# 

# Stevensville Town Council Meeting Minutes for THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2021

#### 1.Call to Order and Roll Call

Mayor Dewey called the meeting to order. Councilmembers Devlin, Ludington, Shourd and Vick were all present.

- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Public Comments (Public comment from citizens on items that are not on the agenda)

No public comment.

- 4. Approval of Minutes
  - a. February 11, 2021 Meeting Minutes
  - b. February 25, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Mayor Dewey: introduced the minutes in front of them.

Councilmember Vick: I will make a motion.

Councilmember Devlin: 2nd

Mayor Dewey: it has been moved by Mr. Vick and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Devlin. Council discussion? Public comments. Hearing none we will call for the vote, Ms. Berthoud please call for the vote.

Councilmember Devlin: aye.

Councilmember Ludington: aye.

Councilmember Shourd: aye.

Councilmember Vick: aye.

Mayor Dewey: motion passes.

- 5. Approval of Bi-Weekly Claims
  - a. Claims #16582- #16617

Mayor Dewey: introduced the bi-weekly claims.

Councilmember Vick: I will make a motion.

Councilmember Shourd: 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Mayor Dewey: it has been moved by Mr. Vick and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Shourd. Council questions or discussion?

Councilmember Shourd: I just have two questions; I saw that 16617 is Twin Creeks for 426.73 for lighting?

Mayor Dewey: so that is our monthly power bill for lighting for the streetlights.

Councilmember Shourd: I was just comparing it to Creekside, and it seems to be almost double, is there.

Mayor Dewey: they have more lights.

Councilmember Shourd: that makes sense.

Mayor Dewey: that is reduced, as a matter of fact that is reduced with the LED version, we are saving some money, as soon as they were installed, they dropped our power bill that day.

Councilmember Shourd: okay.

Mayor Dewey: any further questions on the claims from the council? Public comment? Hearing none we will call for the vote, Ms. Berthoud.

Councilmember Devlin: aye.

Councilmember Ludington: aye.

Councilmember Shourd: aye.

Councilmember Vick: aye.

Mayor Dewey: thank you.

### 6. Administrative Reports

Mayor Dewey: introduced the administrative reports to the council and highlighted in the Community Development that there is a new hot line for the building department to schedule inspections.

a. Airport

Provided in the packet to the council.

b. Community Development

Provided in the packet to the council.

c. Finance

Provided in the packet to the council, Robert is out sick this evening.

d. Fire Department

Provided in the packet to the council.

#### e. Parks & Recreation

There is not one, due to Bobby being on paternity leave.

# f. Police Department

Interim Chief Ellington gave his report in person.

#### g. Public Works

Steve Kruse gave his report in person.

Councilmember Vick: the night that I had brought up that some people had brought up the quality of their water, how can they try to get a hold of you to set it up. To try and trouble shoot the issue, it seems like the issue is located on Buck Street and around that area.

Steve: that is what I understand, I have spoken with one individual and we requested a test that requires a special container that is arriving tomorrow and if it gets here on time we will go to that residence and taking water samples and sending them over.

Mayor Dewey: any further questions from the town council? Thank you, Mr. Kruse. That concludes administrative reports section of the agenda tonight

#### 7. Guests

No guests.

# 8. Correspondence

No correspondence.

# 9. Public Hearings

No public hearings.

#### 10. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business.

# 11. New Business

(item d moved to the top of the list of new business, decision follows)

d. Discussion/Decision: approval, approval with conditions, or denial of preliminary plat for the major subdivision known as Burnt Fork Estates

Councilmember Vick: I would like to suspend council rules and move item (d) to the top of the list.

Mayor Dewey: just so we are clear, your motion is to suspend council rules and move agenda item (d) to the front of the list. Is there a 2<sup>nd</sup>?

Councilmember Devlin: I will 2nd.

Mayor Dewey: it has been moved by Mr. Vick and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Devlin to suspend council rules and move agenda item (d) to the top of the list, any council discussion? Any public comment? Alright hearing none we will call for the vote, Ms. Berthoud.

Councilmember Devlin: aye.

Councilmember Ludington: aye.

Councilmember Shourd: aye.

Councilmember Vick: aye.

Mayor Dewey: alight motion passes, we will now take under consideration of new business item (d) Discussion/Decision: approval, approval with conditions, or denial of preliminary plat for the major subdivision known as Burnt Fork Estates. (BFE) Based on our virtual meeting on Monday I don't think that it is the council's intent to make any sort of decision regarding BFE. As I can see this playing out, tonight you will meet on the subdivision ask questions of the developers maybe explain some of the expectations that you have for the subdivision and maybe explain further the expectations of the process that you have (unclear audio) just for reference consider the time that you have, consider the subdivision all together you have three more opportunities at the very least in the next couple of months. You have the March 25<sup>th</sup> town council meeting, you have a special town council meeting that is scheduled for April 1<sup>st</sup> and then you have your April 8<sup>th</sup> council meeting as well and of course you have your second council meeting, so you do have many opportunities over the next council meetings if there are any meetings in addition to those council meetings you find necessary we just need to know that so we can get those scheduled on the calendar and coordinate facility use here in this room, so just keep those in mind if you would. And from there it sounds like the developers from PCI do have a presentation

Councilmember Devlin: my remark into my vision of how this process should go. There are a lot of questions that are out there. When there is answer to a question it leads to more questions. We are not in a position to have questions answered, we are not in a position to facilitate a question and answer so to speak I would like to see the developer not maybe just you two come and have an open meeting for the community that gives an ample opportunity to ask those questions of the developer and get some hard core answers get more a personal vetting where you know we have public hearing where we have all these questions and we have all these questions and then we try to ask these questions and then we try get the answers for the community and it just does not work, this is just too big of a project. In my opinion at this time this is not a viable proposal that you have proposed so I would really like to see, I would like to see the developer do his due diligence at the end of the day we have to be able to look at the community members and say that this is going to be okay, this project is going to be okay and I don't feel that I can say that at this time. So, if we need to make a decision in the near future, I can't do that.

Councilmember Vick: I have something similar to say as well, I think we heard last week pretty much 30 to 1, our people here and our business here don't want to see a C-2 section out there. I do understand the reasoning behind wanting to put it out there I think in some places it would be good in a place rather than Stevensville would be a great place. The concern is that the

people that currently live in Creekside when they bought their homes they were told that a development that would be going in there would be very similar to what they are in right now and then it turns around and they are getting something completely different, but I would really like, as far as water rights go I know that is being resolved and everything and even though we are in a space that DNRC can approve a permit to appropriate water, all though rights are still being contested in water court we can still get a permit for the water that we do have a right for. For new wells and what not, but the biggest concerns are current water capacity, current sewer capacity who is going to pay for it, around 30,000 dollars for a project we are going to look at paying multi million dollars to upgrade these things. Our current residents should not be paying for this.

