

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
DUNCAN COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2020; 6:00 PM
DUNCAN TOWN HALL; 506 SE OLD WEST HIGHWAY**

CALL TO ORDER: MAYOR THURMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:00 PM.

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

PLEDGE: LED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEARNE.

PRAYER: LED BY MAYOR THURMAN

- 1. UPDATE ON SCHEDULED CHRISTMAS EVENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE:** MAYOR THURMAN SAID THERE WERE SOME QUESTIONS AT THE LAST MEETING AND THEY JUST NEED TO KNOW WHAT THEY WILL BE DOING TO FOLLOW COVID-19 PROTOCOL.
DUSTIE ROBINETTE FROM THE DUNCAN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION THANKED THE COUNCIL FOR COMING BACK TOGETHER AGAIN ESPECIALLY ON THE NIGHT BEFORE THANKSGIVING EVE. THEY APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ANSWER THOSE QUESTIONS AND UPDATE THE COUNCIL AND TO UPDATE THEM ON THEIR SAFETY PRECAUTIONS.
SHE SAID BEFORE THEY GO THERE, SHE WANTS TO ADDRESS THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM. AT THE LAST MEETING ON THURSDAY A COUNCILMEMBER IMPLIED THAT SHE HAD FAILED IN HER COMMITMENT TO THE COUNCIL TO COORDINATE WITH THE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT. SHE SAID THAT IS SIMPLY NOT TRUE.
SHE SAID THE COUNCIL ASKED THAT OF HER IN A MEETING IN OCTOBER WHERE BOTH THE HALLOWEEN EVENT AND THE CHRISTMAS EVENT WERE APPROVED. SHE SAID THE MEETING WAS ON A THURSDAY AND THE FOLLOWING MONDAY SHE REACHED OUT TO MR. BOLINGER. SHE SAID THEY HAD NO FEWER THAN NINE COMMUNICATIONS BACK AND FORTH AS THEY DISCUSSED HALLOWEEN. SHE SAID SHE PROVIDED TEXT MESSAGES THAT WERE EXCHANGED BETWEEN US TO THE TOWN MANAGER AND THEY ALSO HAD SOME PHONE CONVERSATIONS.
REGARDING CHRISTMAS THEIR COMMITTEE MET ON SATURDAY THE 14TH AND AT THAT TIME THEY FELT LIKE THEY HAD A GOOD HANDLE ON THE EVENTS THAT THEY WANTED TO DO AND WHAT THE SAFETY PROTOCOL WOULD LOOK LIKE.
ON NOVEMBER 19TH, SHE TOOK THE MORNING OFF SO THAT SHE COULD WORK ON THE CHRISTMAS EVENT AND SHE REACHED OUT TO MR. BOLINGER AT 10:42 THAT MORNING. THEY HAD VARIOUS TEXT MESSAGES AND CALLS BACK AND FORTH AND THEY LEFT SOME VOICEMAIL MESSAGES AND THEY HAD NO FEWER THAN EIGHT COMMUNICATIONS AND THAT IS NOT INCLUDING THE FOUR EMAILS THAT THEY HAD PRIOR TO THE START OF THE COUNCIL MEETING THAT DAY.

SHE SAID SHE WOULD BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT THIS COUNCILMEMBER'S STATEMENTS HAVE CAUSED THE COUNCIL TO HAVE ABOUT HER CONDUCT OR THE LENGTH THIS COMMITTEE IS WILLING TO GO TO KEEP THIS COMMUNITY SAFE. SHE SAID AT THE END OF THIS, IF THEY HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE ASK HER.

DUSTIE SAID SHE RECEIVED AN UPDATE FROM MR. BOLINGER TODAY. HE SAID THERE HAVE BEEN 32 CASES IN DUNCAN SINCE THE START OF THIS AND THERE HAVE BEEN 22 IN THE PAST 17 DAYS. THERE HAS BEEN ONE CASE THAT REQUIRED HOSPITALIZATION THIS LAST MONTH.

SHE SAID THE P.I.C., WHICH IS PNEUMONIA, INFLUENZA AND COVID DEATHS PER THE CDC IN THE U.S. HAVE BEEN APPROXIMATELY 275,000 TO DATE. THAT IS ROUGHLY A THIRD OF THE DEATHS CAUSED BY HEART DISEASE IN 2019. A RECENT ONLINE ARTICLE FROM NEOMEDICINE STATED "MOST PEOPLE WILL HAVE A MILD ILLNESS AND CAN RECOVER AT HOME WITHOUT MEDICAL CARE." SHE SAID THAT HAS CERTAINLY BEEN HER PERSONAL OBSERVATION WITH REGARDS TO THE CASES THAT ARE IN OUR COMMUNITY NOW.

THE ONE THING THAT SHE DID AGREE WITH THIS COUNCILMEMBER ABOUT AT THE LAST MEETING WAS THAT ANYONE COULD FIND SCIENCE TO SUPPORT THEIR CLAIMS AND IT JUST DEPENDS ON WHERE YOU ARE GETTING YOUR SCIENCE FROM.

SHE MIGHT ARGUE ASSUMPTION OF THE RISK AND SOMEONE ELSE WOULD ARGUE NEGLIGENCE PER SAY. THE TRUTH IS THE VAST MAJORITY OF OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS LOVE THEIR FAMILIES, LOVE NEIGHBORS, AND THEY WANT WHAT IS BEST FOR THEIR COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE. SHE SAID THEY ALL HAVE DIFFERENT IDEAS ABOUT HOW TO GET THERE, BUT HER QUESTION IS WHY DO THEY HAVE TO BELIEVE THE WORST IN EACH OTHER. THE CONSERVATIVE CONSTITUTIONALISTS BELIEVE THAT EVERYONE WHO IS PROGRESSIVE WANTS TO ABOLISH INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS AND THE PROGRESSIVE BELIEVES THAT THE CONSERVATIVE IS TOO STUPID TO UNDERSTAND A REBEL OR JUST WANTS TO KILL EVERYONE.

IN A TEXT MESSAGE SENT TO HER BY THIS SAME COUNCILMEMBER SHE SAID, "IT'S MY JOB TO PROTECT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF DUNCAN'S PEOPLE WHETHER OR NOT THEY WANT IT." SHE SAID THIS TYPE OF ANTISTATE IDEOLOGY IS CONCERNING TO HER ON MANY LEVELS, BUT THAT IS A CONVERSATION OF THE COMMUNITY THEY NEED TO HAVE AT A DIFFERENT TIME. SHE SAID SHE DOES BELIEVE THAT PEOPLE CAN AND SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO MAKE THEIR OWN INFORMED CHOICES ABOUT THEIR LEVEL OF ACTIVITY AND SAFETY PRECAUTIONS. THERE ARE MANY THINGS TO CONSIDER NOT JUST PHYSICAL ILLNESS.

