

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DUNCAN COMMON COUNCIL
THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2020; 5:00 PM
DUNCAN TOWN HALL; 506 SE OLD WEST HIGHWAY**

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

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

PLEDGE: LED BY MAYOR THURMAN.

PRAYER: LED BY MAYOR THURMAN.

- 1. CONSENT AGENDA:** COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON HAD QUESTIONS ON THE EXPENDITURE REPORTS. SHE WANTED TO KNOW WHY THERE ARE TWO CARDMEMBER INTEREST CHARGES TOTALING MORE THAN \$400. THE MANAGER SAID THEY HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THOSE, THEY WERE MISSING A STATEMENT IN DECEMBER. HE EXPLAINED THAT THE CLERK WAS ONLY PAYING THE CURRENT CHARGES AND THERE WAS ALWAYS A BALANCE LEFT OVER AND THAT IS RESOLVED NOW.

SHE ALSO WANTED TO KNOW WHAT THE \$882 TOWN HOUSE SUPPLIES CHARGE WAS FOR. THE MANAGER SAID THAT IS TO REPLACE ONE OF THE APPLIANCES THAT WAS IN THE TOWN HOUSE ORIGINALLY.

SHE SAID ALSO THE TOWN IS PAYING THE TOWN HOUSE ELECTRIC AND GAS AND HER UNDERSTANDING IS THAT HE IS SUPPOSED TO PAY THOSE; WHY IS IT LISTED AS A TOWN EXPENDITURE? THE MANAGER SAID THE TOWN PAYS THEM AND THEN HE REIMBURSES THE TOWN.

SHE ASKED ABOUT THE PAYMENT TO RITCHIE BROTHERS FOR TWO BRUSH CUTTERS AND TWO UTILITY SOMETHINGS, THE WORD IS CUT OFF FOR A TOTAL OF MORE THAN \$22,000. THE MANAGER SAID THE BRUSH CUTTERS ARE TO MOW THE SIDES OF THE ROAD AND THE OTHERS ARE TWO UTILITY CARTS OR SIDE BY SIDES.

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: CLAYTON JARVIS** REPORTED THAT THERE IS A HEALTHY SPROUTING JUNK YARD IN OUR MIDST. HE SAID IN THE TOWN RECORDS IT STATES THAT YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO RUN A PRIVATE JUNK YARD. HE SAID THIS ONE HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR YEARS AND HE HAS WANTED TO SAY SOMETHING ABOUT IT AND NOW HE IS HERE. HE SAID IT IS A CANCER ON HIGH STREET AND THE SCHOOL AND IT IS GROWING ONTO THE OTHER PROPERTIES AND HE HAS NO BUSINESS LICENSE AND THERE IS NO PERMISSION TO HAVE IT. HE WANTED TO KNOW WHAT MESSAGE THAT SENDS TO OTHER PEOPLE IN OUR TOWN ABOUT OUR RULES. HE SAID IT LOOKS TERRIBLE AND IT IS GROWING AND HE WANTED TO KNOW IF ANYONE HAS EVER SAID ANYTHING ABOUT PUTTING UP A FENCE AND WHY HE IS EXPANDING TO OTHER AREAS. HE SAID HOW CAN

YOU POSSIBLY ENFORCE ANY BUSINESS IN TOWN, BECAUSE THAT MESS IS THE FIRST THING HE WOULD POINT TO.

- 3. MAYOR'S REPORT:** MAYOR THURMAN SAID A LOT OF THINGS ARE TAKING PLACE RIGHT NOW AND ONE THING SHE WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS IN HER REPORT THIS MONTH IS MOST ARE AWARE THERE WAS AN ISSUE WITH OUR DUMPSTER. SHE SAID THEY ARE LOCKING UP THE DUMPSTERS AT THE END OF THE DAY, BECAUSE OF THAT. SHE EXPLAINED THAT SOMEONE WAS DUMPING AND THE DUMPSTER BECAME FULL SO THEY CONTINUED TO DUMP AND LEFT IT. SHE SAID THEY HAD PICTURES TAKEN AND PEOPLE REPORTED IT AND SHE DOES NOT THINK THE INDIVIDUALS ARE HERE THIS EVENING, BUT THEY DID HAVE A FEW RESIDENTS THAT ACTUALLY CAME AND GOT TRASH BAGS TO CLEAN IT UP. SHE ASKED IF ANYONE SEES SOMETHING LIKE THAT TO PLEASE REPORT IT TO THE TOWN IMMEDIATELY. SHE SAID VISTA RECYCLING WILL NOT PICK UP A DUMPSTER IF THERE IS JUNK AROUND IT.

SHE ALSO REPORTED THAT THE TOWN IS SPONSORING A 4TH OF JULY PARADE AT 8:00 AM AND FIREWORKS LATER IN THE EVENING. THEY HAVE TO DISCUSS WHAT TIME WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

- 4. COUNCIL REPORTS: COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON** REPORTED THAT IT HAS BEEN TROUBLING TO HER THAT THE TOWN GAVE ITS NOD OF ASSENT TO THE ORGANIZING OF THE 4TH OF JULY WITHOUT ANY CONSULTATION WITH THE COUNCIL. SHE FELT THAT IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN BROUGHT BEFORE THE COUNCIL BECAUSE OF THE CORONAVIRUS CONCERNS. FOR VARIOUS REASONS, SHE IS OPTING NOT TO PARTICIPATE AT ALL. SHE SAID SHE KNOWS THERE ARE QUITE A FEW COMMUNITY MEMBERS THAT SHARE HER CONCERNS ABOUT THE SAFETY, PARTICULARLY SINCE IT HAS BEEN ADVERTISED IN OTHER COMMUNITIES THAT AREN'T HAVING FESTIVITIES AND DRAGGING PEOPLE IN OUR DIRECTION FROM PLACES THAT HAVE RISING RATES OF CORONAVIRUS INFECTION. AS THEY PROCEED THROUGH THIS CORONAVIRUS SEASON, SHE WOULD LIKE FOR THIS TO BE A REGULAR TOPIC FOR THE COMMUNITY, FOR THE COUNCIL TO REALLY STAY ON TOP OF THIS AND HAVE CONCERNS OUT IN THE OPEN.

COUNCILMEMBER WEARNE HAD NOTHING TO REPORT.

VICE-MAYOR VALERIE SMITH DOUBLED HER CONCERN WITH WHAT DEBORAH WAS SAYING. SHE KNOWS IT IS HARD TO SEE THE IMPACT OF THIS VIRUS BECAUSE IT IS FAR AND FEW BETWEEN IN OUR COMMUNITY, BUT SHE THINKS IT IS VERY DANGEROUS TO DO THIS KIND OF ACTIVITY. SHE DOES RESPECT THESE KIND OF ACTIVITIES GOING ON, BUT IN ORDER TO KEEP THEIR NUMBERS LOW SHE REALLY THINKS LARGE GROUPS OF PEOPLE IN SUCH CLOSE PROXIMITY FROM DIFFERENT HOUSEHOLDS IS A REALLY, REALLY RISKY THING. SHE SAID THAT IS THE RISKS THAT THEY ARE ALL WILLING TO TAKE, SHE HOPES IT DOES NOT TURN OUT TERRIBLE. SHE HOPES EVERYONE WILL BE SAFE AND NO ONE CONTRACTS THIS VIRUS IN THE MIDST OF WHAT SHOULD BE A VERY FUN EVENT.

