

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

**TOWN OF OPHIR, CO 81426
TUESDAY JUNE 18TH, 2024 7:00 PM**

Voting Members: Teri Steinberg, Jerry Oyama, Allyn Hart, Andy Ward, Ben Foster, Eric Beerman, Tyler Schultz, Phil Hayden, Amy Ward, Leigh Sullivan, Janice Gerona, Todd Rutledge, Lisa Rutledge, Miles Heiner, Mark Rosenthal

Non-Voting Members: John Wontrobski, Geneva Shaunette, David McConaughy

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Andy adds Geneva's presentation to the agenda.

Todd motions to approve, Janice seconds

Motion passes unanimously via voice vote.

**3. ADOPTION AND SIGNATURE OF MEETING MINUTES for May
21st General Assembly**

Tyler motions to approve, Amy seconds.

Motion passes unanimously via voice vote.

4. BUSINESS ITEMS

A) Geneva Shaunette presents to the GA. She is running in the democratic primary for an open County Commissioner seat against Anne Brown.

Q&A follows.

B) Appointment of David McConaughy as Town of Ophir Attorney.

Eric Beerman asks whose interests David would be advocating for. David responds it would be his duty to represent the whole Town of Ophir (aka "the client"), not any one staff member or special interest. David's opinions would be offered when asked.

Eric is concerned about David's opinion on the GA form of government in regards to his advice to the Ophir Charter Committee.

David clarifies he is only describing the potential difficulties of a GA vs. a more conventional form of government.

Phil asks if there is any conflict of interest because David was previously hired by town as Special Council in an Ophir land dispute. David states he is representing the town in both instances, so there would be no conflict.

David notes Newcastle and Delta both hold meetings on the third Tuesday of the month as well, so consultations would have to be scheduled accordingly

Teri asks when the GA should engage his services

David responds most town clients collect legal issues which need legal guidance and put them on an agenda when David can attend, either in person or via Zoom.

Janice motions to approve, Todd seconds.

Motion passes unanimously via voice vote.

5. STAFF REPORTS

A) Town Manager John Wontrobski

John recounts Ophir Days events and lauds their success.

Spring road maintenance is finished.

Town's truck has had its transmission fixed.

Town's backhoe has a seized wheel, could be time to replace the backhoe if the wheel cannot be fixed. It is nearing the end of its life cycle.

Thanks to Yukon for the town planters.

Thanks to Peter Israel for planting flowers in the planters.

John is working with Brian Morgan on an as-built diagram for the town fiber internet network

Clear Networks is adding fiber on Ilium Road and has been asked if they would like to offer competition to the sole internet provider in Ophir.

They have not given an answer yet.

Waller land dispute - no progress and will come to GA with an agenda item when appropriate.

Town water system - no update.

Eric requests that GA minutes be sent out earlier between meetings, as opposed to in the GA packet.

Todd asks if we should ask David if releasing draft minutes can be done.

John notes we will try and get draft minutes out sooner, most likely via email.

B) Mayor Andy Ward

Andy asks for a motion to approve Joan May to be Mayor Pro Tem

Janice motions to approve, with the clerk to ensure Joan is a qualified elector. Phil seconds.

Motion passes unanimously via voice vote.

Andy and John met with Paul Machado and Dick Unruh to talk about Ophir history. Town would like to have a day celebrating the history and notable Ophirites, most likely in September, 2024

6. NEW BUSINESS

Andy mentions a home solar pilot program with Miles Heiner. He is hoping to install solar on three homes in Ophir this summer, with interest for more next year. Some homeowners may be installing panels themselves to save on costs.

Tyler notes that this is a good time to deal with the broken town equipment since it is most used in the winter for snow removal. Should it be on the agenda? Town needs to upgrade its plowing equipment.

John notes it will probably be discussed at the next GA.

7. ADJOURN

Andy Ward motions to adjourn @ 8:25pm

*Minutes prepared by Ben Foster, Town Clerk
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