

**Town of Carbonado  
Regular Session of the Town Council  
Monday, October 12, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was opened at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Vesey.

**ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers present: Councilmember David Rodway, JJ Sandin, Tom Argo, and Terry Carter.  
Councilmembers absent: Clint Emry

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Kaleb Murphy, Fire Chief Eric Skogen, Dave Bentley, Robert Bentley, Carrie Bentley, Tazia Duncan and Rick Nourse.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Vesey led those in attendance of the council meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

None.

**COUNCIL EXCUSAL**

Mayor Vesey asked for a motion to excuse Councilmember Emry.

**Council Action:** Councilmember Argo made a motion to excuse Councilmember Emry. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodway and carried 4-0.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of the October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Agenda.

Approval of the minutes from the September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Council meeting.

Approval of the minutes from the September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 Special Council meeting.

Approval of the minutes from the October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Workshop.

Approval of the amended Claim Warrants 16535-16569, 16577 and 16563 VOID for September 14, 2020, in the amount of \$276,583.40.

Approval of Claim Warrants 16578, 16595 THRU 16618, September 2020 Columbia Bank, USDA RD DCFO 9/15/2020 and USDA SR 07 October 2020 in the amount of \$615,171.86.

Approval of Payroll Warrants 16570 THRU 16576 & 16579-16594 and Direct Deposit Run 9/17/2020 in the amount of \$21,318.87.

**Council Action:** A motion was made by Councilmember Rodway to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Argo and carried 4-0.

**RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 333 – INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT FOR CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS**

Mayor Vesey asked for a motion to approve Resolution No. 333, authorizing the Mayor to enter into an interagency agreement between the Washington State Department of Commerce and the Town of Carbonado for the Coronavirus relief fund for Local Governments to cover costs incurred due to the Public Health Emergency with respect to the Coronavirus – March 1, 20210 through November 30, 2020 for a total amount of \$30,000.00.

**Council Action:** A motion was made by Councilmember Rodway to approve Resolution No. 333, authorizing the Mayor to enter into an interagency agreement between the Washington State Department of Commerce and the Town of Carbonado for the Coronavirus relief fund for Local Governments to cover costs incurred due to the Public Health Emergency with respect to the Coronavirus – March 1, 20210 through November 30, 2020 for a total amount of \$30,000.00. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Argo and carried 4-0.

**NEW TOWN BUSINESS:**

**FIRST READING OF THE 2020 REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE BUDGET**

Mayor Vesey had Assistant Town Clerk, Sandi Carlson, present the first reading of the 2020 Revenue and Expenditure Budget. Discussion followed.

**CEMETERY CD**

Mayor Vesey informed the Council that the \$1230.00 Cemetery CD had been cashed out by Bank of America. He also stated

that there were no specific endowments for the Cemetery CD and asked the Council if they'd like to put the funds into the general fund.

**Council Action:** Councilmember Argo made a motion to place the \$1230.00 funds from the Cemetery CD funds into the general fund since there were no specific endowments. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodway and carried 4-0.

#### **2021 HIGHEST LAWFUL LEVY FOR PROPERTY TAX**

Mayor Vesey informed the Council of the upcoming 2021 Highest Lawful Levy for Property Tax. Council had a copy of what Pierce County sent the Town and he informed them that there will be a Public Hearing on the 2021 Highest Lawful Levy for Property Tax at the next Council meeting as well as a resolution.

#### **2021 HIGHEST LAWFUL LEVY FOR EMS SUPPORT**

Fire Chief Eric Skogen addressed Council stating that the EMS Levy will be on the ballot in November. There will be a Public Hearing on the 2021 Highest Lawful Levy for EMS Support at the next Council meeting as well as a resolution.

#### **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND FEDERAL SINGLE AUDIT FOR 2019**

Mayor Vesey informed the Council that the Federal Single Audit for 2019 has been completed and the Town had no findings.