SHE KNOWS QUITE A FEW PEOPLE WHO HAVE CONTRACTED THIS VIRUS AND IT IS SCARY TO SEE WHAT THEY ARE GOING THROUGH. THE LONGTERM EFFECTS THAT ARE HAPPENING TO PEOPLE HER AGE ARE EVEN WORSE OFF AND YOU CAN MOST LIKELY CATCH IT AGAIN. WHO KNOWS HOW MANY TIMES YOU CAN GET THE VIRUS, JUST LIKE THE FLU. SHE SAID IT IS ALL ABOUT PREPARATION AND SAFETY FOR HER. SHE DOES NOT WANT TO GET IT YET, SHE WOULD RATHER HAVE MORE INFORMATION ON THIS DISEASE BEFORE SHE CONTRACTS IT. SHE SAID IT IS NOT HERE YET, LET'S TRY TO KEEP IT THAT WAY.

5. **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:** THE MANAGER SAID THEY HAVE BEEN WORKING ON CLEAN UPS. THEY WILL HANG THE FLAGS THIS COMING WEEK. THEY ARE LIMITED TO THE AMOUNT OF EMPLOYEES THEY HAVE AT THE MOMENT. THEY HAVE DONE TWO SEWER HOOKUPS AND TWO WATER HOOKUPS IN TOWN LIMITS.

THE PEOPLE WHO WERE PAYING MONEY FOR POOR WORKMANSHIP ON THE POOL WENT TO COURT TO TRY TO GET THE CASE DISMISSED. HE SAID THAT IS STILL OVER \$31,000 THAT THEY OWE THE TOWN. THE COURT REDUCED IT TO 15% AND EXTENDED IT.

THEY HAVE ALSO BEEN PAINTING FIRE HYDRANTS. THEY ARE GOING TO DO STREET SWEEPING ON MONDAY, SO IF THEY CAN GET VEHICLES TO PARK IN THE ALLEY OR ACROSS THE STREET SO THEY CAN GET MAIN STREET TAKEN CARE OF, THAT WOULD BE GREAT.

THEY HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THE CEMETERY AND THAT NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED IN THE FUTURE TO STRAIGHTEN UP THE ROWS.

THE CREW HAS BEEN WORKING HARD, HE APPRECIATES EVERYTHING THEY HAVE DONE. THEY DID MOVE THE DUMPSTERS, BUT THEY STILL ARE AVAILABLE UNLESS PEOPLE START THROWING THEIR TRASH AT THE GATE, BECAUSE IT IS LOCKED NOW. HE SAID IF THAT HAPPENS, THEY WILL MOVE THEM FURTHER. COUNCILMEMBER WEARNE WANTED TO KNOW IF THERE IS A SIGN OUT THERE. THE MANAGER SAID NO, NOT YET. VICE-MAYOR SMITH WANTED TO KNOW IF IT IS JUST LOCKED AT NIGHT TIME. THE MANAGER SAID IT WILL BE LOCKED ON THE WEEKEND, BECAUSE IT IS IN THE TOWN YARD. HE SAID IT WILL BE OPEN MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY 7 AM TO 5 PM, FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY THEY WOULD HAVE TO GO TO THE LANDFILL. MAYOR THURMAN WANTED TO KNOW IF THERE ARE STILL TWO DUMPSTERS UP AT THE SHOP. THE MANAGER SAID YES, THEY HAVE ALWAYS HAD TWO DUMPSTERS. THE MAYOR SAID USUALLY THEY ARE IN TWO DIFFERENT SPOTS. COUNCILMEMBER WEARNE WANTED TO KNOW IF THEY LET PEOPLE KNOW THAT YET. HE SAID NO, IT JUST HAPPENED. SHE SAID SHE THOUGHT EVERYONE WAS VERY SUPPORTIVE. THE MANAGER ENCOURAGED PEOPLE TO REPORT PEOPLE THEY SEE DUMPING IN DITCHES.

6. **REPORT ON CURRENT EVENTS:**

- **DUNCAN PUBLIC LIBRARY:** CLAYTON JARVIS REPORTED THAT THE LIBRARY IS AGAIN OPEN TO ALL AGES. THEY JUST GOT A \$4,000 GRANT FROM THE STATES' INSTITUTION MUSEUMS AND LIBRARIES FUND FOR PHYSICAL LITERACY ACTIVITIES. THIS WILL BUY 10 CHROME BOOKS FOR SOME TO STAY IN THE LIBRARY AND SOME TO CIRCULATE ALONG WITH SOFTWARE AND SOME GERM BUSTING SUPPLIES. THEY ARE ONE OF THE FIVE LIBRARIES IN ARIZONA CHOSEN FOR A WIFI BOOTH PROGRAM. THE SIGNAL WILL BE STRONG ENOUGH SO THAT PEOPLE CAN USE IT ON THEIR OWN DEVICES FROM THE CARS IN THE PARKING LOT. THEY RECEIVED A \$1,500 GRANT FOR A NEW HANDWASHING FAUCET AND DISHWASHER FOR STERILIZING TOYS IN THE CHILDREN'S SECTION. THEY ARE ALSO EXPECTING SOME CARES MONEY TO BE USED FOR SECURITY CAMERAS. THE SUMMER READING FLYER IS OUT AND READING GROUPS WILL BE MEETING OUTSIDE FOR 30 MINUTES, KEEPING SEPARATION BETWEEN FAMILIES. FAMILIES WILL ALSO HAVE THE OPTION TO PICK UP MATERIALS FOR USE AT HOME. THE SIMPSON HOTEL HAS DONATED THE NEW HAL EMPIE ART CALLED "WAY OUT WEST". HE SAID IT IS A COMPLETE COMPILATION BOOK OF HAL EMPIE'S CARDS, SO YOU CAN GO LOOK AT IT IN THE LIBRARY.

- **DUNCAN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT:** THE MANAGER SAID HE HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE FIRE CHIEF, SO THERE MAY STILL BE BURNING GOING ON ALONG THE DIKE IN CASE THEY HAVE TO MOVE THE FIREWORKS TO THE DIKE. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON ASKED IF THAT IS WHAT THE CLEARING IS FOR. HE SAID THE CLEARING IS FOR A PARKING LOT, BUT THEY HAVE NEEDED TO CLEAR THAT FOR A WHILE. HE SAID HE TALKED TO HAYDEN AND THEY MAY DO JUST ALONG THE DIKE ON BOTH SIDES TO BURN THAT OFF. HE SAID THEY WILL SEE WHEN HE GETS BACK FROM ALASKA. THE MAYOR SAID HE SHOULD BE AVAILABLE ON MONDAY.

