

HOMEDALE CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Homedale City Hall

September 13th, 2023

6:00p.m.

Meeting Minutes

Presiding: Mayor Gheen Christoffersen

Council Present: Steve Atkins, Aaron Tines, Kim Murray, Mike Aebischer

Staff Attending: Alice E Pegram, Danny Zenor

Guests: See Attached

Attorney: Paul Fitzer

Approve Agenda Discussion/ Action: Mayor Christoffersen asked for a motion to approve the agenda, Councilman Tines made the motion and Councilman Atkins seconded. Motion approved by full council.

Approve Council Meeting Minutes from the Aug 9th, 2023, meeting: Discussion/Action: Mayor Christoffersen asked for a motion to approve the minutes, Councilman Tines made the motion and Councilman Aebischer seconded. Motion carried by full Council.

Discussion on City Ordinance Prohibiting Roosters: Jennifer Churchman addressed the Mayor and Council on the rooster ordinance. She feels she should be able to have a rooster to assist in growing her own food. Jennifer stated she felt her rights, freedoms, liberties, and religious beliefs were infringed upon, and she feels the ordinance should be changed.

Councilman Aebischer stated when the city originated the chicken ordinance, we had a large group of citizens that were good with hens, but very adamant about no roosters.

Councilman Atkins stated roosters were an annoyance and he felt they needed to abide by the City Ordinance. The City Attorney stated the community disagreed with her and the City Ordinance stated no roosters.

Mayor Christoffersen stated the need to follow the City Ordinance.

She said it was strictly a way to feed her family.

After much discussion, the Council said they need to follow the City Ordinance and roosters are not allowed.

Jennifer thanked the Mayor and Council for listening.

Fireworks at the Football Home Games: Mike Shenk and Kaleb Hotchkiss: Discussion/Action: This was tabled until a future meeting.

9<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show at Bette Uda Park: Discussion/Action: Pastor Ivar spoke to the Council about the 9<sup>th</sup> annual car show, it will be October 7<sup>th</sup>. The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the car show, Councilman Tines made the motion and Councilman Aebischer seconded. Motion carried by full Council.

Homedale Car Wash: Discussion/Action: Mayor Christoffersen presented the Council with the agreement between the Engineer and Tom Gaskins. Tom Gaskins sent an email; he was in total agreement with the engineer and Council on the new agreement on his sewer calculations.

Mayor Christoffersen asked for a motion to approve the agreement, Councilman Tines made the motion and Councilman Tines seconded. Motion carried by full Council.

Police Report: Councilman Tines asked for extra patrol on the Main and Idaho intersection in front of the Homedale Drug Store. Officer Zenor said he would let the Chief know. Officer Danny Zenor mentioned the one way down Nevada Street; Mayor Christoffersen asked for public works to talk with the police on placement of the signs. Mayor Christoffersen asked Danny to do a little more patrolling; just to educate the public on the one way. Officer Zenor also mentioned the intersection at Idaho and 1<sup>st</sup> St. West; could we possibly change the parking, so the trucks don't block the intersection. Mayor Christoffersen asked him to have Jeff write a letter to ITD and he would sign it. It was also discussed to make the street on the east side of the nursing home a fire lane so people would not be able to park, the street is too narrow.

Public Works Report: No Report

Engineer Report: Angus Roper with Great West Engineering gave the update for Andrew.  
-Riverside Park Restrooms: Dept. of Commerce wants a formal contract for the sidewalks and parking lot which they should have by the end of the week.  
-Middle School Walking Path: the city has the contract for final review and approval. Mayor Christoffersen said they would be removing branches / trees to get ready for them. Mayor asked Angus to clarify if the ditch would be done before the project was completed or after.  
-Angus reported they were working on the bonding for the 2024 water project. He added they should have draft paperwork by the October 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.  
-Wastewater project, HPED liners were installed and filled up cell 2 and began filling up cell 1.

City Hall Update: P & Z Report:

Alice reported 2 new home permits and one remodel. She added Steve was working on two more permits. She also stated that irrigation would be going out October 6<sup>th</sup>.

Attorney Report: No Report

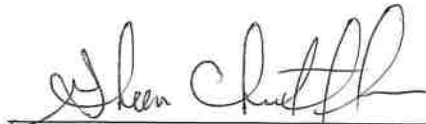
Mayor and Council Member Report:

Mayor Christoffersen said he had meetings with Economic Development and with Shannon McGuire with Spark: possible funding opportunities. He added he would be opening the bids on Monday for the Nevada property.


Approve the Bills Discussion/Action.

Mayor Christoffersen asked for a motion to approve the bills; Councilman Tines made the motion and Councilman Atkins seconded. Motion carried by full Council.

Mayor Christoffersen closed the meeting.



Mayor Gheen Christoffersen

Attest:   
Alice E. Pegram, City Clerk