

TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
Teleconference via GoToMeeting
Wednesday, December 28, 2022
3:30pm

Mayor Paulin, Vice Mayor Sitoula and Councilwoman Grumbine met in work session via teleconference on Wednesday, December 28, 2022. Also, in attendance Town Manager Ryan Hicks, and Town Clerk Andrea Brady. Ms. Steele of RXBSA/Oasis Grocery joined the meeting.

CDBG Grant – Ms. Steele dropped off a copy of the grant application at the office available for review by Council and the public. Mayor Paulin asked if there were any concerns on the part of the Town as it relates to the grant. Town Manager Hicks stated that the Town is essentially serving as the bank for this grant, a pass-through for the money as required by the State. Vice Mayor Sitoula expressed his concerns that the developer of the project continues to ask the Town for things and is not in favor of the Town moving forward with this grant. Vice Mayor Sitoula expressed the money already given to this project by the Town and expressed concerns over the scope of responsibility possibly involved with the grant, such as, if the Town is responsible for the funds, is the Town then responsible for repairs if the refrigeration equipment has an issue. Mayor Paulin does not share those concerns, and explained that it is State grant money that is available to all businesses that are interested in pursuing it. Town Manager Hicks said the Town will send the application to legal counsel for his review before anything is signed. Councilwoman Grumbine is in favor of moving forward with the grant application. With a majority agreement the application process will continue to move forward.

Sidewalk Retrofit Program – A letter has been sent to the State to show the Town’s intent to be included in the sidewalk retrofit program. Given that 210 is the main thoroughfare in Town the Council would like to increase walkability. The letter of intent states the Town would like to move forward in the process. Mayor Paulin explained this will be a several years long process. State Highway will complete the feasibility study and keep the Town informed as they move forward.

Board, Commission, Committee Application – Council will hold this item for the January meeting to see if they receive additional applications to appoint a full Board of Zoning Appeals.

January Town Meeting Agenda – Vice Mayor Sitoula suggested adding something to the agenda or a future agenda in commemoration of the service of Bunnie Sciler. Council agreed. Mayor Paulin will reach out to Bunnie’s family to see when they are available.

Boardwalk Parking – Councilwoman Grumbine discussed a recent issue with towing during the holidays. Town Manager Hicks stated that Stoney’s is working on updating all of the signs so they can be replaced as soon as possible. Mayor Paulin feels that replacing the signs with updated information is the first step. Town Manager Hicks stated that if they are unable to change the signs soon, the Town will be looking for alternate towing companies.

Roundtable:

Mayor – Mayor Paulin wished Town staff Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

Vice Mayor – Vice Mayor Sitoula echoed the Mayor’s sentiments, and spoke about the difficulty of the loss of Bunnie and thanked the staff for their work throughout the year. Vice Mayor Sitoula is currently taking FEMA training, and he wanted to make sure the Town has a preparedness document on hand. Town Manager Hicks let Council know that the Town does have a preparedness document that was created a couple of years ago. Vice Mayor Sitoula suggested yearly training. Town Manager Hicks asked for additional information so he could move forward with implementing the suggested training.

Councilwoman – None.

Town Manager – Town Manager Hicks reminded Council that the services for Bunnie will take place on Thursday, December 29th.

Town Clerk – None.

Mayor Paulin adjourned the meeting at 3:48pm.


Andrea Brady, Town Clerk