THE CDC DID AN OPERATIONAL CONSIDERATION, IT IS A GUIDE THAT TALKS ABOUT AN OPERATIONAL CONSIDERATION FOR SHIELD APPROACH TO CARING FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE POPULATIONS AMONG US. IN THAT THEY SAID THAT "PUBLIC HEALTH NOT ONLY FOCUSES ON THE ERADICATION OF DISEASE, BUT ADDRESSES THE ENTIRE SPECTRUM OF HEALTH AND WELL BEING, SHORTTERM AND LONGTERM ADVERSE CONSEQUENCES." THEY DISCUSS THE IMPACT OF ISOLATION AND STATE THAT "COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS-IE, RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS AND OTHER BERIEVEMENT-IE, FUNERALS AND OTHER RIGHTS OF PASSAGES ARE CORNERSTONES IN MANY SOCIETIES. UNDER MENTAL HEALTH CONSIDERATIONS THEY DISCUSSED THE ADDITIONAL STRESS AND WORRY THAT COME WITH AN EPIDEMIC AND HOW THIS TYPE OF ISOLATION APPROACH MAY LEAD TO "EMOTIONAL DISTRESS, EXASPERATE EXISTING MEDICAL ILLNESSES, CONTRIBUTE TO ANXIETY, DEPRESSION, HELPLESSNESS, GRIEF, SUBSTANCE ABUSE OR THOUGHTS OF SUICIDE."

DUSTIE SAID THE EVENTS THAT THEY HAVE DONE HAVE BEEN DONE CAREFULLY AND SAFELY AND ARE AN IMPORTANT PART OF HELPING PEOPLE HAVE SOME SENSE OF NORMALCY IN THESE HARD TIMES.

SHE SAID LET'S DISCUSS THE SAFETY PLAN THAT THE COMMITTEE HAS DEVELOPED FOR THE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION. THEY LEFT SOME ON THE TABLE, SO SHE THINKS MOST OF OUR ATTENDING AUDIENCE HAS THE SCHEDULED EVENTS AND THE SAFETY PLAN. SHE SAID THEY WON'T GO OVER THE SCHEDULED EVENTS, BECAUSE THEY ALL HAVE IT. SHE WILL ADD THAT THEY ARE ALSO PROMOTING THE WOMANS CLUB'S CHRISTMAS HOUSE AND THEIR SOUP KITCHEN. THE WOMANS CLUB WILL HAVE THEIR ELF PROJECT AT THE EVENT WHICH IS WHERE THEY COLLECT THINGS FOR PEOPLE AND SEACUS WILL DISTRIBUTE THOSE THINGS TO OLDER FOLKS THAT ARE HOME BOUND AND NEED ADDITIONAL HELP, SO THAT WILL BE SETUP THERE. THEY WILL ALSO SUPPORT PTO'S ANGEL TREES FOR TEACHERS.

SHE SAID THE SAFETY PLAN CLOSELY FOLLOWS THEIR 4TH OF JULY SAFETY PLAN. A COPY OF THE SAFETY PLAN IS ATTACHED. DUSTIE READ IT TO THE PUBLIC.

DUSTIE SAID SHE DOES WANT TO ADDRESS ONE THING ON THE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND THAT IS THEIR VISITS WITH SANTA, BECAUSE THAT IS ALWAYS A SCARY THING. A BUNCH OF KIDS ON SANTA'S LAP NOT A GOOD IDEA RIGHT NOW. SHE SAID IT WILL BE A COVID FRIENDLY VISIT WITH SANTA. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS GOING TO BRING OVER OLD BETSY AND THEY WILL PUT SANTA IN OLD BETSY AND THEY WILL STAGGER FAMILY KIDS AROUND OLD BETSY. THEY HAVE SOME ELVES THAT ARE GOING TO HELP COORDINATE THAT TO MAKE SURE THE KIDS ARE DISTANCED IN LINE AND THEY HAVE ONLY FAMILY MEMBERS IN THE PICTURE, ETC. THEY THOUGHT ABOUT HOW DO WE STILL HAVE SANTA AND HOW DO THEY MAKE IT SAFE AND THAT IS WHAT THEY CAME UP WITH.

SOMETHING THAT WILL BE NEW THAT THEY HAVE NOT HAD BEFORE IS SANTA IS GOING TO READ THE NATIVITY AND THEY ARE GOING TO BROADCAST THAT LIVE AND THEY THINK THAT IS GOING TO BE A FUN, JOYOUS THING FOR THE KIDS. SHE SAID IT IS A SHORTENED NATIVITY (THINK TODDLER STYLE) THEY ARE EXCITED ABOUT THAT.

DUSTIE SAID THEY WILL ALSO DO A TREE LIGHTING, SHE UNDERSTANDS THAT DUNCAN DID A TREE LIGHTING IN THE PAST; THEY ARE GOING TO BRING IN A CHRISTMAS TREE, DECORATE IT AND LIGHT IT BEFORE THE PARADE HAPPENS. SHE SAID THEY WILL HAVE FIRE PITS FOR FAMILIES TO RENT ALONG THE PARADE ROUTE. THEY HAVE BEEN CAREFUL ABOUT TALKING TO THE TOWN AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ABOUT DOING THAT SAFELY. SMORE KITS WILL BE INCLUDED WITH THE FIRE PITS AND FIREWOOD OR PROPANE THEY NEED TO MANAGE THOSE.

SHE ASKED FOR ANY QUESTIONS. A LADY IN THE AUDIENCE ASK FOR THE STATS DUSTIE GAVE, 32 CASES IN DUNCAN, AND WHAT WAS THE TIME PERIOD? DUSTIE SAID THE TEXT MESSAGE SHE GOT FROM MR. BOLINGER THIS MORNING SAID SINCE THE START. VICE-MAYOR SMITH SAID THERE WERE 22 IN THE LAST 17 DAYS. DUSTIE SAID ABSOLUTELY, ONE OF THE 22 DID REQUIRE HOSPITALIZATION. MANAGER BASTEEN SAID IT DOES NOT TELL YOU HOW MANY OF THOSE 22 ARE NO LONGER ACTIVE. DUSTIE SAID NO, IT DOES NOT TELL YOU HOW MANY OF THOSE ARE NO LONGER ACTIVE. SHE SAID SHE KNOWS PROBABLY 10 THAT ARE NO LONGER ACTIVE, BUT THAT IS NOT A STAT THAT THEY HAVE UPDATED AT THIS TIME. MANAGER BASTEEN SAID THAT MATT SAID HE DID NOT HAVE TIME TO UPDATE IT. HE SAID HE ASKED MATT HOW MANY OF THE 22 HAVE RECOVERED AND HE SAID HE DID NOT KNOW. COUNCILMEMBER WEARNE SAID THEY HAD 16 MORE RECOVERED LAST NIGHT FROM 91 TO 75. MANAGER BASTEEN SAID THAT IS