Mayor Dewey: I am wondering where you got the \$30,000 estimate.

Councilmember Vick: the \$200.00 per lot.

Mayor Dewey: you are speaking in terms of traffic improvements not water/sewer improvements.

Councilmember Vick: that is what I meant.

Councilmember Shourd: I would like to echo some of what Jaime said, I think we need more meetings to inform the public whether that is public hearings or organized by you having the public to have an opportunity to ask questions and get answers.

Mayor Dewey: one thing in my opening that I failed to mention was if the council would entertain the opportunity, I would like to have the opportunity for the public works department to resubmit a supplemental staff report given there has been a change in our public works department and just provide whatever review Mr. Kruse wants to provide on the subdivision. (unclear audio) if the council would entertain this, it is apparent that the town needs to do a better job educating on the water and sewer and we can address some of that in a staff report and we could also shed some light for the council.

Councilmember Devlin: I am not necessarily opposed to that I think we are needing some other reports not necessarily from the town, traffic reports some other clarifications maybe can be done a little bit. I don't think we stop having that report rewritten.

Mayor Dewey: sure, I am speaking to involvement in the project, but we look to address infrastructure concerns I think our new public works director should have an opportunity to share his thoughts with the town council in a staff report.

Councilmember Vick: I can't move forward with a serious consideration; I would need something definite from DNRC about the water rights something from the attorney's, something from the state of Montana saying that we have water rights and use for that area.

Mayor Dewey: that would only happen in the form of a permit. That is what the permit does, we can provide water rights abstracts as long as the day is, we have plenty of those proving the rights that we own, having DNRC commit to permitting our rights through the well field that is exactly what the permitting process is and what we are doing currently. That permit is that hard evidence that proves we have water under the ground that we own.

Councilmember Shourd: my concerns are the traffic impacts. I haven't seen discussion in regard to how much traffic is going to be on Main Street. Traffic comes down burnt fork what does that look like. Another one of my concerns and I don't see is in regard to storm water where is that going and how is that impacting the east side of town.

Councilmember Ludington: I don't disagree with the council is asking for I think that it is appropriate. I guess I come at this at this from a different angle (unclear audio) a lot of the infrastructure questions (unclear audio) and resolve some of those issues if we hadn't proceeded we wouldn't have really known that those issues occurred I guess what I am trying to say is I don't want to put the cart before the horse here we are just getting the process started there are a lot of hoops the council will have to jump through before they are able to turn a shovel or they sell a lot. They have been through basically a year long process already and COVID didn't help with that but there are a lot of issues that need to be resolved also. Part of my opinion is we can decide who is going to pay for that until those issues are resolved. If we want to wait until approval of this subdivision and get answers on how that is done if we want to approve the subdivision with conditions of these approvals the developer will be paying for it. So, we kind of have to weigh those facts along the way there are a lot of things that have to happen before they are able to proceed they are certainly not going to be able to build a house before they obtain a permit for storm water we are certainly not going to be ablet to put in houses and build things before they can determine the waste water would be sufficient and I am well on board with the water rights that are currently struggling for decades I think I have told the council before in the short time that I was mayor I was at a meeting with Andy with DNRC when PCI was representing the town and sat there with a representative from DNRC and said we just need more from you guys and we said what do you want and he looked me straight in the eyes and said right now I cant tell you. So, what do you do then? What do you do when a guy who says you need to get me more information and he won't tell me what the information is? So, that is the kind of thing that we are dealing with yeah, I would certainly like to see that, and I would certainly like to see the developer help us with that or we can do it on our own. I can see that we should share some of this economical piece with the developer. (unclear audio)

Mayor Dewey: would the council entertain the presentation that PCI has prepared? If is different from the presentation at the public hearing and in fact it is a different presenter. Let's go ahead and have...

Andy Mefford: introduced and gave his presentation to the council via a power point, the power point will be on the town's website in the Burnt Fork Estates section of the website.

Mayor Dewey: we will take a 7-minute break that was a lot to digest.

Mayor Dewey: we are going to reconvene with the council meeting, council left off with Discussion/Decision: approval, approval with conditions, or denial of preliminary plat for the major subdivision known as Burnt Fork Estates developers and representative addressed the council with a presentation a wealth of information that presentation is already posted on the town's website on the Burnt Fork Estates page as well as tonight's meeting page. So, it is in two spots you can find it there in PDF format. With that I will give the council an opportunity to continue their discussion about the subdivision.

Councilmember Vick: I first want to say that I appreciate you taking the time to give that presentation I am not anti-growth at all the only thing that I stand for is citizens have been asking what not but how long mayor would it take for the public works director to prepare a staff report.

Mayor Dewey: we plan to expedite that to the public works director, Mr. Kruse and do a staff report and I think if we expedite it we could turn it around in ten days, plus or minus two.

Councilmember Devlin: I am just going to say a couple thing here I do appreciate the time as well to give that presentation there were a couple moments that the back of my neck got a little hot with some of the things that you were saying. And I guess when I get to the heart of this the people that you are speaking of are my neighbors in my neighborhood, the people that I visit with at their businesses I work along side of. In so when you make a remark it is a moot point. I don't think any of this is a moot point it is not the best choice of words to use. Yes, Creekside was it was approved for five phases and we understand that, and we understand that has expired and we have had to go at it a different way. What I don't think is understood is that was accepted in the form that it was now we have a new developer coming in that isn't following the same pattern as Creekside was and you admitted that. Why wouldn't you just continue that why wouldn't you not want to mirror what was accepted? Rather than coming in and saying it is a moot point and we can do whatever we want. I do appreciate how discussed the multi family, but what you are proposing is almost double what was proposed before in Creekside if I am understanding your numbers correctly. So I guess that is my biggest take away, I am not really looking for an answer on that I think it is just a point that I am trying to make is that when we are speaking about this community that obviously cherishes and loves this community that they are so passionate that they are willing to fight for this, we have to be really mindful of how they are perceiving things and yes I myself have been on the other end and have helped develop two subdivision and I understand that frustration but we also have to be mindful of the other side. And when you have people that have put their roots in here and have been told when they purchased their homes that the rest of the development is going to mirror Creekside and then we are in a position where it is not and while some would argue that it is not really your area were you have to defend that, right it is a new developer. I would argue that it is kind of your responsibility because people were told that they purchased their homes based on that and I don't think that we have the right to now go back and say it didn't happen we are going to go back anyway sorry about your luck. It is just a really sensitive area and yes you are entitled to an answer, but everybody is entitled to answers as well, right? You need a decision, but we need answers, so at some point I think we have to come to an agreement to agree to disagree now is not the time to make that decision lets like I stated before, lets give our community members the opportunity to ask those questions there are some hard ones that are full of emotion, but I think they are deserving of that.