- **GREENLEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:** CHAIRMAN LUNT SAID THE NUMBERS ARE STILL LOW FOR THE CENSUS. THEY ARE UP TO ABOUT 35%. IT IS NOT EVASIVE AND TAKES LESS THAN 10 MINUTES AND WHAT IT DOES FOR OUR SCHOOLS, OUR ROADS, OUR TOWNS IS UNBELIEVABLE. HE SAID ALMOST ANY FUNDING YOU GET HAS A POPULATION FACTOR IN IT.

HE ALSO REPORTED THAT THEY DO HAVE A FIRE IN NORTHERN GREENLEE COUNTY THAT IS LIGHTENING CAUSED AND IT IS UP TO 23,000 ACRES AND IT IS ABOUT 1/3 CONTAINED. HE HOPES THE RAINS WILL COME IN AND HELP STOP THE FIRE, IT IS IN VERY RUGGED TERRAIN. HE SAID THEY ARE USING 191 ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE FIRE BREAK. THEY ARE ALSO USING STRAY HORSE CREEK, THEY SEEMED TO HAVE STOPPED IT THERE. IT IS BURINING TOWARDS THE BLUE ON THE EASTERN SIDE, BUT THEY HAVE HOT SHOT CREWS IN THERE AND HOPEFULLY THEY WILL BE ABLE TO CONTAIN THAT.

HE ALSO REPORTED THAT THE COUNTY DOES HAVE FIRE RESTRICTIONS, THEY WENT INTO EFFECT EARLY THIS MONTH AND THEY DON'T WANT OPEN FLAMES. SOME THINGS IN AGRICULTURE ARE STILL ALLOWABLE. QUITE A FEW THINGS ARE ALLOWED, BUT MOSTLY WORK RELATED.

EARLIER TODAY, THEY DID PASS A STATEMENT ON THE WEARING OF MASKS. HE READ IT TO THE PUBLIC. HE SAID IT PASSED TWO TO ONE AND THERE IS A DESIRE TO CONTINUE FOLLOWING THIS AND IT MIGHT LEAD TO A MANDATE.

- **GREENLEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:** THE SHERIFF WAS NOT AVAILABLE.

7. **CORONAVIRUS CONCERNS:** MAYOR THURMAN SAID SHE KNOWS COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON TRIED TO CONTACT MATT BOLINGER. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID YES, SHE DID AND NEVER GOT AN ANSWER. MAYOR THURMAN SAID HIS WIFE WAS HAVING A BABY. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID MAYBE THEY CAN GET HIM TO COME NEXT TIME. THE MAYOR SAID SHE THINKS IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO HAVE HIM COME AND EXPLAIN SOME MORE OF THIS. SHE SAID THEY CAN'T GET TOO MUCH EDUCATION ON IT. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID HE IS AN EPIDEMIOLOGIST AND HE CALLED IT IN MARCH THAT THIS WAS GOING TO BE SERIOUS. **COUNCILMEMBER DEBORAH MENDELSON MADE A MOTION TO REMOVE ITEM #7 TODAY IN ORDER TO BRING IT BACK FOR THE NEXT MEETING IF THEY CAN GET MR. BOLLINGER TO COME. VICE-MAYOR VALERIE SMITH SECONDED. ALL FAVORED. MOTION CARRIED.**

8. **EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-40 SECTION 4: APPROVAL OF DRAFT STATEMENT:** THE MAYOR GAVE THE COUNCIL A COPY OF THE DRAFT LETTER THAT SHE MADE. SHE SAID ON JUNE 17TH, GOVERNOR DUCEY PUT OUT AN EXECUTIVE ORDER THAT GAVE THE AUTHORITY TO TOWNS, CITIES, AND COUNTIES TO MANDATE OR NOT MANDATE THE WEARING OF FACE COVERINGS. SHE SAID SHE MADE A STATEMENT, BUT SHE WOULD LIKE TO RUN IT BY THE COUNCIL TO TAKE A VOTE

ON WHETHER TO APPROVE THE STATEMENT OR NOT. THE MAYOR READ THE STATEMENT TO THE PUBLIC.

THE MAYOR SAID THAT SHE WOULD LIKE TO GIVE THE FLOOR TO DUSTIE ROBINETTE FOR A CALL TO THE PUBLIC THAT HAS TO DO WITH THIS ITEM. SHE SAID SHE TOOK THE TIME TODAY TO RESEARCH THIS, BECAUSE THERE IS SO MUCH NOISE OUT THERE THAT SHE DOES NOT KNOW IF ANY OF THEM KNOW ANYTHING YET. SHE SAID A GROUP OF LADIES INCLUDING SUPERVISOR LUNT'S WIFE GOT TOGETHER AND STARTED SEWING IN EARLY APRIL TO HELP THE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT MEET ITS GOAL OF 3,000 FACE MASKS AND THEY HAVE SEWN AND DISTRIBUTED OVER 3,000 MASKS. THEY HAVE HELD 4 FORMAL MASK DRIVES AND SHE BELIEVES MR. BOLINGER WAS HONEST IN HIS EFFORTS TO DO WHAT HE FEELS IS THE RIGHT THING TO KEEP THIS VIRUS OUT OF OUR COMMUNITY.

SHE SAID THEY WERE LOOKING TO SEE WHAT THE RISKS ARE, CAN THEY DO THIS SAFELY, WHAT ARE THE BEST PRACTICES AND WHAT DOES THE CDC RECOMMEND. THEY HAVE TALKED TO THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND HAD HAIDEN LAFOY PRESENT IN HER OFFICIAL CAPACITY AT THEIR MEETING LAST NIGHT. THEY WERE SURPRISED TO FIND THAT PEOPLE WANTED INFO ON THE LARGE PROTEST GOING ON AROUND THE COUNTRY. SHE SAID THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE ARE COMING TOGETHER SOME OF THEM MASKED, BUT MOST ARE NOT MASKED. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID MOST OF THEM ARE MASKED IF YOU LOOK AT PHOTOS. DUSTIE SAID THAT IS NOT WHAT SHE HAS SEEN, BUT SHE UNDERSTANDS THAT SOME PEOPLE ARE SAYING THAT. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID IT HAS TO DO WITH NEWS SOURCES.