COUNTY WIDE. DUSTIE SAID THEY TRY TO ENCOURAGE THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO GIVE US STATS THAT INVOLVE NOT JUST DUNCAN PROPER, THEY DO THE 85534 ZIPCODE BECAUSE THEY KNOW THEY PULL FROM THAT LARGER AREA AND SO THEY ARE TRYING TO BE CAREFUL WITH THAT, NOT THAT THEY DON'T CARE ABOUT MORENCI STATS OR CLIFTON STATS, BUT THEY ARE NOT QUOTING GREENLEE STATS EITHER. THEY WANT TO BE CAREFUL THAT THEY GIVE A REFLECTIVE PICTURE OF WHAT OUR COMMUNITY LOOKS LIKE. SHE SAID SHE DID ASK TODAY HOW MANY DEATHS NOT COVID RELATED HAVE THEY HAD IN THE COUNTY SINCE JANUARY. SHE WAS NOT SURPRISED TO HEAR IT WAS 51. SHE SAID THROUGH THE WOMANS ORGANIZATION THAT SHE IS A PART OF, THEY HAVE DONE SEVERAL FUNERALS SO FAR THIS YEAR. SHE THINKS THAT REALLY KEEPS IN HOLDING WITH WHAT THEY ARE SEEING FROM WHAT THE CDC REPORTS IS TO WHAT THE NUMBER OF P.I.C. DEATHS SO FAR THIS YEAR AS COMPARED TO WHAT THE NUMBER OF DEATHS WERE TO HEART DISEASE.

VICE-MAYOR SMITH ASKED IF THE HEART DISEASE DEATHS SHE HAS ARE FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR AND NOT 11 MONTHS. DUSTIE SAID YES, THEY ARE ONE MONTH SHY. VICE-MAYOR SMITH SAID WHETHER IT IS COVID-19 OR THE FLU OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT, BECAUSE SHE KNOWS THAT IS WHAT SHE IS TRYING TO DO. SHE IS SAYING IT COULD BE JUST THE FLU THAT IS KILLING OR IT COULD BE JUST A COLD THAT IS KILLING EVERYONE. DUSTIE SAYS SHE DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT. VICE-MAYOR SMITH SAID SAYING THE WORDS LIKE THAT MAKES COVID NOT THAT BIG OF A DEAL AND WE UNDERSTAND THAT ALL THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN HIT SO FAR HAVE HAD A MILD CASE. SHE SAID SHE GETS THAT.

VICE-MAYOR SMITH SAID SHE LIVED IN LAS VEGAS, BUT SHE WAS NEVER A GAMBLER SO SHE IS NOT A FAN OF GAMBLING. SHE SAID THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE UNTIL MARCH TO LIVE THEIR LIFE MAY END UP DYING AT CHRISTMAS, BECAUSE THEY ARE SICK WITH SOMETHING AT THE EARLY OF DECEMBER. SHE SAID SHE IS ALREADY NERVOUS ABOUT THANKSGIVING; EVERYBODY IS SAYING STAY WITH YOUR FAMILY, BUT SHE IS NOT GOING TO FRANKLIN WHERE HER FAMILY IS, BECAUSE THEY HAVE A 92 YEAR-OLD GRANDMOTHER WHO SHE DOES NOT FEEL COMFORTABLE BEING NEAR, BECAUSE THERE ARE SEVERAL CASES THEY HAD AT THE SCHOOL. SHE SAID THEY ALL KNOW THAT IS HER RIGHT TO DO THAT TO KEEP HER SAFE.

SHE SAID THEY ARE GOING TO KEEP SAYING IF YOU ARE SICK STAY HOME, BUT SHE CAN TELL YOU IT DOES NOT HAPPEN, SO NOW THEY ARE GOING TO HOPE THAT PEOPLE ARE GOING TO STAY HOME WHEN THEY ARE SICK.

A FRIEND OF HERS WHO LIVES HERE IN DUNCAN TESTED POSITIVE AND SHE DID NOT HAVE SYMPTOMS FOR A FEW DAYS AND THEN ONE DAY SHE HAD A SORE THROAT AND COULDN'T TASTE OR SMELL AND SURE ENOUGH SHE WAS POSITIVE. SHE WAS CONTAGIOUS FOR THE TIME BEFORE SHE HAD SYMPTOMS.

SHE SAID SHE IS WORRIED. MAYBE BECAUSE SHE KNOWS FROM WORKING AT THE BANK THAT THERE ARE A LOT OF ELDERLY PEOPLE HERE, THE PEOPLE WHO ARE ON SET INCOMES, THE PEOPLE WHO DON'T HAVE INSURANCE WHO CAN'T AFFORD TO GO TO THE DOCTOR, WHO CAN'T AFFORD TO GO TO GREENLEE COUNTY TO THE URGENT CARE TO GET THE FREE TEST, BECAUSE THEY JUST DON'T HAVE A RIDE. SHE SAID IF YOU CAN'T THINK OF ANY PEOPLE LIKE THAT IN YOUR SURROUNDING AREAS, MAYBE YOU HAVE A DIFFERENT KNOWLEDGE OF PEOPLE AROUND HERE THAN SHE DOES. SHE KNOWS THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO CANNOT MAKE IT UP THAT WAY, SO THEY STAY HOME OR THEY GO OUT EVEN THOUGH THEY FEEL ILL, BECAUSE THERE IS NO ONE TO HELP THEM.

SHE SAID IT IS TOO MUCH RISK FOR HER PERSONALLY AND SHE APPRECIATES ALL THE THINGS THAT THE COMMITTEE IS TRYING TO DO TO MAKE SURE EVERYONE IS HAPPY. SHE SEES OTHER RURAL COMMUNITIES EVEN ONES THAT ARE LARGER THAN OURS IN OTHER AREAS AND SHE SEES HOW FAST THOSE PEOPLE ARE LOSING THEIR BUSINESSES, BECAUSE THERE IS NOBODY THERE TO MAN THE SHOP BECAUSE EVERYONE IS SICK OR QUARANTINED. SHE SAID THIS IS NOT JUST ABOUT DEATHS ANYMORE, THIS IS ABOUT OUR ECONOMY. SHE SAID ALL THE PEOPLE WHO NEED TO WORK HERE LIVE HERE AND IF EVERYBODY GETS SICK AT THE SAME TIME WHO IS THERE TO MAN THE SCHOOLS, WHO IS THERE TO DRIVE THE BUSES, WHO IS THERE TO OPEN THE SHOPS AND THINGS LIKE THAT. THAT IS WHAT SHE IS THINKING, IT IS NOT JUST ABOUT DEATHS. THEY DON'T HAVE THE RESOURCES HERE TO CARE FOR PEOPLE IF THEY GOT ILL. THEY DON'T HAVE A BUS WHO WILL TAKE A 22 YEAR OLD.