Mayor Dewey: next.

Councilmember Shourd: is this an opportunity for remarks or questions as well of the developers?

Mayor Dewey: it is open in terms of what the council wants to do this can be a dialog between yourselves and the developer it can be a dialog amongst yourselves that is kind of the stage that

we are at right now. You guys are more than welcome to start the bus and how long this goes and what we do next.

Councilmember Shourd: I just have a couple of clarifying questions for the developers that I would like to ask. My question is about the flow chart that was put on the website the other day and the process of approval. Come somebody walk me through, we approve the neighborhood and all of a sudden everything is approved and the whole neighborhood goes up so I need a clear understanding of what needs to be done in those phases and I now that you touched on it earlier.

Mayor Dewey: why don't I pull up the chart that we published, Jenelle is going to have to navigate to it on our website because that is where it is just give me a quick moment I think that it is more appropriate that I review that from the towns perspective versus what the developer explained about the subdivision process I think that they are capable of doing so but I don't want to put them in a strange spot. Jenelle if you search on the website subdivision, okay we will set the mood for you and share my screen for the folks at home. So, this chart was developed based on the administration practice or past practice of subdivision review in our community and where we basically formalize the process is that past subdivisions have gone through in this community. Montana code does allow for some options that I will touch on when I get into the chart this is alt least our rendition or our understanding of how this process should work as a community based on precedence set previously. So, starting right at the top we have the developer submitting the primary plat for review that was accomplished based on Mr. Medford's timeline April of 2020, Montana code tells the town of Stevensville that tells all municipalities that there are certain benchmarks that you have to meet in review I don't remember exactly what the review time is I think that it is close to 45 or 60 days between the submittal and the substantial review once we determine that application is sufficient for review and it has all of the information in it that it needs and checks the boxes then the clock starts to tick on about 80 days and that is the time frame that he refers to that was relaxed or kind of set back with Governor Bullocks directives in terms of how corona virus affected public process so that is part of the reason why we have gotten away with dragging this past a year. So, that part has been submitted for review the town staff has had a chance to reviews it and that is the work that resulted in the staff report that HDR helped us compile. So, we hear often it is called the HDR report it is not HDR's report on the subdivision it is the staffs feed back and the staffs review of the subdivision to which we hired HDR, we paid them handsomely, to compile all of those pieces and check with compliance in the growth policy and a number of other subdivision standards that the town has. From there we know that we have to go into a public notification and the recommendation process so there were a number of notification sent out in the letter regarding planning board meetings and council meetings so we have worked through that process, the town council has held there public hearings they still have the ability to call more hearings if they desire but you have done the number of hearings required to consider the proposal so now you are at this cross roads of approval of a preliminary plat or denial. If council decides to deny the preliminary plat, then the applicant has the option to revise and resubmit. As many times as they want provided that they pay a fee, but they could just say we are not going to do anything but basically that start at square one of the denial. You go down the road of approval then that is where things get a little bit more exciting in terms of process because

we get to throw the ball back into their court and they have to pull together the construction plans for the phase that they want to work on. So, from the pre-construction phase forward that happens with each, in the terms of BFE, that would happen with each of the seven phases, so we complete the loop and go back again. Complete the loop and go back again for each phase of the subdivision. So, when they approve the construction or when the council gets to review and approve the construction plans and the plans for condition, skipping ahead to the next box. when you get a chance to do that you say, we have enough water and sewer capacity to do that to do phase one that does not mean that they get to proceed through phase seven, right? We may not have capacity and capacity may change between phase one and phase five and whatever. And that is why today we don't have a rigid capacity analysis for this subdivision because by the time the subdivision is ready to turn the water main on the water capacity could look very different. Because it is literally fluid it changes right based on Burnt Fork Place based on another proposal that comes in, build out of other lots, Twin Creeks all of those pieces affect our capacity so it changes on a routine basis. So, there is that review process between pre phase construction and your chance to review and address concerns. It is not that all of these things happen between these next three bubbles before the review. The staff may come to the council multiple time and say we are trying to address this piece of the water main, is it a four-inch main or a six-inch main whatever it is right? We may come to council for some guidance before approval, right? I can remember in just the time frame that I have worked for the town and even prior to that we have been very familiar with Mr. Mefford coming to the podium discussing where we are in certain phases of the project before the final stamp came in. Twin Creeks was as well. Once you have approved the pre-construction stuff mind you the shovel has not turned yet still, we are still working on paperwork so when you bless that the construction phase begins and here is where there is a little bit of flexibility the towns practice has been you will not approve the final plat until everything is in the ground and certified and you like the way that it looks. Example would be when Twin Creeks was built there were issues with the asphalt when they did some drilling and did some core samples they found out that it was deficient is some areas we also found a sewer line I believe had a quirk to it in terms of jetting those issues had to be resolved before they could build anything on that subdivision and the reason for that was so the town got assurance that the infrastructure was solid before we started letting people live there. Where I talk about the flexibility Montana code does allow the town to approve final plat prior to them building the infrastructure and then there are some things that you can do to ensure that the infrastructure is there. So, there are some things there so this is based on past practice the construction begins that construction is completed by the developer the infrastructure is inspected and certified by the city staff by engineers all those things we are all happy honky dory we love the way the subdivision looks the final plat is reviewed and approved by the town council and it is recorded with the clerk and recorder those parcels then become legal lots that can then be built on. So, another thing is the town of Stevensville won't issue a building permit for a lot that is not a legal lot. So, that is another piece even if they were in construction phase and somebody came in and said well, they have my section of sidewalk and street done we want to build and come in for a building permit, until it is a legal lot, we won't give them a permit so there are some stop gaps in there as well.

Councilmember Shourd: thank you, my only other question regarding the building phase, it is my understanding from the planning and zoning phase one and two run together. Is that correct?