SHE SAID CNN DID A STUDY THAT HAD BEEN DONE OF THE 300 LARGEST PROTESTS IN THE COUNTRY AND THOSE CITIES REPORTED NO SPIKES IN CORONAVIRUS. SHE THINKS THIS BOILS DOWN TO AN OLD SAYING: "ONE MANS FREEDOM ENDS WHERE ANOTHER MANS NOSE BEGINS." SHE SAID SHE THINKS OUR CHALLENGE IS DETERMINING WHAT IS THE DEFINITION OF NOSE? SHE DOES NOT WANT TO DO ANYTHING THAT WOULD CAUSE SOMEONE TO LOSE THEIR LIFE. SHE SAID SHE IS NOT GOING TO DRINK AND GET IN HER CAR AND DRIVE, BUT SHE MIGHT HAVE THE FLU AND IT IS NOT BE VERY SEVERE AND SHE GOES OUT, AND THAT IS CERTAINLY A COMMUNICABLE SPREAD. SHE THINKS THE PEOPLE OF THIS COMMUNITY ARE WONDERFUL AND FABULOUS AND SHE AGREES WITH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THAT WE DO LOVE EACH OTHER AND THAT WE NEED TO BE RESPONSIBLE, BUT SHE DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT GOVERNMENT HAS A ROLE IN MANDATING FACE COVERINGS. SHE THINKS THEY SHOULD BE RESPECTFUL AND IF A BUSINESS ASK US TO WEAR ONE WE SHOULD. SHE THINKS IF THEY ARE IN A SITUATION WHERE THEY CANNOT BE SEPARATED, THEN THEY SHOULD BE RESPECTFUL, EVEN IF THE RESEARCH DOES NOT SHOW THAT IT REALLY PREVENTS. SHE POINTED OUT COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON'S MASK AND SAID IT PREVENTS SOME AND VICE-MAYOR SMITH'S MASK PREVENTS ALMOST NONE AND MR. BOLLINGER WILL TELL YOU THAT IT DOES NOT HELP TO KEEP YOU FROM GETTING THE VIRUS. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID IF SHE IS SICK. DUSTIE SAID IF YOU HAVE THE CORONAVIRUS THERE IS A CHANCE IT WON'T SPREAD AS MUCH.

DUSTIE SAID THE SAYING SHE USED ABOUT THE NOSE WAS USED DURING PROHIBITION WHEN PEOPLE DIDN'T BELIEVE THAT OTHER PEOPLE SHOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO DRINK ALCOHOL.

SHE SAID AT THEIR MEETING LAST NIGHT THERE WERE 17 OF THEM, BUSINESS OWNERS, CITIZENS, NON-PROFITS, AND THE SHERIFF. WHEN THEY HEARD THAT THE COMMUNITY WAS CONCERNED, THEY CAME TOGETHER TO LOOK AT THE CONCERNS AND TO QUESTION WHETHER THIS CAN BE DONE SAFELY AND IS IT SOMETHING THAT IS IMPORTANT ENOUGH TO DO. SHE SAID SHE LOVED WHAT MRS. SUMNER SAID LAST NIGHT ABOUT THE MENTAL HEALTH OF OUR

CHILDREN AND WHAT THIS ISOLATION HAS DONE TO THEM AND SHE SHOWED IT IN VERY GLARING TERMS WHEN SHE SAID THE JUNIOR HIGH GRADUATION THAT THE COMMUNITY HELD WAS SUCH AN UPLIFT TO THOSE KIDS IN ATTENDANCE AND YOU COULD SEE THE DISPARITY LIGHTEN. SHE SAID OTHER COMMUNITIES HAVE HAD UPTICKS IN SUICIDE RATES AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RATES. DUSTIE SAID HER DAUGHTER IN HER LITTLE HOUSING COMPLEX HAS HAD THREE COVID RELATED SUICIDES WITHIN TWO OR THREE STREETS. SHE THINKS THEIR MENTAL HEALTH IS ALSO IMPORTANT AND ISOLATION ON A LONGTERM BASIS IS NOT GOING TO SERVE US WELL. SHE SAID THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE TO LIVE WITH THIS DISEASE SAFELY. SHE SAID EVERYTIME GOVERNMENT STEPS IN TO FURTHER RESTRICT THE RIGHTS OF CITIZENS THEY HAVE STEPPED TOO FAR.

SHE SAID THE MAYOR OF EAGAR HAD A LETTER THAT WAS PUT OUT TODAY. HE USED BEJAMIN FRANKLIN'S FAMOUS SAYING "THOSE WHO WOULD GIVE UP ESSENTIAL LIBERTY TO PURCHASE A LITTLE TEMPORARY SAFETY, DESERVE NEITHER LIBERTY NOR SAFETY." SOME WILL SAY THAT THESE SAFETY MEASURES HAVE NOT IMPACTED INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY. TO THEM SHE WOULD QUOTE THOMAS JEFFERSON, "IF A NATION EXPECTS TO BE IGNORANT AND FREE IN A STATE OF CIVILIZATION, IT EXPECTS WHAT WAS AND NEVER WILL BE. THE RIGHT TO MOVE AROUND FREELY IN PUBLIC IS ONE OF THE CORNER STONES OF AMERICAN DEMOCRACY".

SHE SAID SHE RESPECTS THAT THEY ALL COME FROM DIFFERENT PLACES AND THEY ALL HAVE DIFFERENT LEVELS OF FEAR WITH REGARDS TO THIS VIRUS. THEY WANT TO BE GOOD CITIZENS AND BE SAFE AND TO ENCOURAGE. TO MANDATE OUR LIBERTIES FURTHER IS NOT A PROPER USE AS A GOVERNMENT AND NOT A PROPER USE OF A CITY COUNCIL IN A COMMUNITY WHERE THEY HAVE LESS THAN 17 CASES IN THE ENTIRE COUNTY. SHE SAID BECAUSE THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAS NOT DONE A GOOD JOB OF TELLING THEM WHERE THOSE ARE LOCATED, THEY CANNOT TELL THEM HOW MANY ARE IN OUR AREA.

THE CLERK SAID SUZANNE MENGES HAD A CARD, BUT SHE DOES NOT KNOW WHETHER SHE STILL WANTS TO TALK. THE MAYOR SAID SHE DID NOT GET IT. SUZANNE SAID SHE DID NOT WISH TO SPEAK.

VICE-MAYOR SMITH SAID THEY ARE TOO SMALL OF A TOWN TO ENFORCE A MANDATE AND THEY DO NOT HAVE A POLICE DEPARTMENT. THE SHERIFF HAS TOLD THEM MANY TIMES THAT WHATEVER LAWS THEY PASS HERE IN TOWN, HE CANNOT AND WILL NOT ENFORCE. WITHOUT THAT BACKING, IT WILL NOT GO ANYWHERE HERE. THE TOWN IS TOO SMALL TO TRY TO CREATE A MANDATE OF FACIAL COVERINGS. HOWEVER, THE COUNTY CAN AND IF THE COUNTY MANDATES THAT WE WEAR FACIAL COVERINGS THEN THAT INCLUDES OUR TOWN AND THEN THE SHERIFF CAN ENFORCE THAT. SHE SAID SHE DOES NOT THINK THAT THEY HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THAT HERE, BECAUSE HOW WOULD THEY DO THAT.