DUSTIE SAID AN INTERESTING THING HAPPENED THIS AFTERNOON. THERE IS A GENTLEMAN WHO HAS COVID-19 AND HIS WIFE IS OUT OF TOWN AND CANNOT COME BACK AND HE IS BY HIMSELF. SHE SAID MAYBE THE VICE-MAYOR LIVES IN A DIFFERENT COMMUNITY THAN SHE DOES. SHE SAID THEY MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO TAKE MEALS AND DROP THEM OFF AT HIS DOOR. SHE SAID THEY FOUND OUT AT 3:00 PM TODAY. STARTING TODAY THROUGH SUNDAY THEY HAVE ALREADY MADE ARRANGEMENTS THAT FAST TO MAKE SURE HE WAS PROVIDED FOR. SHE SAID THAT IS THE COMMUNITY SHE LIVES IN. THEY LOVE EACH OTHER AND TAKE CARE OF EACH OTHER AND IF WE KNOW THAT SOMEONE NEEDS SOMETHING. SHE CAN'T TELL YOU HOW MANY TIMES AMANDA PICKS UP THE PHONE AND SAYS I'M GOING TO SAFFORD, DO YOU NEED SOMETHING AND THAT IS JUST NOT FOR HER. SHE DOES THAT WITH EVERYONE.

SHE SAID SHE THINKS THE VICE-MAYOR IS RIGHT, THEY DO NOT HAVE THE HELPFUL RESOURCES THAT THEY WISH THEY HAD HERE. SHE SAID THEY DO HAVE COMMUNITY WHO TREAT EACH OTHER LIKE FAMILY AND WHO WILL REACH OUT AND HELP WHEN NEEDED. SHE IS HOPEFUL THAT SOMEONE WHO NEEDS A RIDE WILL BE TAKEN WITH THE PROPER PRECAUTIONS OF COURSE.

DUSTIE SAID THE VICE-MAYOR MENTIONED DEATH AND SHE KNOWS THAT IS SOMETHING THAT COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSONH REPORTED THAT MATT HAD SPOKEN TO HER ABOUT ON THE PHONE. HE SAID WE HAD TWO DEATHS THAT HE KNOWS ABOUT AND HE SAID THEIR FAMILIES WOULD HAVE HAD A LONGER TIME WITH THEM. SHE WANTED TO INTRODUCE THEM TO SHERMA JEAN GARNER AND HER MOTHER WAS ONE OF THOSE DEATHS AND SHE IS GOING TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT HOW SHE FEELS ABOUT THAT SITUATION, SO THEY HAVE A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF HOW THE FAMILY ACTUALLY FEELS, NOT JUST THE WAY COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSONH OR MR. BOLINGER FELT LIKE THEY MIGHT FEEL.

SHERMA JEAN SAID SHE WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK BRIEFLY ABOUT ONE OF OUR PANDEMIC STATISTICS IN OUR COMMUNITY. HER MOTHER WOULD HAVE BEEN 86 YEARS OLD NEXT WEEK. SHE WAS DEAF FOR MORE THAN HALF OF HER LIFE. SHE HAD ATRIAL FIBRILLATION AND WITH THAT COMES MANY SILENT STROKES. IN THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS SHE STARTED SHOWING SIGNS OF EARLY ONSET DEMENTIA WHICH MEANT SHE COULD HAVE THE SAME CONVERSATION WITH HER SEVEN TIMES IN 20 MINUTES. IN THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS, SHE STARTED EATING LESS AND SLEEPING MORE, ANYWHERE UP TO 20 HOURS IN A SINGLE DAY. DURING THESE LAST FEW YEARS SHE LEFT THE HOUSE LESS AND LESS. SHE WENT TO THE DOCTORS AND PAID HER BILLS AND HER GREATEST JOY WAS PARTICIPATING IN OUR COMMUNITY EVENTS ON SPECIAL OCCASIONS. SHE COULDN'T HEAR LAUGHTER, SHE COULDN'T HEAR THE MUSIC BUT SHE COULD

DEFINITELY VISIT WITH HER FRIENDS AND SEE THE LAUGHTER ON THE CHILDRENS FACES AS THE EVENTS WERE HAPPENING.

IT WAS AT ONE OF THESE EVENTS ON THE 4TH OF JULY THAT SHE FELL AND BROKE HER HIP IN MUTLIPLE PLACES. SHE HAD SURGERY THE NEXT DAY AND THREE DAYS LATER THEY TRANFERRED HER TO ASSISTED LIVING SO THEY COULD HELP HER LEARN TO WALK AGAIN. TWO WEEKS LATER SHE DEVELOPED PNEUMONIA FROM COMPLICATIONS FROM THE SURGERY AND BASED ON HER HEALTH CONDITIONS. IT WAS ONLY IN THE LAST THREE TO FOUR DAYS OF HER LIFE THAT THEY FOUND OUT SHE HAD COVID-19, PRESUMABLY BROUGHT IN BY ONE OF HER CAREGIVERS.

SHE SAID SHE IS ASKING THEM TO THINK ABOUT THIS SIMPLE STATEMENT SAYING THAT THOSE WHO DIED IN OUR COMMUNITY HAD TIME LEFT AND WITHOUT THIS VIRUS SHE WOULD HAVE LIVED LONGER. SHE DID NOT NOR DID THEY HAVE ANY EXPECTATIONS OF HER LIFE SPAN TO BE MUCH LONGER. SHE KNEW HER TIME WAS LIMITED AND SHE DID NOT LEAVE THIS LIFE BECAUSE OF COVID-19 OR TO BE A STATISTIC. SHE LEFT US BECAUSE IT WAS HER TIME AND IT WAS A BLESSING FOR HER AND A BLESSING FOR US.

SHE UNDERSTANDS THE VICE-MAYOR'S CONCERNS, SHE JUST WANTS HER TO RECOGNIZE THAT WE EACH HAVE OUR OWN CHOICES TO MAKE THE DECISIONS THAT BEST FIT US. PLEASE DO NOT USE THE PEOPLE OF OUR COMMUNITY AS YOUR STATICS, YOUNG, OLD, COVID-19, NON COVID-19 TO MAKE YOUR DECISIONS. SHE SAID HER MOTHER KNEW THAT DAY ON THE 4TH OF JULY TO TAKE THAT RISK AND THAT RISK WAS HER'S TO TAKE AND SHE CHOSE TO HAVE THAT EXTRA MOMENT AND THAT EXTRA INVOLVEMENT IN HER COMMUNITY THAT SHE LOVED, TO SEE HER FRIENDS AND SHARE IN THAT JOY. IT'S OUR CHOICE AS INDIVIDUALS AND WE ALL NEED SO MUCH HOPE AND LOVE AND FRIENDSHIP RIGHT NOW AT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR. THANK YOU FOR LISTENING.

