



NOTICE OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

TOWN OF OPHIR, CO 81426

REGULAR MEETING: TUESDAY 7:00 PM, JANUARY 21, 2025

OPHIR TOWN HALL 36 PORPHYRY ST.

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AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ADOPTION & SIGNATURE OF December 17, 2024 Regular GA minutes
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. BUSINESS ITEMS
 - a. Elections: Town Staff and P&Z members (*=incumbent)
 - i. Town Elected Officials/Staff
 1. Mayor- Andy Ward*
 2. Clerk- Ben Foster*
 3. Treasurer- Cindy Wyszynski*
 - ii. P&Z Members
 1. Phil Hayden*
 2. Dan Forgrave*
5. STAFF REPORTS
 - a. Town Manager
 - b. Mayor
 - c. Clerk
 - d. OEC
 - e. P&Z
 - i. P&Z Public Hearing- Feb 12, 2025 at 6 pm- Proposed Ordinance to Allow development in Moderate Avalanche Zone

6. NEW BUSINESS
7. ADJOURN

****DRAFT**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
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TUESDAY DECEMBER 17TH, 2024 7:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Joan May (Mayor Pro Tem) calls the meeting to order at 7:04pm

Voting Members: Andy Ward, Dan Forgrave, Cara Binkley, Jacey DePriest, Janice Gerona, Johnny Gerona, Mark Rosenthal, Catherine Gockley, Sue Hehir, Natalie Fijalkowski, Phil Hayden, Gunnar Doyle, Tyler Schultz, Lucas Leighton, Corinne Platt, Annabelle Oneill, Eric Beerman, John Humphries, Dylan Sloan, Amy Ward

Non-Voting Members: John Wontrobski, David McConaughy, Cindy Wyszynski

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Gunnar motions, John Humphries seconds.
Approved via unanimous vote.

3. ADOPTION & SIGNATURE- November 19, 2024 Regular GA minutes

Tyler motions, John Humphries seconds.
Approved via unanimous vote.

4. BUSINESS ITEMS

a) Joan motions for executive session with town attorney, Tyler seconds.

Executive session begins @7:08

Executive session ends @ 7:31

b) Ordinance 2024-01 for amended 2024 budget

John Humphries motions, Janice seconds.

Approved via unanimous vote

c) Budget- Second Reading- Vote on Resolution 2024-03

Sue asks why there's a \$5k increase in the land stewardship fun.

John Humphries responds work by Bee Happy is important for sustainability and land preservation – and costs about \$3k/month during summer working season. That includes burn area cleanup, weeding, seeding, and other work.

Tyler notes OEC has discussed and agreed to keep the budget at this level. Ophir is prioritizing land stewardship.

Joan asks if there's any difference in the budget from the first reading.

Cindy responds there is a new line item for the town backhoe. We can use the Covid funds for the purchase. RETT has been moved into the reserve fund to gather interest. Funds for the backhoe have been moved into the general fund.

Cindy is adding a budget item for greenhouse improvements, town hopes some grant funding is available. Annabelle is leading the project. Funds will come from the general fund.

Janice asks if it wasn't in the first reading is it fair to the GA.

John Wontrobski notes information was in the GA meeting packet and items are allowed to be added or changed for the second reading.

Tyler motions to approve budget with greenhouse funding, John Humphries seconds.

Vote passes with unanimous approval

d) 2023 Audit – Vote to accept

Gunnar motions to accept, Tyler seconds.

Vote passes via unanimous approval

e) Certification of mill levy- Vote to accept

Tyler motions to approve, Janice seconds.

Vote passes via unanimous approval

f) Manager's Contract- Vote to authorize

John Humphries motions to approve, Gunnar seconds.
Vote passes via unanimous approval

g) OEC Election- Vote Only candidate: Annabelle O'Neill
Tyler motions to approve, Gunnar seconds.
Vote passes via unanimous approval

5. STAFF REPORTS

A) Town Manager

- i. New P&Z Chair Gunnar Doyle
- ii. Solstice Burn on December 21, 2024 – One last burn!!
- iii. Ice Rink – Thanks to Ryan, Sonja and Gunnar for getting it set up. Lights will be installed soon.

Also John thanks town staff, Andy, Ben, Cindy, Gunnar, John H., Joe Schultz and Joan May. Stan, Pat, and Randy on water. Ground Pounders on road maintenance. Tyler Schultz behind the scenes in many departments.

B) OEC – Had a conversation with w/ Ted Turner at the Forest Service. They must put in signs for Swamp, Blixt and Waterfall trails summer 2025. Signs were stolen this past summer, but the forest service will leave Ophir be if the new signs stay up. Please don't vandalize or remove the new signs.

Please turn off Christmas lights by 10pm and stop lighting sometime in January. Ophir loves its dark skies.

6. NEW BUSINEESS

None!

7. ADJOURN

Joan May motions to adjourn @ 8:13pm

Minutes prepared by Ben Foster, Town Clerk

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