SHE SAID THEY ALL HAVE THEIR ARTICLES THAT THEY CAN REFER TO AND THEY CAN TALK BACK AND FORTH ALL NIGHT ABOUT WHETHER IT IS OVER REACHING OR NOT. SHE THINKS THAT POLITICIZING IS NOT THE WAY TO GO AND SHE TRIES NOT TO DO THAT. SHE READS ALL THE RESEARCH ARTICLES THAT ARE COMING OUT. THERE ARE CONSTANTLY NEW ONES FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD. EUROPE AND ASIA HAD IT BEFORE WE DID AND THEY ARE CONTINUOUSLY RESEARCHING AND STUDYING THIS, BECAUSE IT IS SO BRAND NEW AND IT BRANCHES OFF INTO SO MANY DIFFERENT LEVELS OF SICKNESS. THEY ARE FINDING OUT THAT ONLY SOME PEOPLE ARE GETTING IT FOR THE LONG TERM, MONTHS AND MONTHS WITH THIS SAME DISEASE WHERE THEY CAN'T EVEN GO BACK TO WORK BECAUSE OF IT. SHE SAID THEY ARE SUCH A SMALL COMMUNITY AND THEY DO LOVE EACH OTHER AND THEY DO CARE FOR EACH OTHER AND SHE

WOULD HATE TO SEE THAT SMALL PERCENTAGE HIT THE MOST VULNERABLE HERE WHERE THEY HAVE IT FOR THE LONG TERM OR IN THE MOST TERRIBLE CASE IN THE SHORT TERM AND THEY ARE QUICKLY VENTILATED AND THEN GONE. YES, THEY DO HAVE TO LIVE WITH CERTAIN FEARS IN THEIR LIFE, LIKE WALKING ACROSS THE STREET WITH DRUNK DRIVERS AND THE FLU EVERY YEAR, BUT THEY KNOW THE FLU. IT HAS BEEN AROUND FOR AGES AND THEY HAVE VARIOUS VACCINES WHERE PEOPLE CAN GET VACCINATED OR NOT. WITH THIS ONE THERE ARE SO MANY UNKNOWNNS AND THAT IS THE RISKY PART. THEY ARE STILL TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW IT IS ACTUALLY PASSED FROM ONE PERSON TO ANOTHER. THERE ARE STUDIES THAT GO INTO POOP. THEY ARE LOOKING AT BATHROOMS AND THE SANITATION PROCESS THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE TO GO THROUGH, BECAUSE OF FECAL MATTER. THE MAYOR SAID THEY ARE ALSO TALKING ABOUT URINE.

VICE-MAYOR SMITH SAID IT IS SO NEW TO US THAT THE RISK IS A LOT HIGHER AND WHAT THEY HAVE TO LOOK AT IN OUR TOWN IS THE RATE OF TRANSMISSION AND THAT DEPENDS ON MEASURERS WE TAKE TO PROTECT OURSELVES. IT GOES DOWN WHEN WE TAKE PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES AND IT RAISES AND IT IS NEVER A STABLE THING. SHE SAID SHE DOES NOT LIKE MASKS NEITHER, SHE IS LOSING IT AND TOUCHING IT AND IT KEEPS FALLING OFF HER NOSE EVEN THOUGH SHE HAS A NOSE CLIP. SHE UNDERSTANDS AND SHE THINKS IT IS UP TO THE PEOPLE. IF YOU WANT TO GO TO A 4TH OF JULY PARTY, GO BUT DON'T CONDEMN THE PEOPLE WHO DON'T SHOW UP. ON THE MENTAL HEALTH ASPECT, PEOPLE GET ANXIETY OF BEING AROUND PEOPLE DURING THIS TIME, SO IT IS ON BOTH SIDES. SHE SAID THEY DON'T KNOW WHO HAS IT AND WE DO NOT STAY HERE, WE GO OTHER PLACES AND AS MUCH AS WE WANT TO HAVE THIS COMMUNITY WHERE WE CAN SUPPLY OURSELVES WITH EVERYTHING THAT WE NEED, THERE ARE JUST SOMETHINGS THAT WE HAVE TO GO OUT FOR.

SHE SUPPORTS THEM AND WHAT THEY WANT TO DO, BUT IT IS A VERY RISKY MEASURE WITH POLITICS OUT OF IT. SHE WILL BE SCARED FOR ALL.

COUNCILMEMBER WEARNE SAID SHE WOULD NEVER CONDEMN ANYONE FOR WEARING A MASK. SHE HAS A SON THAT HAS A CONGENITAL HEART DEFECT AND THEY JUST VISITED THE CARDIOLOGIST AND HE PUT THE FEAR OF GOD IN HIM. HE WEARS THE MASK EVERYWHERE AND WORKS FULL TIME AT WAL-MART AND HE HAS NOT CONTRACTED IT AND WHEN A STORE ASK HER TO WEAR A MASK, SHE PUTS IT ON AND SHE DOES WORRY AND IF SHE GOT A SYMPTOM, SHE WOULD BE THE FIRST ONE LOCKING HERSELF UP. THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE AT RISK AND WE SHOULD LET PEOPLE DO WHAT THEY NEED TO DO AND LET PEOPLE DO WHAT PEOPLE THINK IS NECESSARY FOR THEIR FAMILY. SHE SAID THE DOCTOR DID NOT ASK HIM TO QUIT WORKING, HE TOLD HIM TO WASH HIS HANDS AND HE WORKS IN THE BATHROOMS AND HE HAS NOT CONTRACTED THIS. SHE SAID SHE HAS BEEN TO PHOENIX OR TEXAS OR DENVER, SHE HAS TRAVELED THROUGHOUT THIS ENTIRE PANDEMIC AND BEEN CAREFUL AND HAS WORRIED EVERY NOW AND THEN LIKE WHAT IF, BUT SHE CONTINUES TO DEAL WITH AGING PARENTS AND AGING IN-LAWS AND TAKES CARE OF FAMILY SITUATIONS AND SOME VACATION. SHE HAS BEEN TO COSTCO ALMOST EVERY WEEKEND BEFORE IT MANDATED THE MASKS AND WHEN THEY HAD THE BIG LONG LINES AND IT WAS JUST TOTAL CHAOS IN THERE, BUT THE CASES ARE BIGGER NOW THAT THEY ARE WEARING MASKS AND SHE DOES NOT KNOW WHAT TO THINK THERE. SHE THINKS IT IS JUST FINALLY GETTING HERE. CONTINUE TO BE CAREFUL, CONTINUE TO DO WHAT YOU NEED TO DO FOR YOUR FAMILY AND BE RESPECTFUL.

COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID SHE NEVER THOUGHT THEY WOULD PASS A MANDATE FOR THE TOWN OF DUNCAN. IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY UNREALISTIC WHATEVER HER PERSONAL