MAYOR THURMAN THANKED SHERMA JEAN. VICE-MAYOR SMITH SAID SHE IS REALLY SORRY FOR HER LOSE.

MAYOR THURMAN SAID THIS MEETING WAS CALLED TO BE AN UPDATE ON SCHEDULED CHRISTMAS EVENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE. SHE SAID SHE FEELS THEY HAVE GIVEN THEM EXACTLY WHAT THEY ASKED FOR ON THE SAFETY PLAN AND SCHEDULE OF EVENTS. SHE SAID THEY DID VOTE ON THIS IN OCTOBER. AT THIS TIME, WE DON'T HAVE A MOTION FOR ANYTHING TO VOTE ON. SHE ASKED THE COUNCIL IF THEY WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT ON ANY OF THE SAFETY PLAN.

COUNCILMEMBER BLAKE SAID HE DOES NOT HAVE ANY COMMENTS. HE FEELS THE SAFETY PLAN THAT HAS BEEN OUTLINED FOLLOWS THE COUNTY'S MASK MANDATE AND THEIR REQUIREMENTS AND HE FEELS THAT IT DOES FIT WHAT THE COUNTY HAS ASK OF THEM. AS FAR AS SOCIAL DISTANCING, ENCOURAGING THE WEARING OF MASKS, SANITIZING AND HAND WASHING, SEPARATING CRAFTS AND GAMES, NO PLAY AND MINIMIZING THE DANCE AND ALL THE OTHER EVENTS THAT WOULD BRING PEOPLE CLOSER THAN 6' THAT ARE NOT IN FAMILY GROUPS. HE SAID HE FEELS COMFORTABLE WITH THE SAFETY PLAN AS LONG AS IT IS FOLLOWED AS WRITTEN. HE SAID THE ONLY THING HE WOULD ADD IS MAYBE SOME TYPE OF HANDOUT OR SOMETHING AS PEOPLE ARE COMING IN THAT GIVES THEM THE IDEA OF THE EXPECTATIONS BECAUSE THERE ARE GOING TO BE THOSE THAT WALK IN AND DEMAND INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS AND DEMAND THAT THEY NOT HAVE TO WEAR A MASK.

HE THINKS SETTING THAT EXPECTATION PRIOR TO ANYONE COMING AND BEING INVOLVED IN THOSE EVENTS, SO ANY ADVERTISING MAY INCLUDE THAT. ALL THE EXISTING REQUIREMENTS

THAT THE COUNTY HAS ALREADY PUT IN PLACE AND THAT HAS BEEN RENEWED AGAIN AT THEIR LAST MEETING TO BE FORWARDED SO THAT EXPECTATION IS VERY CLEAR. THAT WAY YOU DON'T HAVE THOSE CONFRONTATIONS AND THAT SOUR ADDITUDE IN A FUN EVENT. HE SECONDS WHAT SHERMA JEAN HAS BROUGHT UP, HE TOOK CARE OF HIS AGING GRANDPARENTS THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS THAT THEY WERE ALIVE AND HE HAS BEEN IN THAT SITUATION WHEN YOU ARE TAKING CARE OF THEM AND THE ONLY JOY THEY HAD WAS GOING OUT AND SEEING FRIENDS AND ENJOYING EVENTS AND NOT BEING COUPED UP AT HOME.

HE SAID HE SEES THE LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL WITH VACCINE DEVELOPMENT AS WE GET DAY TO DAY REPORTS THAT THIS VACCINE IS BETTER OR THAT VACCINE IS BETTER. AS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS ROLLING OUT THEIR PLANS ON HOW TO GET IT TO THE PUBLIC AND WHICH GROUPS ARE GOING TO GET IT FIRST AND ALL OF THAT. HE SEES THAT THERE IS A PLAN IN PLACE AND THIS WILL HELP MITIGATE THOSE RISKS.

HE SAID EVERYONE KNOWS THAT GOING OUT IN PUBLIC RIGHT NOW; YOU ARE TAKING A RISK. HE SAID IT HAS BEEN HAMMERED INTO THEIR HEADS REPEATLY THAT IT IS A RISK AND THAT HAS TO BE WEIGHED BY EACH PERSON. WE LIVE IN A SOCIETY AND A COMMUNITY AND YOUR INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS DO AFFECT THOSE AROUND YOU. HE DOES NOT SEE AN ISSUE WITH DOING THE BARE MINIMUM OF SOCIAL DISTANCING, OF WASHING YOUR HANDS, OF WEARING A MASK. HE SAID HE DOES NOT SEE WHERE THAT IS INFRINGING ON ANYONE'S PERSONAL RIGHTS. HE AGREES THAT THE SAFETY PLAN THAT DUSTIE OUTLINED IS SUFFICIENT FOR HIS CONCERNS. COMING INTO THIS MEETING THEY DID NOT HAVE THE SAFETY PLAN AND THAT ELEVATES HIS CONCERNS AND THE QUESTIONS HE HAD IN HIS MIND.

COUNCILMEMBER WEARNE SAID SHE IS GOING TO PLAY DEVIL'S ADVOCATE, WHICH THEY ARE NOT USED TO HER PLAYING. SHE SAID BACK ON JUNE 8TH THEY HAD THEIR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AND THEY HAD FOUR ACTIVE CASES AND THEY WERE VOTING ON THE 4TH OF JULY AND THEN THEY HAD A MEETING ON JULY 1ST AND THERE WERE 8 ACTIVE CASES AND THAT WAS AN EASY, EASY DECISION. SHE SAID THEY ARE NOT MAKING A DECISION TONIGHT. SHE SAID ON OCTOBER 8TH AND THEY HAD 8 CASES ON THAT DAY. SHE SAID THAT WAS AN EASY DECISION. SHE SAID NOW THEY ARE AT 91, BUT BACK TO 75 AND SHE IS JUST TRYING TO FIGURE OUT AT WHAT POINT, THEY HAVE ALSO SAID THEY WOULD PULL BACK AS SOON AS THEY HIT CRISIS LEVEL AND SHE IS TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHERE CRISIS LEVEL IS. LAST WEEKEND SHE DROVE TO TEXAS; SHE WENT TO LUBBOCK, TEXAS. SHE JUST SPENT THE LAST FIVE DAYS IN THE HIGHEST CASES. SHE SAID SHE TOOK A RISK. HER MOM SAID, PLEASE COME.

