

THE TOWN OF ROLLING HILLS

January 2, 2024

PUBLIC INPUT MEETING

Mayor Maines called the public input meeting to order at 7 p.m. and asked for comment on Ordinance 2024-164 before its third and final reading.

With no comments made, the Public Input Meeting adjourned at 7 p.m.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNING BODY MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Maines called the Governing Body Meeting of January 2, 2024, to order at 7:01 p.m. and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Present – Mayor Maines, Council Members Montgomery, Rivera, and Cielinski; P. Ehler; and Attorneys Matthew Sato and Craig Silva

CONSENTS:

MOTION to approve the minutes as presented of the Governing Body Meeting of December 19, 2023; Council Member Rivera so motioned, Council Member Cielinski seconded. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to approve the bills and claims for January 2, 2024, as presented; Council Member Montgomery so motioned, Council Member Rivera seconded. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS: Nothing at this time.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE FLOOR: Nothing at this time.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Parks and Entertainment: Nothing at this time.

Zoning: A letter has been sent to a resident regarding the number of livestock kept on the property.

Local Emergency Planning Committee: There is a meeting later this month.

Joint Powers Board: There is a meeting tomorrow in Douglas.

Fire Suppression Authority: Nothing at this time.

Landfill Board: Mayor Maines stated the monitoring well had a reading, It was re-tested with negative results; however, because there was a positive result a plan had to be made for monitoring. K. Weinsaft stated there was legislation brought up regarding reserves and not being able to have three times the budget in savings; this may help plan for depreciation. The landfill board will have two openings. The membrane may have PVC.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND REQUESTS:

Public Works Department Report & Requests: P. Ehler stated the last alarm on the system was December 9, 2024, until the recent power outage this past Sunday. The generator turned on during the outage. Battery backups for Well 2-2R and Well 7 depleted during the outage. The battery backups must be physically turned on. The tank level cannot be seen when these backups go out. Readings on the tank level will be moved to the SCADA system at Site A. Warmth in the chlorine rooms was a concern due to no heat and it being a winter month; the temperature only dropped to fifty degrees. P. Ehler asked for two portable generators to be stored at the shop but could be used at Well 2-2R and Well 7 during outages. He also stated that they may not be able to get the generators to the wells if there is drifting snow, however. The generator turned on during the outage and ran for over twenty-four hours; this was not caught by A. George, who was on call. P. Ehler said the generator ran and functioned fine other than not shutting down. It is scheduled for a test run tomorrow. Well 2-2R had a positive hit on a VOC test. The DEQ felt that it was the container that was contaminated. A new test was immediately ran and came back clean. Winter cleaning of chlorinators will be done. A larger pump was put in Site A and appears to be working better than the old one. If it does not keep the chlorine level at a minimum, it will be switched with the pump from Well 7. The mid-month meter readings will be done. For maintenance, budgeting has been started. Items have been put on a list throughout the year to add to the upcoming budget. Council Member Rivera confirmed that Wells 2-2R and Well 7 are 3-phase. The recent leak at 90 North Monkey was confirmed to not be a town issue; a line running from the resident's well to the home was leaking. Council Member Montgomery asked about the fuel level for the generator after running for such a long time. No one from Public Works will be able to attend the ICS training

in Douglas. The FEMA website has this training available. P. Ehler renewed his pesticide license. Council Member Cielinski inquired about how long the generator can run with its fuel capacity; P. Ehler stated about four days. P. Ehler stated the small generators he will ask for will run for five to ten hours. Excess gas is stored at the shop. Council Member Rivera felt Council should consider installing permanent generators at both Well 2-2R and Well 7 that can power the wells and the chlorinators. Mayor Maines directed P. Ehler to get propane heaters that can be used in an enclosed area. Council said to consider looking at inverter generators. The gate at Antelope Ridge has been damaged by someone driving over it. P. Ehler was asked to have a police report taken for the record. Green gates are hard to open in the winter. Authorized Access Only signs may be appropriate to hang in the area.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

Ordinance 2024-164, Camping on Public Property; Third Reading: Council reviewed and discussed Ordinance 2024-164, which prohibits camping on public property. No changes have been made since the first reading. Absent any public comment, **MOTION** to adopt Ordinance 2024-164 on third and final reading; Council Member Cielinski so motioned, Council Member Montgomery seconded. All Ayes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

2024 Road Project, Update: The chipseal project is being advertised for bids at this time. The pre-bid conference is on January 16, 2024, and the bid opening is on January 23, 2024. A bid tabulation will be on the February 6, 2024 agenda.

Concrete Project, Update: The concrete project is complete. Final payment will be made during the next bills and claims cycle.

NEW BUSINESS:

Appointment to Boards: **MOTION** to keep all board positions the same as they were for 2023; Council Member Cielinski so motioned, Council Member Montgomery seconded. All Ayes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Appointment of Municipal Judge: **MOTION** to retain Patrick Lewallen as the Municipal Court Judge; Council Member Rivera so motioned, Council Member Cielinski seconded. All Ayes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution 2024-452, Mileage Rate: Council reviewed and discussed Resolution 2024-452, which sets the 2024 mileage rate at 67 cents per mile. **MOTION** to adopt Resolution 2024-452; Council Member Rivera so motioned, Council Member Cielinski seconded. All Ayes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION: **MOTION** to move into executive session at 7:42 p.m. to discuss potential litigation; Council Member Rivera so motioned, Council Member Cielinski seconded. All Ayes. **MOTION CARRIED.**
Public session resumed at 7:57 p.m.

COMMUNICATION TO COUNCIL: No communication to council.

MOTION to adjourn the Governing Body meeting of January 2, 2024, at 8 p.m.; Council Member Montgomery so motioned, Council Member Cielinski seconded. All Ayes. **MOTION CARRIED.** Meeting adjourned.

Mayor Jon O. Maines

TOWN SEAL

ATTEST:

Teresa Montgomery, Clerk/Treasurer