John Kellogg: I don't remember, it depends on how the calendar looks. But we could do phase one separate from phase two.

Councilmember Shourd: in regard to phase one and two the booster station has to be upgraded, who covers the cost of the upgrade?

Mayor Dewey: the developer would. But I think that the booster station is good for the first two phases I am recalling that. The booster station has a capacity and I think we will exceed that with the three and four phases of the development so they would be responsible for that above that, right. That is a good example of where it is fair because of their development the capacity is exceeded so that part makes sense, it is not a global issue right now there is enough capacity, so they are responsible to mitigate those impacts. If they refuse to do so they don't get approval.

Councilmember Ludington: subsequent to that I am looking at the planning and zonings recommendations for approval one of the things that is included in this that is not included in the flow chart is the planning and zoning is requiring that a public hearing is held before final approval of the plat of each phase so when we get to that point where the town staff thinks that they are ready for the developers have done what is necessary to look at final plat approval we have to have a public hearing so the public can see what has been done and what if anything is not sufficient for that to not happen. One of the other things that is in the approval is in the conditions is the existing water station located on lot C-12 should be upgraded before the issuance of final plat of phase four. Which of course the developer is required to do and as one of the things I have been doing some research on over the past few days is storm water and in comparison to what it was I was able to find a report that the town was able to obtain when we did Creekside Meadows in 2002 versus what is required now and it is five pages versus forty five pages so there is a lot of requirements to make sure that we don't push surface water downstream. Which is where Creekside is, they are down stream from BFE so that plan that has to be submitted and approved by the department of equality has to prove not just plan, prove that you are not going to get more surface water in the subdivision that is adjacent to this. So, that is not in my opinion an easy road to hoe which is why they are not planning on putting in a bunch of dry wells which is what they did in Creekside Meadows they just put in a bunch of dry wells and that is going to handle the run off well you cant do that anymore it is a substantial permit to get that and that is one of the things in the conditions of approval also. But they have that and phase one has got a big retention pond in it big area so they will have to have that plan in place and that permit in hand before they get to a shovel so they won't be able to shovel until that works and if it doesn't work we say wait a minute it is not working and people are going to see this happen before it happened to Mel Cook and we had to some substantial changes from it took a while but we were able to satisfy what was necessary and that is what we will do again I think that the towns administration is more robust than it was twenty years ago I hope that we are able to respond to that more quickly then we did before so I think there are a lot of questions as I said before and as the flow chart shows this is not a house by the end of this year

this is a house by maybe the end of next year, maybe. If they can get the permits that are required, maybe. Is the towns water problem going to go away? No. No we are always going to have that so one of the things that is going to happen is that and one of the things that is encouraged in our growth policy is that if you don't try to divide the pie up smaller, if you make the pie bigger which is what we are doing with BFE we are making the pie bigger so that we have more people using our facility and using our resources or using our utilities which by the way is not taxed is paid for by water rights strictly water rights which is why we can't say that the tax payers or the water users are the one that is doing it because believe it or not there are water users that are not in the town. So, those water rates that you pay that O&M that you pay that operation and maintenance that bond that you pay it is not going to go away it never goes away in most municipalities it is always going to be there what is done at the sewer plant now compared to twenty years ago is like night and day because we are on the Bitterroot River I remember when I was on town council and they were talking about ultraviolet treatment of waste water and how ridiculous we thought that was, well guess what they are doing it now. There is virtually no fluent that runs out of this town that is not treated ever which is practically unheard of in recent history. So, we are on the cutting edge of doing what is necessary to make sure that the town has what it needs to exist and one of those things that we have to do is we have to make that pie bigger, and this is one of the ways that we do it. And that was the plan back in 2000 when we annexed this property, we need more people in this town in order to be able to do what we need to, to make sure that we can provide quality water and wastewater treatment for this town, we can't stay static we just can't it will just cost us too much. So, we have to be able to move forward I know that this is an issue I would like all of those things answered to I really would and with the help of somebody that is going to develop additional property within this town we will get there but we have to have help to get there we have to have someone to push us to do that. And I hope that the houses those residential houses in R-1 area of BFE are going to be more expensive than the houses that are in Creekside Meadows, I guarantee you they will be \$400,000 houses they will. Slab on grade, raised above the elevation that they are on now your sight preparation, those lots are going to sell for \$40,000-\$45,000 unimproved, unimproved. So, lots in Creekside Meadows only reached \$35,000 so those houses are going to be expensive they are not going to be cheap houses they are going to be a lot of the same type of people that live in Creekside Meadows which is what you would like to see. Retired people that want to live in a quiet area. So, you can not believe me Mr. Gibson if you want but that is the fact. (Steve Gibson in the audience said, "I didn't say anything") I know but you were shaking your head so, those houses will be more expensive than what you paid for your house. So that is where I am with it I think we need to try to continue to move forward I know there are a lot of unanswered questions and a lot of from people that live there but understand. I have said this before and I will say it again, this is the only opportunity that we have as a public to be able to tell somebody else what they can do with their property I can't tell you what to do with your property this is when we have an opportunity to say here is what I would like you to do with your property once that final plat is approved then another building goes away so now is the time to say okay the town has issues those issues aren't going to go away but we will continue to work on them with the help of these people that are developing another area within the town. But we can tell them this is what we want for a size of lot this is how big your house can be on this lot this is what the street looks like this is what the sidewalk looks like this is how

much land has to be developed into parks this is what you do with the storm water this is how big those water and sewer mains have to be and where they have to go how many plugs you have to put in there to make sure the surface water isn't running down the trench, this is the opportunity to do that, all these subdivisions that you see out in the county all they have to get is a septic permit that is it they can do whatever they want, and believe me some of the stuff that is built out there is junk. It is horrible there are people looking all the time to move into a brand-new house and it is cold, the ceiling leaks, the roofs coming off so, this is our opportunity to say this is what you are going to build, this is what it is going to look like this is how many you can put on an acre this is how big your lot is this is how much sidewalk you have this is what the streets are. Thank you.

Mayor Dewey: any more discussion from council or questions? Does the council want to continue this conversation to our next regular council meeting do you want special meetings called how, what next steps are envisioned by you as a collective body?

Councilmember Vick: I am open to discussing again at the next meeting but I would also like for at our next meeting to use that public hearing section for this as well so we don't have to book anything special I think we should give the public one more opportunity to speak especially because of the new information that we were given tonight.

Mayor Dewey: okay, any more remarks from council or guidance?

