

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY**

**TOWN OF OPHIR, CO 81426
TUESDAY JULY 23RD, 2024 7:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Andy Ward calls the meeting to order at 7:05pm

Voting Members: Ben Foster, Andy Ward, Jerry Oyama, Mark Ridders, Corinne Platt, Phil Hayden, Leigh Sullivan, Teri Steinberg, John Humphries, Daniel Forgrave, Kelton Wright, Natalie Fijalkowski, Tyler Shultz, Mark Rosenthal, Cara Binkley, Joan May, Allyn Hart, Marc Campbell

Non-Voting Members: John Wontrobski, David McConaughy

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Andy motions to approve, Teri seconds.

Motion passes unanimously via voice vote.

3. ADOPTION AND SIGNATURE OF MEETING MINUTES for
June 18th, 2024

Mark Rosental motions to approve, Teri seconds.

Motion passes unanimously via voice vote.

4. BUSINESS ITEMS

Executive session for a conference with Town Attorney to receive legal advice, specifically regarding potential claims asserted against the Town by Joseph Waller

Andy motions for executive session, Mark Rosenthal seconds

Motion passes unanimously via voice vote.

7:08 executive session begins

8:03 Executive session ends

5. STAFF REPORTS

A) Town Manager

i) Continued exemption for Jason Rogers from Town of Ophir water bills in recognition of his 15 years of service to the TVFD and Ophir. Andy motions, Kelton seconds – motion passes unanimously via voice vote.

ii) Assorted thank yous for recent volunteerism to Ophir: Sydney Roop- landscaping around Town Hall, Claudia Cain- weekend plant watering, Peter Israel for road planter flowers, Sean McNamara for replacement flowers after Yukon planter took its first hit from passing vehicle

iii) Ophir P&Z Commission still looking for 2 regular members and 2 alternates. Teri would like to nominate Allyn Hart and Mark Rosenthal. Teri motions to approve, Phil seconds. Motion passes via unanimous voice vote.

iv) Loss of Ken Page and Dana Baer on the water commission. We need to repopulate this commission, it is an informal position that advises John Wontrobski on water matters.

v) John W. had a conference call with SGM about Ophir water issues. Moving forward with four small projects: Red Box, Pat Drew is working on a return valve and hoping to have it fixed by the end of year, the valve by the Basham's, and Silver Bell Springs water rights.

vi) Paving to the PO is delayed

B) OEC

i) 3 USFS trail signs installed in Ophir on Blixt, Swamp and Waterfall trails.

ii) Ted Turner is the new forest ranger for our district

iii) Bee Happy was in Ophir the previous weekend with a four person crew for a total of about 70 hours of labor.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Leigh states that the water levels in town are good but the level above the intake dropped by more than half over the past month so it's a good time to conserve water.

Tyler notes that we do have Werner Springs as a backup

Tyler brings up the new GMUG plan and wonders if town should re-address our concerns regarding potential logging and mechanized use as no changes were made by the USFS after the comment period.

8. ADJOURN

Andy Ward motions to adjourn @ 8:33pm

*Minutes prepared by Ben Foster, Town Clerk
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