FEELINGS ARE AND SHE THINKS SUPERVISOR LUNT HAS A SIMILAR KIND OF VIEW BEING THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THIS DISTRICT THAT WHATEVER HIS POINT OF VIEW ABOUT THE VIRUS DOES NOT APPLY HERE. SHE KNOWS THAT AND SHE NEVER THOUGHT THEY WOULD HAVE THAT DISCUSSION SERIOUSLY HERE. WHAT SHE WOULD LIKE TO SAY IS CAUTION EVERYONE AGAINST CHERRY PICKING SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION BECAUSE THIS IS NOT LIKE ALCOHOL; THIS IS LIKE THE FLU OF 1919 AND THAT IS WHERE THE PARALLELS ARE AND THERE IS A LOT OF MATERIAL TO STUDY ON THAT. THAT MATERIAL IS EASY TO GET AND IF YOU HAVE SUSPICIONS THAT SOME POLITICAL FACTION CONTROLLING THE INFORMATION COMING FROM THE CDC WHICH IS LED BY A MAN THAT DONALD TRUMP PUT IN THERE; IF YOU DON'T TRUST THEIR INFORMATION LOOK AT OTHER SOURCES. THE LITERATURE THAT IS AVAILABLE ON THE LAST PANDEMIC THAT KILLED A LOT OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND THAT CAME BACK WITH A VICIOUS SECOND WAVE AFTER PEOPLE CAMPAIGNED TO BE FREE FROM THE DEMAND TO WEAR MASKS AND GOT OUT IN THE STREETS TOGETHER WERE THEN FELLED BY A VICIOUS AND TERRIBLE SECOND WAVE OF THE FLU. THERE IS WHERE THE PERILS ARE. IF YOU DON'T LIKE THE SCIENCE TODAY, LOOK AT THE SCIENCE FROM 100 YEARS AGO; IT IS REALLY NOT THAT DIFFERENT. SHE WILL NOT SUPPORT ANY RESURGENCE IN THIS TOWN OR ANY WILLFUL IGNORANCE OF SCIENCE EITHER. SHE SAID THAT IS HER POSITION AND SHE WILL NOT BE ATTENDING THE 4TH OF JULY FESTIVITIES AND SHE EXPECTS THAT THERE IS A POSSIBILITY SHE WILL LOSE HER BUSINESS OVER THIS; SHE HAS A LOT AT STAKE. THAT IS HER POSITION, DO WHATEVER YOU WANT AND SHE ENCOURAGES EVERYONE TO BE CAREFUL.

SUZANNE MENGES DECIDED TO DO A CALL TO THE PUBLIC. SHE SAID SHE HAS HAD PERSONAL EXPERIENCES WITH THIS SITUATION THAT LEFT A LOT OF CONCERN IN HER FAMILY; HER 94 YEAR OLD MOTHER DIED ON FEBRUARY 21ST IN NEW ORLEANS, THERE WAS A TIME WHEN NEW ORLEANS WAS A HOT SPOT. THEY WERE NOT ALLOWED TO BURY HER UNTIL MARCH 12TH. THEY WILL NEVER KNOW IF SHE DIED IN A NURSING HOME FROM COVID-19.

NOW THEY ARE IN A SITUATION WHERE IT HAS HIT HOME AND THERE IS NO RIGHT ANSWER. HER HUSBAND HAS QUITE SEVERE ASTHMA TO THE POINT WHERE HE NEVER LEAVES HOME WITHOUT AN INHALER. THERE WAS A TIME WHEN GREENLEE COUNTY ONLY HAD A HANDFUL OF PEOPLE AND NOW, THEY ARE AT 17. SHE SAID SHE HAS DECIDED TO STEP BACK AWAY FROM THE BOOTH AND HER SON WILL DRIVE THE TRUCK IN THE PARADE AND SHE WILL WEAR A MASK AND KEEP DISTANCE. SHE WAS VERY RELUCTANT TO SAY THAT TO THE GROUP. SHE DID NOT WANT TO BE ACCUSED OF OVER REACTING, BUT HER HUSBAND CANNOT EVEN WEAR A MASK, BECAUSE HE CANNOT GET ENOUGH AIR. SHE SAID SHE BELIEVES IN LIBERTY AND YOUR INDIVIDUAL DECISION. SHE SAID THEY SUPPORTED HER DECISION AND WERE VERY ENCOURAGING AND ACCEPTING AND THEY UNDERSTOOD. SHE SAID IT OCCURRED TO HER THAT THIS LITTLE MICROCOSM IN A LITTLE CORNER OF THE WORLD WAS WHAT IT IS ALL ABOUT. THEY HAVE TO LIVE THEIR LIVES. THEY HAVE TO MENTALLY TAKE A STAND WITH THEIR OWN FAMILY. THEY HAVE TO MAKE THEIR OWN INDIVIDUAL DECISIONS AND SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER AND THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED. THEIR MEETING LASTED ALMOST THREE HOURS AND THE FEELING IN THE ROOM WAS NOTHING BUT SUPPORT, LOVE, AND COMPASSION. THEY DISCUSSED WHAT THEY COULD DO TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN IN THE SAFEST WAY POSSIBLE. THE DECISION TO GO FORWARD WAS THOROUGHLY DISCUSSED. THEY ALL DISCUSSED WHERE THEY WERE PERSONALLY. SHE SAID ANY PRECAUTIONS THAT COULD POSSIBLY BE TAKEN, THEY ARE TAKING THEM. THEY ARE DOING THINGS THE SMART WAY. THE WAY THEY WOULD WANT THEM TO BE DONE FOR THEIR OWN FAMILY MEMBERS AND IT IS A PERSONAL CHOICE AS TO WHETHER YOU ATTEND OR NOT. SHE SAID YOU CAN SIT IN YOUR CAR AND WATCH THE PARADE AND FIREWORKS, BUT IF THEY DON'T HAVE THIS EVENT WHAT

WILL THAT DO TO THE MENTAL HEALTH AND MORALE AND COMRADERY AND THE SUPPORT. SHE SAID THEY SHOULD LET THE PUBLIC MAKE THEIR OWN DECISION AND OFFER THIS TO THE COMMUNITY.

MAYOR THURMAN SAID WHEN SHE FOUND THE EXECUTIVE ORDER THAT LEFT THIS DECISION INTO THE LAP OF THE MAYORS, SHE DID NOT WANT TO COME OUT PERSONALLY AND SAY THIS IS WHAT WE ARE GOING TO DO. SHE SAID SHE FEELS STRONGLY ABOUT NOT MANDATING THE MASKS. SHE THINKS WHERE THEY ARE RIGHT NOW, IS THEY JUST NEED TO EDUCATE INDIVIDUALS. NO CONDEMNATION ON THOSE THAT DO NOT WANT TO WEAR A MASK AND NO CONDEMNATION ON THOSE WHO DO WANT TO WEAR A MASK. SHE SAID SHE HOPES COMMON SENSE IS USED AND THEY DO NOT GO INTO A CROWD AND GET SILLY. SHE ASKED FOR A VOTE FROM THE COUNCIL. THE MANAGER ASKED SUPERVISOR LUNT TO TAKE THIS TO THE BOARD, THEIR CONCERNS ARE THAT THEY DO NOT WANT TO MANDATE OUR TOWN. HE ALSO SAID AT THE EVENT THEY ARE TAKING PRECAUTIONS, THERE WILL BE FACE MASKS FOR THOSE THAT FEEL LIKE THEY NEED ONE. THERE WILL BE A COMPETITION ON WHO HAS THE BEST FACE MASK. THERE WILL BE HANDWASHING STATIONS AND EIGHT GALLONS OF HAND SANITIZER POSTED EVERYWHERE. THEY ARE REALLY TRYING TO PROMOTE SAFETY. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID SHE APPRECIATES THAT. SHE SAID SHE IS WORRIED ABOUT HOSTILITY TOWARD PEOPLE WHO CHOOSE TO WEAR MASKS, BECAUSE SHE HAS ENCOUNTERED SOME. SHE SAID SHE IS QUITE PREPARED TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF THIS LETTER TODAY, BUT IF THEY HAVE ANY INCIDENTS OF HOSTILITY TOWARD PEOPLE WHO ARE TAKING PRECAUTIONS, THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE TO REVISIT THIS. SHE SAID SHE IS A LITTLE WORRIED ABOUT PEOPLE COMING IN FROM THE OUTSIDE, SHE WISHES THEY HAD NOT DECIDED TO ATTRACT PEOPLE FROM THE OUTSIDE, BECAUSE LORDSBURG IS HAVING A BIG UNEXPLAINED SPIKE AND NUMBERS IN GRAHAM COUNTY ARE CLIMBING, BUT SHE SAID SHE TRUST OUR COMMUNITY TO BE CAREFUL OF EACH OTHER. **COUNCILMEMBER JILL WEARNE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE DRAFT OF THE TOWN OF DUNCAN'S STATEMENT OF MASKS WEARING IN PUBLIC. VICE-MAYOR VALERIE SMITH SECONDED. ALL FAVORED. MOTION CARRIED.**