Councilmember Devlin: I have a question; are you open to entertaining the idea of having and hosting that meeting for our community? I mean I don't mean to put you on the spot, I don't really, really mean to put you on the spot.

Andy Mefford: I am fine to be put on the spot. I want to take this opportunity, when you step up to this mic and you can't read your notes, I had no intention of offending you or anyone else in this room. I am here to present facts and the details and clear up some misconceptions. I would be really interested at looking at the dialog, if I said something that was a moot point and that was the lightning rod I would like to see the content, I very well could have picked a bad word, so I just want to set that straight I am here to try and back fill information we have heard a lot of public comments I have tried my best, a valid attempt to what we have seen and it is not always nice and that is the reality of it we obviously extended the olive branch to members of that association because we know that they are going to have the most impact we don't get a lot of positive feedback that is the reality it is a tough world you have to have some chops to deal with it, I just wanted to clear that. Back to the question, can we host a meeting? Obviously, there is no decision made here tonight I gave a lot of information and you need to digest it this anticipation from public works in the next 10 days plus or minus two 2. You know obviously that is going to show up and that is going to be more new information and that is our concern, we have been in this for a long, long time and it has cost a lot of money. And that doesn't help the affordability, affordability is huge in this valley a huge problem I have watched it go ridiculous off the radar, it has always been a mecca people will continue to come here and this covid and other things tell us that we don't see that trend slowing and the growth policy that was put out says Missoula is growing that was five years ago if that trend is true and time and time again it is only get much more prevalent, that growth is there. I am concerned about this question of new information and this report and what this might look like by us hosting I guess I need to know

what that looks like. Are we anticipating on having another public hearing do I think that the public should get another chance to the mic to speak, outside of a couple minute ago I was told that you haven't had any public hearings you haven't had any meetings? This definition of meeting and hearing is different in how it is noticed the people that are concerned about this know about this project this concept of there has not been enough information that is a little hard to understand you know it is here and you have had time to look at it, plenty of opportunity. To have another public hearing I welcome them all to come to the mic again in a meeting format and you know that is fine that is not a typical process to get into a dialog or a mic battle if you will that is always a dangerous place to go in my mind, but to have another public hearing that is fine we will do that when that is and us hosting I don't know when that is.

Councilmember Devlin: when I said hosting, my envisionment of that exactly is stating that you don't want to do it would be you facilitating a meeting and you would sitting on this side and the community is out there and whoever that is, they can come up to the podium and say I have this question, I have this questions, I have this question that is for them and they have the opportunity to say what about this I mean we are talking this isn't going to be an hour or two long.

Andy Mefford: I will do it. I will do it I don't think it is a public meeting.

Councilmember Devlin: we wouldn't have anything to do with it.

Andy Mefford: I will do it we have already hosted two meetings with Creekside Meadows, it can be a noticed meeting and I will sit at that chair and I will take comments and there needs to be some ground rules in place because I know I don't need to repeat myself over and over and then we give answers that they don't like necessarily, but I am happy to sit and have that dialog if that is necessary and I would welcome councilmembers to listen to that dialog. I think that would be important.

Councilmember Devlin: I think if you are willing to do that the towns people have the opportunity to have their answers received and answered directly in understand the extending of the olive branch but lets do it one more time.

Andy Mefford: I will do it one more time I have no problem doing that.

Councilmember Devlin: then we have the opportunity at that hearing to hear any of their concerns once that is done, this is such a big project I don't want to make a decision and then, we are going to have people that are going to say I wasn't heard right? But I think we have to go the extra mile to make sure that people are heard, and the majority are felt heard.

Andy Mefford: I understand and can respect that, I can find a venue and put in a notice and tell you that we are going to have an informal, it is sort of informal it isn't a public hearing it isn't a public meeting I will have an open mic and try to answer as much as I can and it is possible that there are some things they may not get an answer to, the answer may be I don't know or pending, that may be a possibility or it may be an answer that they may not want to hear necessarily but I am open to do that.

Councilmember Devlin: I really appreciate that feedback I think it is extremely important.

Andy Mefford: it is definitely very untraditional, but I like untraditional.

Councilmember Devlin: untraditional is good.

Andy Mefford: I will discuss it with the developers I think that it would be important that they are maybe there as well, one of them is here tonight so I have told them these other meetings are kind of procedural and that sort of thing but I think it is important that you show up at some of these meetings, when it comes to decision time I think that it is important that you come to the meeting and be present and one of them is here tonight and one of them is not, but I think it is important that they are at that meeting again I am not there spokesman but I may need to refer to them to say this is something that they want are you willing to do that? Maybe they don't get that answer that night, but they could, like I said that answer may not be satisfactory but at least we can have that dialog.

Councilmember Devlin: I appreciate that.

Mayor Dewey: okay, to summarize, does the council have any further comments or requests regarding the next steps, it has been requested that the developers host their own forum to give the public an opportunity to ask questions following that forum the town council would hold a public hearing and go from there. Is that a fair assessment in how you want to proceed?

Councilmember Vick: I guess the best way to make it official I will make a motion to table this agenda item until they do a Q&A session public hearing.

Mayor Dewey: is there a 2<sup>nd</sup>?

Councilmember Devlin: I will 2nd.

Mayor Dewey: it has been moved by Mr. Vick and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Devlin to table this item until and public forum and a public hearing are held. Council discussion?

Councilmember Ludington: so are we going to schedule the public hearing today? Or and then.

Councilmember Vick: I had suggested our next council meeting. We have that public hearing section or in the meeting, we have the public hearing section on our agendas we could do it then.

Councilmember Devlin: I think it is dependent on when you have your meeting, I don't want to schedule our public hearing and you are still looking for a time to meet with everyone.

Andy Mefford: I envision having this meeting very quick no more than a week, I want to get this done and moved on. We have been here a long time and I want the vetting process to be comfortable for you guys but I am not looking to exstend this to indefinite time because we have already been through that with the COVID, after that meeting got canceled at the high school we were just floating in this unknown so I definitely need definition understand if it is up to me to schedule I will have to coordinate with a venue I don't know if it is the church, the school, the library this room I will have to figure it out if that can't be done, I think we have the information I don't think I need to go gather, I think the only thing I could see is do I have to gather it after the public works summary is back, I am thinking that I am not going to wait on that to then schedule it. I am going to schedule a meeting I can get the notes to you I can send a

notice to the Creekside HOA maybe I can put an add in the paper to say we are going to have this informal, publish it in the paper, get the notice out there I see that happening in the next seven to ten days.

