

Minutes August 5, 2019

The Minersville Town Council held a regular council meeting on Monday August 5, 2019 at 5:00 pm at the Minersville Town Hall.

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

Visitors: Brandon Davis, Henry Woolf, Christie Woolf, Shakel LaBaron, Andrea Johnson and Jesse Ralph.

Prayer was given by Barry Marshall

Mayor Caleb Evans called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm.

Minutes: Kolby Blackner would like it to be known that in the July 1, 2019 minutes it states that Hailey Blackner would begin working at the library on August 1, 2019. She actually was approved by Mayor Caleb Evans to begin in July because of time off that Jamie Costello and Shannon Terry needed and to help with the summer reading program. Barry Marshall made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 1, 2019 minutes without additions or correction. Kade Blackner seconded the motion; all voted in favor, the motion passed.

Henry Woolf would like to do an eagle project that would be beneficial to the Town. The project that he has chosen, and would like to know if the council will approve of, is he would like to honor the past Mayors of Minersville and get pictures of them to display in the hall way of the Minersville Town Hall building. The council approved of the project. Henry would also like to know if the Town could help with funding the project. The council will consider helping with some of the funding, Henry was asked to bring in an estimate of how much it would cost and the council would see what they could do.

Shakel LaBaron and Kinlee Marshall would like to get approved for a business license for a pre-school in Vicky LaBaron's home at 456 East 100 S in Minersville. Mayor Evans asked Shakel if she was required to meet any state criteria for a pre-school. Shakel said that she has talked to the last two ladies that ran pre-schools here in Minersville and they said no. If they would like to become state certified they would be able to receive grants but they have not decided to go that far with it yet. The council would like Shakel and Kinlee to check with the home owners insurance for the home that the Pre School will be held in so that it is covered for a home business. Todd McMullin made a motion to approve the \$10.00 yearly business license for the pre-school, Kade Blackner seconded the motion, and all voted in favor, the motion passed.

Andrea Johnson would like to know if the rec. league could do a fundraiser to raise money for new equipment. The council will support a fundraiser but would like her to take preorders for the mugs before ordering them so that there is not a lot left over that doesn't sell. Andrea would like to purchase a back stop for baseball and to improve the baseball field at the park. The council discussed using the ball field at the church. One option the council would like to check into is would they let us use the field with the

dugouts if the town maintained the field. Brandon will contact Mitch and find out if that is something the church would be interested in doing.

Andrea has also been approached about doing adult sports but would really just like to stick to youth. The council discussed how the concessions were going and if she felt like it was worth it. Andrea said yes she would still like to do concessions next year, maybe including hot dogs and nachos. The council approved of paying the referees for soccer and basketball.

Jesse Ralph from Sunrise Engineering reviewed the spring project that Sunrise has bid and also reviewed a few topics from the meeting with the Towns accountant last week. The questions that were discussed were about paying off a water bond that only has a few years left and a sewer bond with only 2 years left. Should the town apply for CIB money in the amount of \$650,000-\$700,000 to complete the entire project or if doing the project in two or three phases would be better?

If the town was only able to receive loan money and not grant to do the project they would have to raise water rates up at least \$5.00 on the base rate and also think about raising the overage rates, the council also discussed lowering the sewer rates after the sewer bond was paid off to off set raising the water rate.

Kolby Blackner made a motion to proceed with the application to CIB in the amount of \$635,000.00 for the entire project. Barry Marshall seconded the motion; all voted in favor, the motion passed. Jesse Ralph from sunrise engineering will start the process with the application. The town council will need to have a public hearing to get public input on applying for CIB money for this project.

Kade Blackner informed the council that he has talked to Sheriff Noel and asked him to come to council and report on how the new law enforcement in Minersville is going. Sheriff Noel asked Kade to contact the County Commissioners and talk to them. The council would like Kade to ask Sheriff Noel again to come and meet with the council.

Brandon Davis would like to ask the council why he was the only employee that did not receive a raise this year. The council explained that they had a few questions concerning his job performance that needed to be discussed with him and they wanted their concerns addressed before giving him a raise. The other employee came in and met with the council. Brandon has been on the agenda other times and had things come up and was not able to make it to the meetings.

The council has concerns about starting and ending times of work and what is getting done during the work day. They would like to know if a time clock or a different time sheet would work for all employees to document their time.

Todd McMullin made a motion to table Brandon Davis's raise until the next meeting, Kade Blackner seconded the motion. Barry Marshall voted nay, Kolby Blackner voted nay, Todd McMullin voted yea, Kade Blackner voted yea. Mayor Evans broke the tie vote with a nay. Motion did not pass.

After another discussion Barry Marshall made a motion to give Brandon Davis a .80 raise from \$19.20 to \$20.00 retroactive for his August 1st check for July 2019 hours. Todd McMullin seconded the motion. Kade Blackner voted yea, Todd McMullin voted yea, Kade Blackner voted yea, Kolby Blackner voted nay. The motion passed.

4th of July review: Everything seemed to go very well. Kade Blackner would like the parade line up route laid out a little better next year. We did have a larger parade than years past and lining up was a bit congested. Mayor Evans would like to get something to add to the sound system so that more people along the parade route could hear the announcer.

Pay bills: The bills were reviewed and the clerk pointed out the large amount that were being paid out this month because of the 52,882.00 road repaving for 400 west and 26,000.00 for road chipping, 13,412.00 new boiler for the pool, along with the 22,680.00 back hoe payment. Kade Blackner made a motion to pay the bills, Barry Marshall seconded the motion; all voted in favor, the motion passed.

Kade Blackner made a motion to adjourn, Kolby Blackner seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

Meeting adjourn at 7:43 pm

Cherie C. Wood