9. **CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF FY2021 TENTATIVE BUDGET:** THE MANAGER TOLD THE COUNCIL HE PUT MONEY IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT AND DEPRECIATION OF EQUIPMENT. THE CLERK SAID SHE PUT IN ANY EXTRA SPENDING THEY HAVE DONE. **COUNCILMEMBER DEBORAH MENDELSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FY2021 TENTATIVE BUDGET. MAYOR ANNE THURMAN SECONDED.** MANAGER BASTEEN SAID THAT UNDER POLICE PROTECTION WITH THE AZCARES ACT MONEY THEY WILL RECEIVE 90,468. HE SPOKE WITH THEM AND THEY CAN SPEND \$50,000 ON POLICE PROTECTION AND THE OTHER \$40,000 THEY WILL WORK WITH THE TOWN ON WHERE THEY CAN SPEND IT. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON WANTED TO KNOW IF THEY SAID WHEN THEY WILL DISBURSE THIS. THE MANAGER SAID THEY MAKE YOU TAKE A CLASS AND HE JUST TOOK IT AND THEY ASSIGN YOU SOMEONE TO WORK WITH. **ALL FAVORED. MOTION CARRIED.**

10. **CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL TO APPOINT THE TOWN MANAGER AS APPLICANT AGENT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS (DEMA):** COUNCILMEMBER WEARNE WANTED TO KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN WITH THIS. THE MANAGER SAID THIS IS THE MONEY THAT WAS ALLOCATED BASED ON OUR POPULATION, SO CENSUS IS IMPORTANT. VICE-MAYOR SMITH WANTED TO KNOW IF THEY ARE GOING TO GET THE MONEY. THE MANAGER SAID

THEY WILL GET THE \$90,468. **COUNCILMEMBER DEBORAH MENDELSON MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT THE TOWN MANAGER AS APPLICANT AGENT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS (DEMA). VICE-MAYOR VALERIE SMITH SECONDED. ALL FAVORED. MOTION CARRIED.**

11. UPDATE ON TOWN'S FINANCIAL POSITION: COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID SHE BROUGHT THIS UP FOR A COUPLE OF REASONS. SHE PASSED OUT SOME STATEMENTS THAT WERE MADE BY THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS. AFTER SHE SAW IT, SHE PUT IN A CALL TO MATT LORE AT THE ARIZONA LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS TO ASK HIM FOR CLARIFICATION. WHAT IT IS ABOUT IS ALL OF THE SMALLER MUNICIPALITIES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO GET DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS PROMISED TO THEM AND THE SUBSEQUENT BUDGET CUTS THAT ARE OCCURRING BECAUSE OF THEM.

SHE IS CONFUSED, SO SHE ACTUALLY CALLED SUPERVISOR LUNT THAT SAME DAY TO ASK WHAT IS GOING ON. HE CHECKED WITH THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR WHO TOLD HIM THEY ARE EXPECTING THEIR DISTRIBUTION WITH NO PROBLEM. SHE PUT IT ON THE AGENDA TO SEE IF THE MANAGER IN THE PHONE MEETINGS HE HAS BEEN ON COULD EXPLAIN THIS WEIRD REPORTING. SHE DOES BELIEVE WHAT THE RESEARCH IS TELLING US IS THAT WE ARE GOING TO HAVE LONG TERM ECONOMIC IMPACTS FROM CORONAVIRUS AND THEY ARE LOOKING AT LONG TERM LOSS OF REVENUES AND SHE THINKS THEY SHOULD HAVE THIS ON THE AGENDA AT EVERY MEETING FROM NOW ON TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE CUTTING COSTS WHERE EVER POSSIBLE AND THAT THEY ARE LISTENING TO THE MAYOR AND MANAGER IN TERMS OF HOW THEY MIGHT PROCEED IF FURTHER COST CUTS BECOME NECESSARY.

COUNCILMEMBER WEARNE SAID THEY ARE DOWN FROM 12 INMATES. MAYOR THURMAN SAID IT IS DUE TO COVID-19 THAT THEY DON'T HAVE INMATES. SHE SAID THEY ARE STILL TESTING INMATES AND STAFF. SHE SAID THE BIGGEST PROBLEM IS THE AREA THEY LIVE IN, THEY WILL TEST THE HIGHLY POPULATED AREAS FIRST. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID SHE THINKS THEY NEED TO ANTICIPATE THAT THIS COULD GO LONG TERM.

COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON WANTED TO KNOW WHAT THIS MEANS FOR OUR TOWN'S BUDGET. ARE WE PREPARED FOR A LONGER SPAN OF LOSS OF REVENUE, THERE MAY OR MAY NOT BE MORE HELP COMING FROM WASHINGTON, WE DON'T KNOW YET. SHE SAID THEY TALKED BRIEFLY ABOUT RAISES IN THE BUDGET AND SHE DOES NOT REMEMBER WHAT THEY SAID ACTUALLY AND SHE WANTED TO ASK WHAT IS THE PLAN FOR RAISES. THE MANAGER SAID THERE WERE NO PLANS FOR RAISES AT THIS TIME. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID SHE LOOKED AT THE HOURLY WAGES AND THEY ARE NOT BAD AT ALL AND THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE NO JOBS.

COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON ASKED HOW THE CASH POSITION IS NOW. THE MANAGER SAID THEY ARE HOLDING STEADY. THEY DID DECREASE AFTER THEY BOUGHT ALL THE EQUIPMENT WITH THE MONEY THAT WAS ALLOCATED FOR THAT. HE SAID IN THE BUDGET THEY WILL SEE THAT THEY ARE PROJECTED TO BE UNDER WHAT THEY WILL BE MAKING. HE SAID THEY ARE NOT SPENDING AS MUCH AS THEY ARE MAKING.

COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON WANTED TO KNOW WHAT THE STATUS OF THEIR RESERVES ARE. HE SAID THEY WERE AROUND \$300,000 AND NOW THEY ARE DOWN TO \$196,000. HE SAID A LOT OF THAT WAS FROM PURCHASING EQUIPMENT. COUNCILMEMBER WEARNE SAID SOME OF THAT MONEY THEY HAD TO SPEND THOUGH, SO THEY SHOULD NOT COUNT THAT AS RESERVE. THE MANAGER SAID THAT IS WHERE THEY WERE AT ON OUR STATEMENTS.

COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON ASK IF HE IS CONCERNED AS MANAGER ABOUT THE NEXT YEAR OR TWO FINANCIALLY. HE SAID HE HAS NOT SEEN THE NUMBERS DECREASE YET FROM REVENUE FROM LAST MONTH COMPARED TO LAST YEAR, THEY WERE ACTUALLY UP ABOUT \$1,000. HE SAID IT DOES NOT MEAN IT IS NOT GOING TO GO DOWN. HE SAID EVERYTHING GOES TO THE STATE AND COMES BACK.

HE SAID UNEMPLOYMENT IS UP AND THEY ARE GETTING \$700 A WEEK AND THEY ARE SPENDING AND KEMPTON'S CAN'T KEEP VEHICLES IN THEIR LOTS. COUNCILMEMBER WEARNE ASKED THE QUESTION AND WAS TOLD THAT THEY HAVE ACTUALLY SHIPPED THEM BACK BECAUSE THEY CAN'T SELL THEM AND THEY DON'T WANT TO PAY THE TAXES ON THEM AT THE END OF THE MONTH.

COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID SHE NOTICED LOCAL BUSINESSES QUITE VARY AND WHEN SHE TALKED TO DUSTIE ABOUT IT, THEY ARE ACTUALLY DOING WELL. SHE SAID HER BUSINESS IS ALL BUT GONE AND DOUG'S ROCK SHOP IS EXTREMELY QUIET. SHE SAID SOME BUSINESSES ARE CONTRIBUTING TO TAXES BUT OVERALL, THERE IS LESS.

MAYOR THURMAN SAID SHE IS IN AGREEMENT, THAT THEY NEED TO LOOK AT THIS ON A MONTHLY BASIS. THE MANAGER WANTED TO KNOW IF THEY WANT IT IN HIS REPORT OR ON THE AGENDA. THEY SAID ON THE AGENDA. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID SHE WILL STILL TALK TO MATT LORE AND ASK WHAT IS GOING ON. VICE-MAYOR SMITH SAID SHE WONDERS IF IT MIGHT BE THAT A LOT OF PEOPLE HAVE NOT RECEIVED STIMULUS CHECKS AND HOW THEY ARE MANAGING THOSE FUNDS. THE CLERK SAID THERE IS A REPORT THAT COMES FROM THE STATE TREASURE'S OFFICE EVERY MONTH WITH TOTALS FROM THEIR BANK ACCOUNTS THAT IS SIMPLE TO READ AND SHE WANTED TO KNOW IF THEY WANT THAT IN THE PACKET. THE COUNCIL SAID YES.

- 12. FEEDBACK ON PROPOSED TOWN WEBSITE:** COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID SHE HAS BEEN STUDYING THE SMALLTOWN WEBSITES. SHE SAID THERE IS A FOR PROFIT COMPANY THAT DOES MUNICIPAL WEBSITES AND THEY GAVE A FREE WEBINAR, WHICH SHE TOOK AND THERE WAS A LOT OF REALLY INTERESTING INFORMATION. ONE THING SHE DID NOT KNOW IS THAT THERE IS AN AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT SECTION 508 THAT REQUIRES COMPLIANCE FOR CONTENT ACCESSIBILITY ON ANY KIND OF GOVERNMENT WEBSITE. SHE WAS AWFULLY GLAD SHE STUMBLED INTO THAT WEBINAR AND GOT TRAINED SOMEWHAT IN THAT INFORMATION. IT HAS TO DO WITH COLOR CONTRAST ON SCREEN ITEMS SO THAT PEOPLE WITH ANY KIND OF VISUAL IMPAIRMENT CAN SEE THEM AND EVEN ON A SMALLER SCREEN IT IS STILL COMPLETELY ACCESSIBLE. EVERYTHING IS LIVE TECH SO THAT A READER CAN READ IT OUT LOUD. SHE PRINTED AND APPARENTLY LEFT IN HER PRINTER A SCREEN SHOT OF A DESIGN SHE HAD BEEN WORKING ON THAT'S BASED ON THE BEST OF THE SMALLTOWN WEBSITES. SHE SAID SHE WILL SEND IT TO THE MANAGER TO FORWARD TO THE COUNCIL. SHE SAID IT IS A FIRST PASS AT THIS AS A WAY OF INFORMATION BEING ORGANIZED, IT HAS A SLIDE SHOW WITH REALLY GREAT PHOTOS OF DUNCAN AND GLOBAL NAVIGATION ACROSS THE TOP, WHICH WAS SOMETHING DISCUSSED IN THE WEBINAR WITH GREAT CLARITY WITH ALL OF THE BUTTONS THAT OPEN THE MAJOR PAGES. THERE IS ALSO THE ACTIONABLE BUTTONS BELOW THAT LET'S YOU PAY YOUR BILL OR REPORT A PROBLEM, THOSE KINDS OF THINGS. SHE HAS A BASIC EARLY DESIGN AND SHE HAS NOT YET DONE THE MAPPING OF THE CONTENT IN A WAY THAT SORT OF CONFORMS TO THE WAY OTHER TOWNS ARE DOING THIS, SO SHE WILL DO THAT TOO. SHE WANTED TO LET THE COUNCIL KNOW SHE IS MAKING PROGRESS ON THIS. SHE IS CONFERRING WITH A FRIEND OF

HERS WHO IS A REALLY TALENTED WEBMASTER WHO DOES A LOT OF PRO BONO WORK TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO DO THIS AS CHEAPLY AS POSSIBLE. SHE SAID IT WILL HAVE A SIGNIFICANT OPPORTUNITY SECTION FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE LOOKING AT DUNCAN AS A PLACE TO MOVE TO, A PLACE TO OPEN A SMALL BUSINESS AND A PLACE TO PUT THEIR KIDS IN THE SCHOOLS, ALONG WITH ALL OF THE SERVICES AND INFORMATION FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE ALREADY RESIDENTS OF THE AREA.

13. **DISCUSS PROPERTIES IN TOWN:** THE MANAGER SAID THIS WAS PUT ON THE AGENDA FOR EVERYBODY TO LOOK AT THE PACKET HE HANDED OUT. THE MANAGER WANTED TO KNOW IF THE COUNCIL WOULD RATHER HAVE IT AS A WORKSHOP ITEM. **MAYOR ANNE THURMAN MADE A MOTION TO REMOVE THIS FROM THE REGULAR AGENDA AND HAVE A WORKSHOP AT A LATER DATE. COUNCILMEMBER DEBORAH MENDELSON SECONDED. ALL FAVORED. MOTION CARRIED.**
14. **CONSIDERATION OF DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING:** THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, JULY 30TH AT 5:00 PM.
15. **CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING:** WEBSITE, FINAL BUDGET, FINANCIAL STATUS , CONTINUING EDUCATION ON COVID 19.
16. **ADJOURNMENT: AT 6:36 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 25TH DAY OF JUNE, 2020. I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE MEETING WAS DULY CALLED AND HELD AND THAT A QUORUM WAS PRESENT.

DATED THIS 14th DAY OF JULY, 2020.

CYNTHIA NICHOLS, TOWN CLERK