Councilmember Devlin: great and I think Dempsey I would agree with what you are saying at our next meeting we can use the public hearing time.

Mayor Dewey: just to speak to the public works staff report I don't see it coming down as a bomb shell on the project I think that Mr. Thomas the former public works director captured a lot of the public works information in the staff report and so I don't see that rocking the boat in a wrong way. I do appreciate if we could confirm the date public hearings wise just because when we put public hearings on our agenda and public hearings aren't always required in terms of notice requirements but out of the abundance of caution and to protect ourselves from any potential litigation we will commit to the March 25<sup>th</sup> meeting for the public hearing, so that gives Jenelle and I enough time to get the notice to the paper by Monday at noon for the 17<sup>th</sup> and the 24<sup>th</sup>. That is how close the turn around is when we notice public hearings, so that is kind of my hope that you would go that route if we have that public hearing on the 25<sup>th</sup> that commits the developer to a time frame, I have to have this done by the 25<sup>th</sup> and not drag this out and keeps us to a committed timeline as well.

Councilmember Vick: since we already have a special council meeting set up for the first and it is a short agenda why don't we go ahead and do the public hearing then? And we can do this item on the agenda in case they can't get a venue next week give them an extra week to do that.

Councilmember Devlin: that item on the agenda or the public hearing? You want to have that and make a decision after that.

Councilmember Vick: correct.

Mayor Dewey: I don't know as if though they are going to have any challenge in getting a venue. I think that in two weeks' time they should be able to and we have some resources that we can share with them for venues, we have gotten very familiar with venues other than town hall so I think they will be able to pull that and the reason that I say this Mr. Vick is if you hold you public hearing on the 25<sup>th</sup> and you commit to that that still leaves the 1<sup>st</sup> as an option if you need to further discuss.

Councilmember Vick: and I was just thinking the same thing, we will do the 25<sup>th</sup> and potentially come up with a decision on the 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mayor Dewey: part of the challenge in having multiple meetings on the same subject we have to take some time to get back up to speed on where we left off. That is why it was so advantages, even though it was grueling, it was advantages to have those two planning and zoning meetings they lasted a very long time into we hours of the morning, we actually discovered things about our office building that we didn't know happened in the middle of the night, they do. But doing that just twice instead of over three or four meetings was super helpful. I guess to summarize the intent of your motion is to hold, is to ask the developer to hold a forum and hold public hearing the forum will be held over the next weeks and the public hearing will be held on the 25<sup>th</sup> of March.

Councilmember Vick: that satisfies my request.

Councilmember Shourd: have we discussed when we will have a presentation from the public works director?

Mayor Dewey: well.

Councilmember Shourd: will that be a special meeting will that be on the 25<sup>th</sup>?

Mayor Dewey: we will have it ready for you by the 25<sup>th</sup>, absolutely. Like I said I think the developers are okay in proceeding without that information because I honestly don't see, it is not going to be a super elaborate report because it is a supplement to what is already there, but I do want to give Mr. Kruse the opportunity to weigh in on the impacts of what the subdivision looks like from his experiences that he brings to the community that we maybe didn't get from the previous public works director. I just want him to have that opportunity because he has to live with it longer than others. So, any further council comment?

Councilmember Ludington: the only thing that I will say is and this is kind of what has happened before is that I hope that a lot of questions get answered sufficiently I am not convinced that anybody's mind will be changed I am willing to give it a shot.

Mayor Dewey: any other council comments on the motion at hand before we call for public comment?

Councilmember Vick: I was waiting for you to get done with your speech. This is why I am saying that April 1<sup>st</sup> would be the day that I anticipate it to be the day I feel like I should have all of the information that I need to make an informed decision on that day. I know that we have had this information for a while, I have read it I have listened to public comment, I have listened to developers I have listened to us. I believe by that day, I myself should have everything put together to make a decision for this large project.

Mayor Dewey: do you realize that how cruel it is to schedule a decision on April Fools Day? Any last council comments? We will open the floor for public comment, public comment on we are being very specific about public comment folks it is whether or not the council will proceed with holding a forum, excuse me the developers will hold a forum and that a public hearing will be held on March 25<sup>th</sup>, that is the limit of public comment that we want to keep. We do not want to be here all night knowing that we have this ahead of us. State your name and address for record please.

### PUBLIC COMMENT:

Steve Gibson: 1517 Creekside. I just want to thank councilperson Vick, Shourd and Devlin for what they have done tonight, listening to the people, listening more to the people. I think that was a very, very I commend you for that, because there have been a lot of things about public hearing, I guess I can't say that. In regard to the public meeting I believe that needs to be published, I don't know if you can get it to the paper by Friday if you had it next week, you would have to have it later, because at the last meeting, over half of the people that were apposed to this subdivision did not (unclear words) so it is going to have to be published for the community to know. I think the paper has a guideline of tomorrow for next week. Monday at

noon? In all do respect, Councilmember Ludington, you said these houses were going to cost more than Creekside, you said like \$400,000.

Mayor Dewey: Mr. Gibson I am sorry, but we are going to keep it on task.

Steve Gibson: I guess it was a public comment on the agenda but that has changed now.

Mayor Dewey: correct the public comment is on holding a hearing a holding a forum.

Steve Gibson: okay, I appreciate you doing that council people for listening to the people.

Mayor Dewey: any further public comment? Okay? With that motion on the floor, it is to hold a, to ask the developer to hold a forum and do a public hearing on March 25<sup>th</sup>. With that we go ahead and call for the vote, Ms. Berthoud.

Councilmember Devlin: aye.

Councilmember Ludington: aye.

Councilmember Shourd: aye.

Councilmember Vick: aye.

Mayor Dewey: okay.

a. Discussion/Decision: Consent to the Mayor's Appointment of Elizabeth Hyde as Volunteer Firefighter

We will move right along back up to new business item (a) consent to the Mayor's appointment of Elizabeth Hyde to the fire department volunteer. Your information is in your packet.

a. Discussion/Decision: Consent to the Mayor's Appointment of Elizabeth Hyde as Volunteer Firefighter

Councilmember Vick: I will make a motion.

Councilmember Devlin: I will 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Mayor Dewey: it has been moved by Mr. Vick and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Devlin. Council discussion? Public comment? Okay we will call for the vote, Ms. Berthoud.

Councilmember Devlin: aye.

Councilmember Ludington: aye.

