

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

TOWN OF OPHIR, CO 81426

TUESDAY JULY 22nd, 2025 7:00 PM

OPHIR TOWN HALL 36 PORPHYRY ST.

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1) CALL TO ORDER

Andy Ward calls the meeting to order at 7:04pm

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Allyn Hart, Ben Foster, Andy Ward, Janice Gerona, Eric Beerman, Kirk Drogsvold, Phil Hayden, Gunnar Doyle, Abby Gamache, Amanda Fefferman, Leigh Sullivan, Annabelle O'Neill, David Callicott, Jerry Oyama, Slator Aplin, John Humphries, Daniel Forgrave, Lucas Leighton, Valerie Sloan, Joan May, Joe Schults

NON-VOTING MEMBERS: Hailey Carmer, John Wontrobski, Mason Osgood, Jonathan Cooper, Trevor Pauls, Mark Pearson, Kara Gray

2) ADOPTION & SIGNATURE June 17th 2025 Regular GA minutes

Slator motions, Daniel seconds.

All in Favor (Yay): Unanimous

3) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve agenda

David motions, Janice seconds.

All in Favor (Yay): Unanimous

4) BUSINESS ITEMS

a) Executive Session for a Conference with the Town Attorney for the Purpose of Receiving Legal Advice on Specific Legal Questions Under CRS 24-6-402(4)(b) Regarding Threatened Waller Litigation (Carmer)

Andy motions to begin, Janice seconds. One vote against, all else vote in favor so session begins

Executive session begins @ 7:16

Executive session ends @ 7:38

b) Consider Ordinance No. 2025-2, An Ordinance Amending the Town of Ophir Hazard Overlay Map Regarding Avalanche Zones on First Reading and Scheduling a Public Hearing Regarding the same (Carmer)

Hailey Carmer (town attorney) summarizes resolution 2025-2

Allyn asks what happens to the area below the line on the map, noting there was a historical anecdote of two houses being moved by a slide

Hailey responds we have to use the Instarr Map, which is the only scientific evidence the town has. An indemnity clause can be added to notify any future property owners of this historical event.

Phil asks about the ambiguity below the line, and how to resolve it.

Hailey responds future studies could be conducted, but we are currently reconciling our maps with information we have.

Joe Schults notes it could be helpful for P&Z to take a look at the suggestions made by Dynamic Avalanche Consulting.

Andy motions to approve the ordinance 2025-2 and set a public hearing for August 19th, 2025. Janice Seconds

Phil asks if town could provide more info from previous Waller discussion before next meeting.

Joe Schults states it would be for P&Z to gather and present that information.

Phil states he would like to see that information in a presentation from P&Z.

Vote is taken. 16 vote yes, 5 vote no.

Motion passes.

5) STAFF REPORTS

TOWN MANAGER – Sonja Ridders is the town's first high school intern! She will assist John (and town) with various duties. This is a program John would like to continue in the future each year with a new high school junior.

Thanks to Phil Hayden for fixing the compost cubes!

FYI: Solar and EV tax credits are expiring at the federal level at the end of the year.

OEC - Bee Happy did about 150 person hours of weeding two weeks ago, mostly in Old Ophir. They'll be in East Ophir next session.

P&Z – Will work on more in depth presentation for next GA

Building Dept/Special Projects – Working on improvements to water system and looking into creative cost effective solutions. Town is back on our main source Waterfall Canyon for town water after switching to our backup Werner Springs after the leak several months ago.

6) NEW BUSINESS

Valerie Sloan proposes to end zoom GA, or go to town council format.

Joe proposes to at least have screens on at all times for zoom participants.

Andy encourages everyone to come in person if they can.

7. ADJOURN

Andy adjourns the meeting @ 8:54pm

Minutes prepared by Ben Foster, Town Clerk

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