Minutes February 5, 2018

The Minersville Town Council held a regular council meeting on Monday February 5, 2018 at 5:00 pm at the Minersville Town Hall.

Council present: Mayor Caleb Evans, Kolby Blackner, Kade Blackner and Todd McMullin and Barry Marshall. Town Marshall Kevin Carter and Town Clerk Cherie Wood.

Visitors: Taylor Pearson

Mayor Caleb Evans gave the prayer and opened the meeting at 5:02 pm Minutes: Todd McMullin made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 18, 2018 council meeting without additions or corrections. Kolby Blackner seconded the motion; all voted in favor, the motion passed.

Taylor Pearson has his new business of fire extinguishers and first aid and would like to give Minersville Town a bid on what it would cost the Town for his service. He would like to put the town on his schedule to do annual maintenance and recharging or replacements when needed. The town already has someone that does it regularly but Minersville Town does not have a contract with him. The council would like to get a bid from the person that is currently doing it and see what the price difference would be. They thanked Taylor for his time and will be getting back to him before April.

The Council discussed the need for mapping of the water lines and valves and also the sewer lines. This council thinks this is a priority as Kevin will be retiring and no one knows where all the lines are like he does. The town will need to look into funding and may want to lump this project in with a general plan project to get funding for both at the same time.

Mayor Evans discussed with the council about forming a special service district 7. The taxes that would be raised from the service district would be used to build a recreation center in Milford and later, one in Minersville. The discussion was, does Minersville need a recreation center and would it be worth it to have property taxes raised to support this, especially since there is a possibility of having to raise taxes for law enforcement and for the school district to fix the gymnasiums.

Barry Marshall voted no, Kade Blackner voted no, Kolby Blackner voted no, Todd McMullin voted no and Mayor Caleb Evans voted no.

Rocky Mountain Power has an easement agreement with Minersville Town that needs to be renewed. The Council would like to further review the agreement and possibly get legal council to review it also before signing.

Pay bills: Todd McMullin made a motion to pay the bills. Kolby Blackner seconded the motion; all voted in favor, the motion passed.

Other Business:

The Sr Center rentals were discussed.

Delinquent water bills were reviewed. The council has instructed the office staff that there will no longer be door knob notices hung. The disconnect notice that is sent at the end on the month with the bills will be the only notice and water will be shut off on the date on the notice if the delinquent amount is not paid in full.

The need for a new snow plow was discussed; there is a dump truck in Beaver that Kade and Kolby will check on.

Kolby Blackner made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Kade Blackner seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned 7:40 p.m.

Cherie C. Wood

Minutes February 7, 2018

The Minersville Town Council held an emergency meeting on Wednesday February 7, 2018 at 1:00 pm at the Minersville Town Hall.

Council present: Mayor Caleb Evans, Barry Marshall, Kolby Blackner and Kade Blackner. Town Marshall Kevin Carter and Town Clerk Cherie Wood. Visitors, Seth Davie and Brady Carter

Mayor Evans called meeting to order at 1:11 p.m.

Seth Davie explained to the council that Rocky Ford Irrigation Company is protesting an order of the state engineer approving a temporary change application filed by James C. Carter and Morgan Carter farms. The Council discussed the groundwater diverted under this temporary change application is tributary to and provides water to downstream users and water rights including Minersville Town. It is understood that the underlying water rights have not been used for over 30 years. Groundwater in the Beaver and Greenville area is tributary to the lower Beaver River and flows to and discharges directly to the lower Beaver River and springs that are tributary to the river including Minersville Reservoir. For over 30 years since the creamery stopped diverting water from the well under these water rights, downstream users have relied on and benefited from this groundwater flowing to and supplying downstream decreed water rights. Minersville Town council agreed that they will support Rocky Ford Irrigation Company in protesting this change application and write a letter of concern expressing these concerns. Barry Marshall made a motion to write a letter of concern in support of the protest of the temporary change application. Kade Blackner seconded the motion; all voted in favor, the motion passed.

Barry Marshall made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Kade Blackner seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 1:35 pm

Cherie C. Wood