Councilmember Shourd: aye.

Councilmember Vick: aye.

Mayor Dewey: alright next is, Mayor Dewey introduced new business item (b).

b. Discussion/Decision: Resolution No. 485, declaring certain property as surplus and authorizing its disposal.

Mayor Dewey: some what of a routine process for the council. Through out the year we find junk laying around so to get rid of it legally we ask for your permission to do so. Equipment that we are putting up is our old phone system. Keyboards, printers' routers we have plenty of those. They will be surpluses through an online auction service.

Councilmember Shourd: I will make a motion.

Councilmember Vick: 2nd

Mayor Dewey: it has been moved by Mr. Shourd and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Vick. Council comments? Public comment? All right hearing none we will call for the vote, Ms. Berthoud.

Councilmember Devlin: aye.

Councilmember Ludington: aye.

Councilmember Shourd: aye.

Councilmember Vick: aye.

Mayor Dewey: do you want me to slow down?

c. Discussion/Decision: Liquor License Ownership Transfer from Bradley Paulson to TKO Walker LLP, 209 Main Street

Mayor Dewey: introduced the new item (c) there is a representative from TKO Walker here tonight, thank you. The information is in your packet.

Councilmember Devlin: I will make a motion to approve.

Councilmember Shourd: 2nd

Mayor Dewey: it has been moved by Ms. Devlin and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Shourd. Council discussion? Public comment? Ms. Berthoud call for the vote.

Councilmember Devlin: aye.

Councilmember Ludington: aye.

Councilmember Shourd: aye.

Councilmember Vick: aye.

Mayor Dewey: motion passes.

 d. Discussion/Decision: approval, approval with conditions, or denial of preliminary plat for the major subdivision known as Burnt Fork Estates (this item was moved to the beginning new business) e. Discussion/Decision: Resolution No. 486, Reinstating funding for the water/sewer bill assistance program

Mayor Dewey: introduced new business item (e)

Councilmember Vick: so, moved.

Councilmember Devlin: 2nd.

Mayor Dewey: it has been moved by Mr. Vick and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Devlin. Council discussion? Public

Comment? We will call for the vote. Ms. Berthoud.

Councilmember Devlin: aye.

Councilmember Ludington: aye.

Councilmember Shourd: aye.

Councilmember Vick: aye.

Mayor Dewey: okay.

# 12. Executive Report

Mayor Dewey: in the theme of water bills we have some exciting changes to announce after having your postcards for probably as long as I have been alive, we are changing it. Sorry, you will receive an 8 ½ x 11 tri-fold bill in the mail from the Town of Stevensville. Our billing system is being modified where we will outsource the printing of the bills, our bills are generated through the Black Mountain system, we buy paper that is perforated and stamped from a vendor and we run each of those, 900 bills I think, we run those through our printer in the office and usually blocks up our printer for an hour and a half while those print. Challenges with the post office have presented us to be more efficient on how we send bills because they want us now to pay a handsome annual fee to mail our water bills and then they want us to pay essentially the same rate that you would pay for a post card for bulk mailing. With that we thought it was most cost effective and to go ahead and have an alternate company print our bills, there is a company that works with Black Mountain software on a number of other customers they will take our data from the system, they will print bills, fold, seal all that stuff. They mail it and then the positive thing that I think a lot of people are going to like is that it comes with a web service just for your account, no more paygov baloney on our website so you go to our website set up your account. We had training, and we will have a sample out for folks. It will have a graph on your bill to show the last 12 months of usage. There is a hefty comment section where we can share information about up-and-coming meetings maybe the monthly calendar with council meetings or information. One last think with doing it this way, when we have to do mass mailings and we have to mail out to every customer instead of sending our water bills out and them stamping a whole bunch of envelopes with 51 cent stamps for 900 customers we can do an insert for a much lesser charge in the water bill. Sometimes you may occasionally see an additional page with your water bill with information about a public hearing, rate change or what have you. A lot more efficient than double enveloping everything and sending it out. Just know that those things are changing a little bit, a lot of it but hope for better

efficiency on the customers part and for the town and hopefully some cost savings for us. Be patient with our staff as we adjust to the new bills because we are going to see them for the most part when we tell VBS to print them and mail them that is really the first time we are seeing bills. We push a button one day and the next day they go out in the mail. Be patient with us as we are getting ready for customer support in terms of helping folks navigate the online web portal and all of those things it's a lot less archaic than some of the systems that have been presenting in the past and it's a huge step in the right direction for our community in terms of how these things are handled. The other thing we can be excited about and many are aware of it is that the American Rescue plan passed congress this week and that will bring direct aid to local governments across the nation with cares the money went to the state and the state controlled how it was spent and who it went to, with this it will still go through the state in terms of treasury and the physical cash will pass through the states bank account it will come to the town industry it will not restrict exactly how that funding is utilized or anything like that there will be general guidance from the us treasury on how that funding is spent and what its used for I can tell you we will get more information on this tomorrow through Leagues Cities and Towns we have our municipal town hall scheduled that all of the cities will be on, we will have better guidance. Preliminary what they are saying is that it has to be spent by the end of December of 2024 there will be two installments one should be coming relatively soon and the other one will be in another year, estimates based on the calculation of the bill shares, how that funding is allocated shows that the town of Stevensville could receive up to \$501,000.00. for corona virus aide. So you can expect as we approach our July budget sessions or our July budget adoption as we get into budget session as soon as we put BFB in the review mirror that we'll have some conversations about how that frame is best utilized going forward because it is no small chunk of change to Stevensville certainly in that being most of you are aware I attended the city congressional conference this week it started on Sunday and ended yesterday there are still a couple of meetings that are out pending with our federal congressional representation but that conference is hosted by the national leagues of cities and towns there was a wealth of information, it was a virtual conference of course I didn't travel to D.C. but a wealth of information shared about how the American rescue plan will help and aid cities and towns across the nation but one of the things that I took away that I thought was interesting that I'll just put a quick plug in was the initiative of priority based budgeting you are all familiar with my soapbox of performance based budgeting and this is really kind of a spin-off of that in that there are special ways that we can better prioritize what the priorities are for our community and how those are funded and in some ways in the studies that they did when they adopted or followed a priority based budgeting principle they were able to realize a savings in their budget of about ten percent overall city wide, to the town of Stevensville ten percent is you know a lot of money to save. One of the exercises in that specific course is take ten percent of your budget and then tell us what you would do with it what would we do with \$400,000.00 dollars? We have that questions in front of us know, what will we do with \$501,000.00 that is associated with corona virus. If you have \$400,000.00 dollars to free up in the budget what would the town do with that there are a lot of possibilities. You will see more information about the course that I attended there. Overall, very well worth the education that they offer, and I appreciate the opportunity to attend that conference. You are well aware now that we will hold a special meeting the primary purpose of that meeting was, which I didn't think anyone would care to even attend but now we

