOURNMENT: AT 8:03 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 9TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2020. I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE MEETING WAS DULY CALLED AND HELD AND THAT A QUORUM WAS PRESENT.

Regular Meeting Minutes, September 9, 2020

DATED THIS 24TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2020.

CYNTHIA NICHOLS, TOWN CLERK