SHE SAID SHE WAS WATCHING THE DASHBOARD TO SEE HOW MANY BEDS THEY HAVE AVAILABLE AND SHE SAW THEY WERE AT ZERO BEDS. SHE SAID SHE WAS SO EXCITED TODAY SHE TURNED IT ON AND THEY HAD 17 BEDS AVAILABLE, BUT THEY HAD 18 PEOPLE DIE TODAY.

SHE SAID SHE IS WEARING HER MASK AND DO ALL THE THINGS SHE CAN DO, SHE DOES NOT KNOW IF THE MASK WORKS OR NOT. WHILE IN LUBBOCK SHE SAW ONE PERSON WITHOUT A MASK. SHE SAID SHE DOES NOT HAVE THE ANSWERS.

JAMES GARNER SAID HE WORKS AT THE FEDERAL PRISON AND THEY ARE MANDATED AS SOON AS THEY WALK IN THE FRONT DOOR, HE HAS TO HAVE A MASK ON. HE SAID IF HE IS THE ONLY ONE IN HIS OFFICE; HE HAS TO HAVE A MASK ON. WHEN HE COMES BACK IN FROM OUTSIDE HE HAS TO SANITIZE HIS HANDS. HE SAID THE MASKS DO WORK. THE ONLY ACTIVE CASE THEY HAVE RECEIVED HAS NOT BEEN FROM A STAFF MEMBER BRINGING IT INSIDE. IT WAS BECAUSE AN INMATE WAS MISDIAGNOSED LEAVING ANOTHER INSTITUTION. HE SAID ALL THE STAFF HAVE TO

WEAR MASKS. THEY ARE UNCOMFORTABLE AND HE DOESN'T LIKE IT, BUT IT HELPS HIM BECAUSE HE IS HIGH RISK. HE SAID THE SANITATION THAT THEY HAVE ON THE SAFETY PLAN IS ALMOST LIKE OVERKILL COMPARED TO THE WAY THEY HAVE IT SET UP AT THE PRISON FOR THIS SMALL AREA. HE SAID WHAT DUSTIE HAS OUTLINED THERE HE DOESN'T THINK YOU CAN DO ANY BETTER THAN THAT. COUNCILMEMBER WEARNE SAID SHE KNEW DUSTIE WOULD COME PREPARED AND THEY HAVE THOUGHT OF WAY MORE THAN SHE COULD THINK OF.

COUNCILMEMBER WEARNE SAID SHE IS JUST TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHERE CRISIS LEVEL IS. SHE DOESN'T KNOW WHERE IT IS IN HER OWN PERSONAL LIFE, BECAUSE SHE CONTINUES TO GO. SHE SAID THEY CONTINUE TO MEET AND DO THINGS AS FAMILY GROUPS.

VICE-MAYOR SMITH SAID SHE DOES NOT WANT TO HIT CRISIS LEVEL AND THIS IS WHY SHE IS SAYING PULL BACK. SHE SAID THIS HAS ALREADY BEEN VOTED ON AND SHE APPLAUDS THEM FOR TRYING THEIR BEST TO MAKE SURE EVERYONE IS SAFE AND THEY CAN CELEBRATE IN A WAY THAT MAKES PEOPLE FEEL SAFE.

SHE SAID THERE IS ANXIETY OF WATCHING PEOPLE WEAR MASKS, BUT THERE IS ALSO ANXIETY OF WATCHING PEOPLE NOT WEARING MASKS AND BE FEARFUL OF THEM BECAUSE THIS IS THE CONVERSATION. SHE SAID THE KIDS HERE IT AND SHE GETS QUESTIONED ALL THE TIME ALL DAY LONG ABOUT DIFFERENT THINGS. SHE SAID THE MENTAL HEALTH OF MANY IS DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS. THERE IS GOING TO BE A LOT OF KIDS WHO MAY BE FORCED TO GO BECAUSE THEIR FAMILY IS GOING AND MAYBE THEY ARE SCARED AND THEY DON'T WANT TO BECAUSE THEY ARE AFRAID. SHE SAID SHE SEES THAT THE KIDS WHO HAVE THAT HIGHER LEVEL ANXIETY USING AS MUCH SANITIZER AS THEY CAN. 'CAN I GO TO THE RESTROOM; I NEED TO WASH MY HANDS.' THEY TRY REALLY HARD BUT IT BLOCKS THEM FROM DAY TO DAY.

SHE JUST WANTS THE COVID-19 TO BE WHERE IT IS NOT HERE ANYMORE, BECAUSE THAT IS THE BEST CASE SCENARIO. IT CAN HAPPEN WHERE THIS STRAIN OF CORONAVIRUS IS GONE. SHE SAID IT HAS HAPPENED BEFORE WITH OTHER VIRUSES. THEY DON'T SEE OTHER STRAINS ANYMORE. SHE SAID AS A COUNTRY THEY DID NOT ALLOW THAT TO HAPPEN, THEY ALLOWED IT TO INFILTRATE EVEN THE SMALLEST TOWNS, BECAUSE FIRST IT WAS A POLITICAL THING WITH THE MASKS. SHE SAID LIKE ALEX MENTIONED LAST TIME THAT SOMETIMES IT FELT LIKE PEOPLE WHO WORE MASKS LOOKED LIKE THEY WERE ABOVE THOSE WHO DID NOT WEAR MASKS. SHE SAID AS A MASK WEARER SHE ALWAYS FELT MORE FEARFUL, BECAUSE SHE IS WEARING A MASK AND GETTING THE DIRTIEST STARES, AND THE EYE ROLLS AND THE HEAD SHAKES. SHE IS LABELED A PROGRESSIVE, BECAUSE SHE DEDICED TO WEAR A MASK SINCE THEY GOT BACK IN SCHOOL. SHE SAID THERE ARE TWO SIDES OF EACH COIN. SHE SAID THEY CAN PROBABLY ARGUE THEIR IDEAS ALL DAY LONG AND FIND THE SCIENCE THAT WILL HELP THEM. RIGHT NOW, FROM WHAT SHE HEARS, PEOPLE AROUND US HAVE SYMPTOMS, BUT THEY WON'T GO GET CHECKED, BECAUSE IF YOU DON'T GET CHECKED THEN YOU DON'T HAVE CORONAVIRUS.

SHE SAID THAT WAY OF THINKING SHE HEARS TOO OFTEN. SHE SAYS IF WE CONTINUE, EVEN AS SAFE AS THEY ARE TRYING TO BE SHE FEELS LIKE YOU CANNOT CONTROL THAT PART. THAT WILL BE WHERE PEOPLE WILL HAVE TO DECIDE. SHE SAID IF YOU ARE CONTAGIOUS BEFORE YOU SHOW SYMPTOMS HOW DO YOU KNOW?