#### **NO PARKING ON O'FERRELL DRIVE (FORMERLY 4<sup>TH</sup> ST)**

Mayor Vesey asked the Council if they had read the letter from Dave Bentley addressing the no parking ordinance on a portion of O'Ferrell Drive. Council stated they had. Mayor Vesey asked Fire Chief Eric Skogen to give his recommendations on the no parking Ordinance on O'Ferrell Drive between 7<sup>th</sup> St NW and Coal Avenue (formerly 4<sup>th</sup> St. between Division St. and 8<sup>th</sup> Ave.). Chief Skogen stated that in 2015, the Town Council adopted the fire code into their municipal code. That code is still current today which states that all roads must be 20 feet of unobstructed roadway. He also stated that he had gone out with Sandi Carlson to inspect that portion of O'Ferrell Drive and measured it at 21 ft in width. His recommendation was to leave the Ordinance as is because if someone parks on the side of the road, you will no longer have the 20 feet of unobstructed roadway for emergency vehicles. He told the Council that the engines aren't getting smaller. Mayor Vesey then allowed Dave Bentley to address the Council. Mr. Bentley stated that he thinks the Council should allow parking on O'Ferrell Drive because he believes it wasn't done incorrectly and that it was a personal attack on him to just to take his parking away. Dave also stated that he thinks there are many other streets in Town that should also have no parking and wanted to know why it was only his street and only the portion of that street that he lived on. Mayor Vesey then asked for a motion to change the ordinance. No motion was given.

#### **WATER METER EXTENTION:**

Mayor Vesey asked the Council for a motion to grant Donn Hickle a one time, 90-day, good faith extension on his building permit to keep his water right for his property on 1<sup>st</sup> Street SE.

**Council Action:** Councilmember Argo made a motion to grant Donn Hickle a one time, 90-day, good faith extension on his building permit to keep his water right for his property on 1<sup>st</sup> Street SE. Councilmember Carter asked what his good faith reasoning was as it wasn't stated in Mr. Hickle's letter. Mayor Vesey stated that it was due to the cost of lumber. Deputy Clerk Carlson stated that she would have Mr. Hickle add his good faith reason to the letter. Council stated that they will allow the extension if Mr. Hickle adds his good faith reason to the letter. The motion was then seconded by Councilmember Rodway and carried 4-0.

#### **8<sup>TH</sup> AVE PARK**

Mayor Vesey asked the Council if they wanted to rename the 8<sup>th</sup> Ave Park since we have changed the street names and the park is no longer on 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. Councilmember Sandin asked how he would re-do the sign. Mayor Vesey showed the Council some signs that he was looking into and stated the cost would be around \$400.00, it was locally made and they could just cover the old sign but keep the wood around it. Councilmember Sandin stated that he'd like to table the discussion until Councilmember Emry was there and they had a full council. Council agreed with Councilmember Sandin and this discussion will be tabled until the next meeting when everyone is present.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

##### **TREE HARVESTING**

Mayor Vesey asked the Council if they would like to hold a workshop to discuss options for the tree harvesting on the railroad right-of-way. The Council decided to hold a workshop on Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

##### **PERSONNEL POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL**

Still in process.

#### **REPORTS:**

##### **MAYOR**

Nothing to report.

##### **PUBLIC WORKS**

Kaleb informed Council that we will need to remove solids from the lagoon soon and it would be a costly procedure.

##### **CLERK-TREASURER**

None.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Robert Bentley at 360 Montezuma Dr., asked about the tree harvesting. Mayor Vesey stated that they have had the timber cruised and they have options to review and discuss. Discussion followed.

Dave Bentley asked for more clarification about the tree harvesting. Mayor Vesey asked if any of the Councilmembers would like to add to what was already stated. Councilmember Rodway said the Town was presented with some options regarding the tree harvesting such as clear cutting, selective logging, cutting down just the hazard trees or doing nothing. He also stated that he didn't want to see it clear cutted but it was something that they needed to discuss with the Forester. Discussion followed.

Rick Nourse at 19306 SR 165, stated that the properties that butt up against the trail used to own the property and suggested that Town sell it back to the property owners. He didn't feel like the Town was a good steward of the land and that they should give it back. Discussion followed.

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

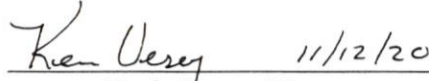
The next regular scheduled council meeting will be on Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Council Action:** Councilmember Argo made a motion to adjourn the council meeting at 7:18 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sandin and carried 4-0.



Sandi Carlson, Assistant Clerk-Treasurer

  
Kevin Vesey, Mayor