

**TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES**  
**Teleconference via GoToMeeting**  
**Wednesday, November 15, 2023**  
**3:30pm**

Mayor Paulin, Vice Mayor Sitoula and Councilwoman Grumbine met in work session via teleconference on Wednesday, October 25, 2023. Also, in attendance Town Manager Ryan Hicks, and Town Clerk Andrea Brady.

Boardwalk – The Town has received concerns from a resident about people on the Boardwalk after hours and a request for security cameras. Public Works has reported no issues on the Boardwalk, and the extra duty Town Patrols have not witnessed any issues either and they continue to walk the Boardwalk as part of their rounds. The last quote for cameras was \$67,000. This is not a budgeted item. There are no other complaints being received. Mayor Paulin has been monitoring data as it relates to issues in that area and the data does not indicate a problem. Vice Mayor Sitoula offered to reach out to the single-family homes near the Boardwalk to put cameras on the front of their homes, and to encourage them to take part in the camera rebate program.

Senior Center flower beds – The Senior Center has held meetings with Mr. Posey of the Sierra Club, and they have developed plans for the area on the right side of the ramp at the Senior Center to put in raised gardens and a flowering area. The Senior Center has requested the Town's approval. Council was unanimously in favor of the proposed Senior Center flower beds.

December Town Meeting Agenda – No changes or additions

Roundtable:

Mayor – Mayor Paulin thanked Vice Mayor Sitoula for filling in for him with check signing and the Veterans Day ceremony while he was sick and thanked Town Manager Hicks for holding meetings in his absence.

Vice Mayor – None

Councilwoman – Councilwoman Grumbine requested a Holiday Festival update. The Holiday Festival will be held on December 2<sup>nd</sup> and will include the Annual Tree Lighting. The event will run from 5pm to 8pm. The schools are unable to participate this year. Mr. Yeckley will play the carols during the ceremony, and the Town is requesting church choir participation to help sing. Mayor Paulin has lined up Santa Claus for this year's event. There will be crafters inside the building as well as BRIDGE Church with a craft section for kids. BRIDGE will also have a SMOREs station outside, Clarity Coffee will be selling cider, and County Manners will be there selling food.

Town Manager – Town Manager Hicks gave an update on his recent meeting with the Arts Alliance as it relates to River Artsfest. They would like to return to Indian Head in 2024. They would also like to add a concert on Friday night prior to the main event on Saturday. The goal is to get a band with a large following for that event. Things are progressing with the Boys and Girls Club, and they are currently discussing the best way to pay contractors. Signs for the Naval Base have been installed and trees have been trimmed. Christmas decorations will be hung tomorrow. The new proposal from AC Schultes was received for the new well at the Diffenbach location and it is \$438,000 which is less than expected. Vice Mayor Sitoula asked for bench status for the Boardwalk. Town Manager Hicks

explained that once the final change order is put through benches will be installed. When the Town gets to that point it will open it to sponsors who would like a plaque placed on the bench once it is placed. Vice Mayor Sitoula suggested taking preorders now. Town Manager Hicks said the Town plans to place 4 to 6 benches with 3 people already interested in sponsoring. The cost per bench is \$1200 to \$1800.

Town Clerk – Town Clerk Brady asked for Council’s approval to continue with virtual Town meetings as long as the Boys and Girls Club still needs to utilize the Pavilion. The Boys and Girls Club is in the building until 6pm on weeknights and this would not allow staff or time to flip the building for a meeting. Council agreed to continue with virtual meetings in 2024. If an in-person meeting is deemed necessary, use of the pavilion will be worked out at that time, and it will be listed online as in person. Town Clerk Brady received a request from a local non-profit to utilize the Town Hall parking lot on weekends for food giveaways. The Council approved the use with the stipulation that they do not block the roadway.

Mayor Paulin adjourned the meeting at 3:51pm

  
Andrea Brady, Town Clerk