COUNCILMEMBER BLAKE SAID THAT IS BASED ON FAULTY SCIENCE. HE SAID THAT IDEA WAS BASED ON ONE CASE OF ONE PERSON WHO LEFT FROM CALIFORNIA TO CHINA THAT SHE DENIED, DENIED, DENIED HAVING SYMPTOMS AND THE CDC ASSUMED SHE DIDN'T HAVE SYMPTOMS

WHEN THEY DID NOT RECOGNIZE THAT LOSS OF TASTE, LOW GRADE FEVER AND ALL THESE OTHER MINOR SYMPTOMS WERE SYMPTOMS.

VICE-MAYOR SMITH SAID THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL THOUSAND, THIS IS HOW IT SPREADS EVEN WITH THE COMMON COLD, YOU ARE CONTAGIOUS BEFORE YOU EVEN SHOW SYMPTOMS. COUNCILMEMBER BLAKE SAID CORONAS ARE COLD VIRUSES, THEY ARE THE SAME THING AND IT IS THE COMMON COLD. SHE SAID SHE APOLOGIZES TO HIM, BUT THEY ARE NOT THE SAME THING. SHE SAID IT IS NOT THE COMMON COLD, IT IS A DIFFERENT STRAIN.

THE MAYOR SAID THEY COULD ARGUE AND ARGUE THIS. COUNCILMEMBER BLAKE SAID THEY ARE ARGUING DEFINITION. HE SAID A CORONAVIRUS HAS A CORONA OVER IT, IT IS A COMMON COLD. HE SAID WE CALL THE COMMON COLD A COMMON COLD. HE SAID THEY DON'T SAY CORONA EVERY TIME THEY HAVE A COLD, JUST LIKE THEY DON'T SAY INFLUENZA WHEN HE HAS THE FLU. VICE-MAYOR SMITH SAID HOWEVER THIS STRAIN IS NEW. HE SAID EVERYTIME YOU GET A COLD VIRUS IT IS A NEW VIRUS TO YOU. SHE SAID NOT NEW TO THE WORLD. HE SAID YOU ARE RIGHT.

MAYOR THURMAN SAID SHE DOES NOT MEAN TO BE RUDE OR DISRESPECTFUL, BUT THE REASON FOR THIS MEETING WAS FOR AN UPDATE. THIS WAS NOT A MEETING TO ARGUE THE POINT OR TRY TO DEFINE ANYTHING.

THE MAYOR SAID SHE THINKS THAT DUSTIE AND THE OTHERS MET THE REQUIREMENTS TO GIVE US AN UPDATE. THERE IS NOTHING TO VOTE ON AT THIS TIME. SHE SAID COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON IS ON ZOOM AND SHE WILL LET HER ADDRESS THE PUBLIC.

SHE SAID THANK YOU; THERE ARE JUST A FEW THINGS SHE WANTS TO NOTE. WHEN SHE TEXTED DUSTIE WITH THAT SHE FELT IT WAS HER RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE PEOPLE OF DUNCAN BY VIRTUE OF HAVING BEEN ELECTED TWICE FOR THIS OFFICE. SHE SAID THAT IS HER WAY OF EXPRESSING HER LOVE FOR THIS COMMUNITY AND HER WILLINGNESS TO TAKE A LOT OF HEAT OVER WHAT SHE FEELS. IN THIS CASE THERE IS NONE OF US WHO HAS A SCIENTIFIC BACKGROUND TO MAKE STATEMENTS ABOUT COVID-19. HER CHOICE IS TO LISTEN TO A GREAT MANY DIFFERENT EXPERTS AROUND THE COUNTRY. ONE OF THE THINGS SHE DOES WANT TO POINT OUT IS THAT THE MESSAGE HAS BEEN COMING IN FROM MANY QUARTERS IN THE LAST WEEK OR TWO ESPECIALLY STRONGLY THAT IMMUNITY TRANSMISSION IS NOW THE PRINCIPAL MODE OF TRANSMISSION. SHE SAID WHAT THAT MEANS WHEN THEY SAY THAT IS THAT THEY DON'T KNOW WHERE IT IS COMING FROM BECAUSE PEOPLE WHO DO NOT HAVE SYMPTOMS ARE TRANSMITTING IT TO OTHERS. IT IS IMPORTANT TO KEEP THAT IN MIND. SHE ALSO WANTED TO POINT OUT IS THAT THE ONLY PERSON IN OUR WHOLE PICTURE WHO ACTUALLY HAS THE TRAINING TO EVALUATE WHAT IS GOING ON WITH THE SCIENCE IS MATT BOLINGER WHO IS TRAINED AND HE DID SAY UNEQUIVOCALLY THAT HE DOES NOT MAKE THE DECISION, IT IS THE DECISION TO BE MADE BY THE TOWN OF DUNCAN. HE DID SAY HE DID NOT THINK IT WAS A GOOD IDEA. HE ALSO SAID SPECIFICALLY THAT ON THE 4TH OF JULY, DUNCAN WAS IN A PRETTY GOOD PLACE TO HOLD PUBLIC EVENTS AND BY THE TIME OCTOBER CAME AROUND IT WAS DIFFERENT, BUT NOW DUNCAN IS NOT IN A GOOD PLACE TO TAKE A RISK LIKE THIS. HOWEVER, HE ACKNOWLEDGES THAT IT IS THE TOWN'S DECISION.

SHE ALSO WANTED TO LET SHERMA JEAN KNOW THAT SHE IS VERY SORRY ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED TO HER MOTHER. SHE WANTED TO CLARIFY THAT WHEN MATT BOLINGER SPOKE TO HER ABOUT OLDER PEOPLE AND SHE REPEATED SOME OF THAT AT THEIR REGULAR MEETING THAT HE WAS TALKING ABOUT OLDER PEOPLE IN GENERAL, BECAUSE THERE IS A LOT OF TALK

GOING ON ONLINE ABOUT PEOPLE SAYING “WELL THEY WOULD HAVE DIED ANYWAY, I HAVE SEEN THIS A LOT” AND THAT IS WHAT HE WAS TALKING ABOUT AND THAT WAS WHAT HE WAS REFERRING TO PEOPLE IN GENERAL AND NOT THOSE TWO. SHE WANTS TO STRESS SHE GOES OUT IN THIS TOWN RELUCTANTLY, BECAUSE SHE IS ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO IS AT PRETTY SEVERE RISK IF SHE SHOULD CONTRACT THE VIRUS AND SHE RARELY SEES MASKS. SHE SAID IT MADE HER HAPPY TO GO INTO THE POST OFFICE AND SEE EVERYONE WAS WEARING A MASK EXCEPT FOR ONE YOUNG WOMAN AND SHE WAS BEING VERY RESPECTFUL AND SWEET AND THAT WAS VERY ENCOURAGING FOR HER. IN GENERAL, THIS IS A PRETTY UNMASKED TOWN AND SHE WOULD EXPECT THAT MOST OF THE FAMILIES WHO COME TO THE CHRISTMAS EVENTS ARE GOING TO BE VERY CAREFUL; SHE DOES BELIEVE THAT. THEY HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO AREN'T AND THEY NEED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT AND THEY NEED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE EXPERTS ARE TELLING US THAT THIS DISEASE IS BEING SPREAD BY PEOPLE WHO HAVE NO SYMPTOMS. SHE SAID THERE IS A LOT GOING ON THAT IS NOT BEING REFLECTED IN THE COUNCIL MEETING. SHE SAID SHE HOPES EVERYBODY WILL BE SAFE.

