

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

TOWN COUNCIL TOWN OF MANZANOLA, COLORADO July 10, 2024

The Town Council of the Town of Manzanola, State of Colorado, met in regular session, 301 North Park Street, Manzanola, Colorado at the hour of 5:00 p.m. There being present for the call of roll and for the “Pledge of Allegiance” the following persons:

- **MAYOR:** Shirley Adams
- **TRUSTEES:** Beverly Jimenez, Amy Holland, Danny Chavez
- **ABSENT:** Jay Alexander
- **ALSO PRESENT:** Auditor Steve Dazzio, Cynthia Smith, Benita Davey, Mary Rivera, Larry & Diana Padilla, Kris Baylor, Kenny Wilson, Lawrence Armijo, Victor Lopez

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Adams asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of June 12, 2024.

TRUSTEE HOLLAND MOVED, TRUSTEE JIMENEZ SECONDED a motion to approve minutes.

TRUSTEE CHAVEZ abstained. Motion carried.

AUDIT REPORT-STEVE DAZZIO

Steve presented audit books and went through the report with council members. Audit report for year 2023 was a good report with no questions from council. Steve thanked clerk Kris Baylor for her assistance and good job on town finance reports. Town has one long term debt on wastewater from 2008 which will be paid off in 2029. Town will be taking out a loan in 2024 for the non-discharging, evaporative wastewater plant under direction of CDPHE. Town has installed solar power at water plant to assist with electrical bills.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Kenny Wilson and Lawrence Armijo reported:

- With recent rains they have removed several fallen trees and dealt with overflow problem at Depot parking lot. Sprayed weeds, mowed parks plus the open lot west of shop. Did meter readings and checking for possible water leaks.

Victor Lopez reported:

- 21 traffic stops with 19 citations issued. 36 calls dealing with dogs, agency assists, medical calls, child exchanges, during June 12 through July 9, 2024: present at court.

TRUSTEE CHAVEZ MOVED, TRUSTEE HOLLAND SECONDED a motion to approve department reports. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- CML dues increasing by 2%, Black Hills increasing rates notice, Coath Properties have opened their doors for renters.

OLD BUSINESS

- **SOLAR POWER** – Solarise has installed solar panels, they are approved, waiting on Black Hills to activate system.
- **POTABLE DIVERS, INC** – Inspected and cleaned 3 water tanks on May 29 & 30 at the cost of \$6,500.00
 1. 2016 Standpipe holding 250,000 gallons, 120 feet deep is in full operational condition, removed 2 inches of sediment from bottom floor, inspect again in 5 years.
 2. Underground concrete blending tank holding 55,000 gallons, 10 feet deep is fully in operational condition, removed 6 inches of sediment on floor. Recheck in 5 years.
 3. 1994 above ground white 150,000 gallons, 24 feet deep, the interior coating has completely failed, and the roof has exposed bare steel which is corroded allowing heavy pitting. Recommend replacing it with a steel bolted tank. Luke James has talked to the State Health Department, and they approve of taking this tank out of service at this time. Report has been sent to GMS to address the best way for the Town to proceed on #2 & #3.

- WASTEWATER PLANT—Loan is being worked on.
- BURNT HOUSE on CANAL – Governor Polis has released back tax on houses, Otero County is waiting on new software to proceed.
- PLAYGROUND WOOD CHIPS—Mayor asked permission to get more information and use Conservation Trust Funds to purchases.

NEW BUSINESS

- Lead & Copper water pipes survey must be turned in, if assistance is needed to determine what type of pipes leave your name at Town Hall.
- Cemetery roads will be cleaned up after recent rains with Otero County aiding with road grader, four loads of road base ordered to fill in deep ruts.

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND PAYROLL

TRUSTEE CHAVEZ MOVED, TRUSTEE JIMENEZ SECONDED a motion to approve May and June bills and payroll.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive meeting was held

ADJOURN

TRUSTEE JIMENEZ MOVED, TRUSTEE CHAVEZ SECONDED a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 pm. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Mary Rivera questioned water bill increase: explained increase is due to loan to install the wastewater plant under direction of CDPHE.
2. Larry Padilla requested if the Town would sell the gazebo roofs from the old grade school. Will place on August agenda.

TOWN CLERK AND RECORDER

MAYOR

No. 876