Town of Eustis

Selectboard Meeting

November 14, 2023

Present: Steve St. Jean, Justin Wyman, Jeff Lecander, Linda Marzelli, & Carol Sherrier.

Attending: Rachel Williams, Pater Farnsworth, Tony Lojas, Tina O’Donnell, Jeff Stevens, and Melissa Field.

6pm Steve opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance.

Steve made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Jeff 2nd Carol, Linda, Jeff, Justin, & Steve in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

The board is comparing the prices and benefits of having the server in the office and backed up by C-Prompt, or hosted and backed up by Trio. 2 big benefits are being able to access trio from out of office, and the security of the town records being hosted by trio. Rachel will gather more information for budget discussions.

Melissa is not able to commit to the Rec Director position. She would like to be a part of the program if she is able to come summertime.

Steve made a motion to advertise for a rec director position Justin 2nd, Carol, Linda, Jeff, Justin, & Steve in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Wendy talked about the need for the shed for the clothing boutique her and a few lions club members have been working on. They would like to put it at the town office. The board discussed different options for placement. A specific location was decided on at this meeting.

Justin made a motion to allow the process to be started to acquire the shed through grants, with discussion in the future about where to place it. Steve 2nd Carol, Linda, Jeff, Justin, & Steve in Favor. Motion passed unanimously.

First National Bank reached out to the board with a proposal of a higher interest rate to switch to them for the town banking. Rachel will reach out to Beckie at Franklin Savings Bank and see if there is anything that can be done to get us closer to the interest rate they are offering.

Wendy has had a harder time using her regular helpers to get coverage when she is out or on vacation. The tow will do a post looking for someone who wants to learn how to run the library and be available to help for vacations and time out.

Rachel updated the board on the Franklin County UT budget hearing that her and Sprague attended. With more towns asking for more money to help provide services to the unorganized territories they are wanting more evidence that the increase is coming from people in the UT. The town got approved for $10,000 less than we originally requested.

Insurance cost increase for the current plans was about the same as previous years.

Rachel talked about the cost of insurance for a spouse, children or family is very expensive and it could cost the town good employees or future employees from applying since its very unaffordable for many.

Rachel received a complaint about the food pantry being in the community building when the space was rented to other people. The food pantry needs to be more cautious of others time when going into the kitchen. The town is working on how to get eh availability of the community building online and visible to others.

Tony talked about a need for catch basins for his oil drums for the transfer station. He was told get quotes and bring it to the budget meeting.

Steve made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Justin 2nd. Carol, Linda, Jeff, Justin, & Steve in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

All town and water department warrants were signed.

This meeting was recorded.

Attested: Rachel Williams