MAYOR THURMAN THANKED COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON. SHE SAID THIS WAS VOTED ON, TIMES CHANGE AND THEY CHANGE QUICKLY. THIS MAY BE SOMETHING THEY NEED TO ADDRESS AS THEY GET CLOSER, BUT AT THIS POINT SHE FEELS THEY FULFILLED THE REQUEST OF PROVIDING THE INFORMATION OF HOW THEY ARE GOING TO ADDRESS THE SAFETY PLAN. SHE SAID SHE SEES PEOPLE ON A DAILY BASIS AS WELL, SOME HAVE MASKS ON AND SOME DON'T. SHE SAID SHE IS IN A ROOM RIGHT NOW WITH SEVERAL PEOPLE AND SHE HAS A MASK ON, SHE WEARS A MASK EVERY SINGLE DAY TO WORK, BEFORE SHE ENTERS THE BUILDING IT STAYS ON UNTIL SHE LEAVES THE BUILDING AND SHE GETS INTO HER VEHICLE AND GOES HOME. HAS SHE BEEN IN TOWN WITHOUT A MASK, YES SHE HAS, BUT SHE HAS NOT BEEN IN A GROUP OF PEOPLE EITHER.

SHE FEELS THE COMMITTEE FULFILLED THE COMMITMENT ON THE SAFETY PLAN, SHE APPRECIATES SOME OF THE THINGS THEY HAVE TAKEN OFF THE LIST BECAUSE OF THE CONCERNS OF INDIVIDUALS IN THIS COMMUNITY AND IT WAS WISE. SHE SAID THANKS FOR ADDRESSING US AND GIVING US THE INFORMATION AND SHE HOPES IT HAS PUT SOME PEOPLE AT EASE AND SHE KNOWS IT HASN'T A LOT OF PEOPLE, BUT HOPEFULLY IT HAS PUT SOME PEOPLE AT EASE. SHE SAID AGAIN THIS WAS AN UPDATE, THERE IS NO VOTE. SHE WOULD AT THIS TIME UNLESS ANYBODY ON THE COUNCIL HAS A COMMENT THEY WOULD LIKE TO MAKE. VICE-MAYOR SMITH SAID GOOD LUCK, SHE REALLY DOES HOPE THAT IT DOES NOT EXPLODE FROM NOW UNTIL THEN, SO THAT WAY IF WE DO GET TO CONTINUE THAT IT IS NOT ASTRONOMICAL.

DUSTIE SAID SHE APPRECIATES THAT, SHE DOES HAVE ONE COMMENT. MR. BOLINGER WAS SAYING IN HIS EMAIL THAT IT IS DIFFERENT NOW THAN IT WAS IN JULY AND SHE WILL GRANT HIM THAT. SHE SAID WHAT SHE THINKS IS DIFFICULT FOR THOSE WHO SET ON THIS SIDE OF THE ISLE IS THAT WHAT THEY WERE TOLD IN JULY WAS THAT THEY WERE GOING TO PROHIBIT SCHOOL FROM STARTING, THAT WE WERE GOING TO KILL PEOPLE, THAT IT WAS COMPLETELY IRRESPONSIBLE. SHE SAID THEY WERE TOLD THE SAME THING AT HALLOWEEN AND TO HER IT IS A LOT OF CHICKEN LITTLE AND THE SKY IS FALLING, THE SKY IS FALLING, THE SKY IS FALLING. ALSO THE ONE THAT CALLS WOLF ALL THE TIME. SHE SAID SHE UNDERSTANDS THEY ARE IN A DIFFERENT SITUATION RIGHT NOW, BUT SHE WOULD HAVE APPRECIATED THAT COURTESY THAT DAY. SHE DOES NOT THINK IT IS FAIR TO TELL HER NOW THAT JULY WAS OKAY, BECAUSE IT WAS DIFFERENT THEN, BUT THAT IS CERTAINLY NOT THE ADVICE THAT MR. BOLINGER GAVE HER THEN. HE SAID DON'T DO THIS, BUT IF YOU ARE GOING TO DO IT, I'LL HELP YOU DO IT SAFELY, WHICH IS

EXACTLY WHAT HE WAS TELLING US TODAY. COUNCILMEMBER WEARNE ASKED WHERE IS THE BREAKING POINT, SHE SAID SHE DOES NOT KNOW? SHE DOES THINK THAT THEY DO NEED TO PAY ATTENTION TO THE HOSPITALIZATIONS, THE PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO REQUIRE THAT ADVANCED MEDICAL CARE WOULD BE AN INDICATION TO HER THAT THEY NEED TO PAY VERY CLOSE ATTENTION TO WHETHER OR NOT THIS EVENT GOES FORWARD. SHE SAID RIGHT NOW THEY HAVE HAD 1 IN THE LAST 30 DAYS.

MAYOR THURMAN THANKED EVERYONE FOR BEING HERE. SHE THANKED THEM FOR THE COMMENTS THAT WERE MADE. SHE THANKED SHERMA JEAN VERY MUCH, SHE SAID SHE KNOWS THAT WAS A VERY DIFFICULT THING FOR HER TO DO AND SHE JUST WANTS HER TO KNOW THAT SHE APPRECIATES THE FACT THAT SHE CAME.

DUSTIE SAID THERE IS A YOUNG LADY HERE WHO HAS BEEN PREPARED TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL AND IT IS PROBABLY NOT IMPORTANT AT THIS TIME, BUT SHE THINKS IT MAY BE GOOD FOR HER TO SAY A FEW LITTLE THINGS THAT ARE VERY IMPORTANT. MIA RICHINS READ A PAPER TO THE PUBLIC.

- 2. ADJOURNMENT: AT 6:57 PM, MAYOR ANNE THURMAN MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. COUNCILMEMBER ALEX BLAKE SECONDED. ALL FAVORED. MOTION CARRIED.**

CERTIFICATION:

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING MINUTES ARE A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE DUNCAN TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON THE 24TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2020. I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE MEETING WAS DULY CALLED AND A QUORUM WAS PRESENT.

THIS 8TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2020.

CYNTHIA NICHOLS, TOWN CLERK