will have a crowd, is we have to open bids for the third and fifth street improvement projects that are coming our way we have been talking about at least the third street project now for close to four years, far too long. We're excited now to finally be able to get that up off the ground and get construction underway. In order to do so we have some antiquated codes to our ordinance from 73' that say council shall be present in the presence on the town clerk at a meeting to open the bids for certain construction projects and this happens to follow that parameter so, we have that special meeting to get that done, fortunately you 'all also have the opportunity to consider BFE that day as well. So, the bids are currently, or the request for bids is being advertised on the town's website and it will also hit the newspapers starting next week so if you would like to review the plans and the specs for those projects on our website, the resources tab and then hit bids/rfp's the information is listed there. Those are underway in addition what you will find on that page is a RFQ for our water rights hydrology work so a lot of discussion around water rights as well finally seeking a hydrology firm to commit and partner with our water rights attorney and our engineers with HDR to get the data needed to fulfill the application to DNRC, so that RFQ is underway until mid-April to return proposals those will be evaluated and then we will bring a contract before the town council. We anticipate and as you are aware through the correspondence with our water rights attorney, we hope to have this water right's challenge closed out by December of 2022. So long from that but just around the corner. In the vein of the streets projects that I spoke about there are some grant opportunities that the administration is aggressively pursuing. One is a transportation alternative grant application for that is due in June, one of the projects that we are considering as a proposal is sidewalk improvements along 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> between Main and College and that would the goal there would be to dramatically increase pedestrian safety in those heavily traveled, they are heavily traveled by vehicles and they are heavily traveled by pedestrians those are both safe routes to school and they are both without adequate sidewalks. We held meetings with HDR today both Mr. Kruse and I did to get some further information (break in the audio) have a conversation with those folks and see how they feel about the sidewalks in their neighborhoods and see how they fit and are adaptable. We are looking forward to that. Another grant opportunity will hopefully, there is a number of opportunities of what the money could be used for, but what we are targeting as we have seen past projects funded by this specific grant opportunity is a potential for a dog park. We have some property over by Father Ravalli Park that has been identified so as soon as Mr. Sonsteng gets back from his baby vacation which we are excited to welcome him back the week after next, we will get underway, that application has some lead time as well, exciting things that we could maybe bring some new things to Stevensville that don't really cost us anything. That is all that I have that I really wanted to report on. We will make an adjustment to the flow chart Mr. Ludington, for the subdivision review, Mr. Ludington brings up a good point recent change in law, I can't remember how soon, but it is fairly recent requires a public hearing when you do a phased subdivision before final plat approval, that public hearing is required, documentation that I referenced was dated, we will make that adjustment to the flow chart before it is published. Other than that, any questions from me?

Councilmember Ludington: it is a question, police chief.

Mayor Dewey: what police chief? I am willing to tell you we have extended an offer of employment; the offer of employment has been accepted and the offer is conditional on waiting for the results on a background investigation before we make an official announcement on who that candidate is. So, I would hope with in the next week or two weeks that we have the ability to publicize who that individual is the offer is conditional on those pieces I hope, we are working on timing a bit you won't probably see consent on the 25<sup>th</sup> agenda it might be too ambitious, and the 1<sup>st</sup> might not be the content of that agenda. Your first meeting in April could very well have a consent item for the police department. Depends on how quickly the background check and those other pieces, any other questions?

Councilmember Vick: I was asked about the sign on Peterson Place, folks are wondering when that is going to go up?

Mayor Dewey: the public works department is currently, I will just put in a quick plug for Steve, he hit the ground running like the treadmill was cranked to max it didn't phase him, he has really put a focus on leakage as he has reported in his report and he also did some reconciliation of some street signage because there are some other street signs that are going missing on a frequent basis so there is an order being placed for street signs and that sign is on that list.

Councilmember Vick: okay.

Mayor Dewey: I don't think that it was prioritized by the public works in a timely way.

Councilmember Vick: I just want to make sure that it is the no outlet sign. I didn't know if the S T O P sign needs to be replaced or not.

Mayor Dewey: there are a number of signs that we found were old and needed to be replaced anyways and that was part of the reconciliation that we did, if anyone knows what keeps happening to the street sign on 9<sup>th</sup> and College, we would sure appreciate it. We have replaced them three of four times and we haven't had that much wind, whom ever is on 9<sup>th</sup> that has three of four of our street signs we would sure appreciate those back. The street signage is being addressed and I can also preempt and let everyone know that spring clean up information will be released very soon hopefully next week we can get some public information out there in regards to the spring clean up and what we typically do. With that I am not taking any more questions you can just make your comments.

Councilmember Devlin: are you done? It is really past our bedtime now.

#### 13. Town Council Comments

Councilmember Vick: I do have a one comment to make, first off I am going to quote somebody on this, it might sound like I am trying to jab at this recent subdivision that is going in there but it is not my council comments tonight are purely on public participation which was focused on by a hero of mine that, she passed away at the age of 108 down in Florida and I got to meet her when I was in elementary school and Victoria is probably going to know the name when I say it which is Marjorie Stone Douglas who was a newspaper writer for the Miami Herald and championed to protect the everglades and what not and what she did for public participation she went out and related to the public with this quote, "be

a nuisance where it counts do your part to inform and stimulate the public to join your action, to be depressed, discouraged and disappointed at failure and the disheartening effects of ignorance, greed, corruption and bad politics never give up" I want to say however you perceive an issue or what not I am super glad to see how our community has gotten together to participate here lately in this large decisions that we are undertaking especially since none of us here really know how to vote for the betterment of this community without having people or the people that we represent come up and say hey we have these questions this is what we want to see happen with this town and for that I thank you, and that I have.

Mayor Dewey: any other comments from council? You have five minutes, (laughing from the council)

14. Board Reports

None.

Councilmember Vick: airport met I was not able to make the meeting.

Mayor Dewey: with that I think that it is time to adjourn, thanks everybody see you at the next one.

15. Adjournment

**APPROVE:** 

Brandon E. Dewey, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jenelle S. Berthoud, Town Clerk