

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
TOWN OF OPHIR, CO 81426
TUESDAY, MARCH 16th 7:00 PM
REMOTE MEETING VIA ZOOM PLATFORM**

CALL TO ORDER

(TIME: 7:04 PM)

(Voting Member: Sydney Roop, Andy Martin, Allison Synder-Kingsley, Jacey DePriest, Nan Darkis, Sarah Callicot, Ryan Ehlers, Teri Steinberg, Larry Rosen, Jesse Rose, Chris Drew, Fiona Drew, Tyler Schultz, Natalie Fijalkowski, Sue Hehir, Todd Herman, Phil Hayden (970-728-3204), Randy Barnes(970-946-1234), Abby Herman, Jen Rose)

(Non-Voting Member: Ken Haynes, Corinne Platt, Rachel Lackey, Cindy Wyszynski,)

ADOPTION & SIGNATURE OF February 16th, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

Allison Synder- Kingsley motions to approve and adopt, Sydney seconds

All in Favor (Yay): Sydney, Andy, Allison, Nan, Jacey,

Not in favor (Nay):

Abstain Sarah Callicot, Ryan Ehlers,

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Sydney motions to approve and adopt tonight's agenda, Allison Synder Kingsley seconds

All in Favor (Yay): Nan, Sydney, Andy, Allison, Jacey, Sarah Callicot, Ryan Ehlers, Teri Steinberg

Not in Favor (Nay):

Abstain:

BUSINESS ITEMS

A. COVID-19 Update: Ken goes over the current vaccine phase.

B. Monthly Paid Invoices and Budget with a detailed discussion on trash- Ken (10 mins)

Ken discusses the budget.

C. Nomination and Appointment of new Town Clerk: Sydney(10mins)

This is Sydney's last month as Town Clerk.

Sydney makes a motion to take nominations for the Town Clerk for the floor of the General Assembly tonight. Corinne seconds.

In Favor (Yes): Sydney, Andy, Ryan Ehlers, Nan, Allison, Sarah, Teri

Not in Favor (No):

Abstain:

No one is nominated or nominates themselves for the Town Clerk position. This item is tabled.

D. Second Reading, Approval and Adoption of Ordinance 2021-5, 10 MPH Speed Limit Ordinance

Corinne makes a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-5, with the changes specified in discussion that it will go into effect on April 20th. Ryan Ehlers second.

In Favor: Sydney, Andy, Ryan, Nan, Allison, Larry, Jacey, Sarah, Teri,

Not in Favor:
Abstain: Jesse Rose

The ayes have it. The motion is carried and Ordinance 2021-5 has been approved and adopted.

E. OEC Appointments, three seats with terms to end March 2022- There are three vacancies on the Ophir Environmental Commission. At the February 16th, General Assembly meeting; Teri Steinberg, Jacey DePriest, and Larry Rosen were nominated to fill these three seats with a term to end in March 2022.

Sydney makes a motion to appoint Teri, Jacey, and Larry to the Ophir Environmental Commission. Allison seconds.

In Favor: Sydney, Andy, Ryan, Nan, Allison, Larry, Jacey, Sarah, Teri, Jesse

Not in Favor:

Abstain:

The ayes have it. The motion is carried. Teri, Jacey, and Larry have been appointed to the Ophir Environmental Commission.

F. Motion to approve the collection of 2% Sales Tax, Develop and Implement Business Licensing Process per Ordinance 1996-3, and Draft an amendment to Ordinance 1996-3 directing a portion of the revenue collected from the 2% Sales Tax to transfer to the Enterprise Fund to Apply to Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority Infrastructure Loan, and Create a Refund Process for Ophir Registered Businesses Paying more than \$750 Sales Tax in a Calendar Year- Ken (20 mins)

Sydney motions to amend the larger motion to remove a refund process for Ophir registered businesses paying more than \$750 sales tax in a Calendar year, Allison seconds.

In Favor: Sydney, Andy, Allison, Nan, Tyler, Larry, Jacey, Sarah, Teri, Jesse,

Not in Favor:

Abstain: Chris, Fiona, Sue, Todd, Ryan

Allison makes a motion to approve the collection of 2% sales tax, develop and implement business licensing per 1996-3, Corinne seconds.

In Favor: Sydney, Andy, Allison, Nan, Tyler, Jacey, Sarah, Teri, Jesse, Chris, Fiona, Phil,

Not in Favor: Larry,

Abstain: Sue, Todd, Ryan, Randy,

The ayes have it and the motion is carried to approve 2% sales tax.

G. Introduction and First Reading of Ordinance 2021-6, Amending Articles I, III, IV, and V of the Ophir Land Use Code to Add Greenhouse as Use by Permitted by Right- Allison (15 mins)

Sydney motions to refer Ordinance 2021-6 to a public hearing at a second reading in May, Allison seconds.

In Favor: Sydney, Andy, Sue Hehir, Allison, Ryan, Randy, Jesse, Larry, Jacey, Sarah, Tyler, Nan, Teri, Chris, Fiona, Abbey Herman, Phil,

Not in Favor:

Abstain:

The ayes have it. The motion is carried to refer Ordinance 2021-6 to a public hearing at a second reading in May.

H. Employee Housing Discussion

The General Assembly discusses the need for employee housing. Prioritizing projects, options, and budgetary costs are discussed. A different compensation package versus employee housing is discussed along with an expansion on Town Hall, building on a Town own lot, and potentially seeking housing assistance from other towns is discussed.

The General Assembly directs town staff to pursue options outside of using a town lot to look into affordable housing.

I. Resolution 2021-4, Approve Temporary Administrative to the Town Manager

Sydney would like to make a motion to table this Resolution and direct Town Staff to research the possibility of hiring an intern. Sydney would also like to have Steve review this Resolution and to include a definition or timelines of temporary. Randy Barnes second.

In Favor: Sydney, Randy, Ryan Ehlers, Jacey, Sue, Teri, Jesse, Chris, Fiona, Phil

Not in Favor: Allison,

Abstain: Nan

5. STAFF REPORTS

Town Manager (Ken Haynes): Managers report in the packet. Water challenge last week-possible there is a leak in the Howards Fork area. There is a discussion on curb stops and waterlines. Jesse Rose is having issues with his curb stop and is paying high fees to heat his house.

Town Mayor (Corinne Platt): Corinne has been busy, plans to work on the fire mitigation plan.

Treasurer (Cindy Wyzsyski): Cindy is working on the long-form audit Resolution to the town.

Town Clerk (Sydney Roop): I will be resigning from Town Clerk, someone please step up and be the Town Clerk!

Ophir Environmental Chairperson(): N/A

Planning and Zoning Chairperson (Allison Synder-Kingsley): In the middle of information gathering of LUC revisions. In May there will be a Moderate Avalanche Zoning conversation at the General Assembly.

6. NEW BUSINESS

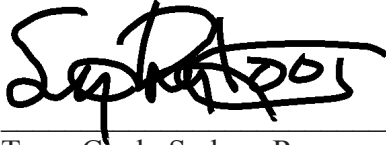
There is a discussion regarding curb stops and if the Town of Ophir is responsible for installing them.

Sydney requests a report from Ken detailing water challenges/issues from the last year.

7. ADJOURN

Corinne motions to adjourn, Ryan Ehlers seconds.

Unanimous consent to adjourn!



Town Clerk, Sydney Roop

May 24, 2021

Date

Minutes prepared by Sydney Roop, Town Clerk

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