

**MINUTES OF  
TOWN OF NORTH SALEM  
COUNCIL MEETING  
JULY 1, 2021**

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

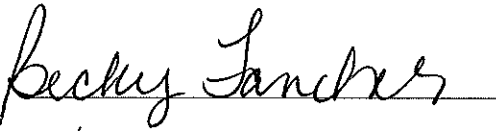

The July 1, 2021 Council Meeting was called to order by Council President Becky Fancher at 6:02 pm. Becky led with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a prayer from Jimmy Roberts.

**2. ROLL CALL:**

Becky Fancher, President – Present

Jimmy Roberts, Vice President – Present

Bill Compton, Member - Present

**3. MINUTES:**

Becky asked if there were any additions or corrections to the June minutes. There being none, the minutes were approved as written.

After minutes were approved, Becky deviated from the Agenda to allow Linda Miller to speak as she only had a few minutes to attend. Linda thanked the Council and the Town for their generous donation to the Old Fashion Days Festival. She also wanted to let everyone know that they would again be using and compensating Marshal Kneeland for security during the day during the festival. They would also like to use the shelter park grassy area for vendors to park their campers. Mark and Kevin both said that we still have a lot of ground work to take care of because of the filter plant project but they will let her know if this will be possible.

**4. OLD ITEMS:**

- a. Filter Plant/Water Tower Project – Mark reported that things are going well and the goal is to have everything running by the end of this month. Also, demo of the old tower will most likely take place the first week of August. Mark stated that he wanted a valve installed at the point just before it crosses the state road. Graves told him that if we purchased the part they would install it for us no charge. The tower painting should be finished by the end of next week.
- b. Doug Clodfelter – Waste Water Operator – Doug provided Council with quotes he received for parts for the clarifiers at the waste water plant. The prices were higher than he expected. The Town will be receiving money from the American Rescue Plan and it can be used for water and waste water projects. However, we found out this week that the state will be distributing the money in two installments – half this summer and half next summer. Harold also stated that since the parts cost in excess of \$50,000 – bids will need to be received from at least three different vendors. Doug stated that these clarifiers were specially made by the company and that we were only replacing parts of the clarifiers was this still necessary? Also, there was discussion on possibly getting a loan to do the entire project and then once we receive the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the ARP money we could pay off that loan. Beth will contact State Board of Accounts to see if this is an option and Doug will contact the company regarding the clarifiers and see if any other company actually makes what we have or if they are our only option. We will also look into having local contractors install the parts.
- c. Ordinance 2021-5 – Off Road Vehicles – 3<sup>rd</sup> and final read - Hendricks County passed an ordinance regarding off road vehicles and it was suggested by one of the Commissioner's that North Salem adopt a similar ordinance. Jimmy made a motion to pass as written; Becky seconded; motion passed unanimously. Beth will advertise as required.

5. **NEW ITEMS:**

- a. Security System Proposals – Town Hall and Park/Filter Plant – Council was presented with proposals for a security/surveillance system for the Town Hall as well as the Park and new Filter Plant. After some discussion Becky made a motion to approve; Bill seconded. Mark also stated that he will be getting quotes for a new chain link fence for the filter plant and should have them next week.
- b. Water/Waste Water Rates 2022 – Becky stated that the Council members held a workshop to discuss rates. The rates were significantly raised in 2009 because they had not been raised in several years and waste water rates have not been raised since then. It was decided that effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 both water and waste water rates would increase 3% and then 3% each year after that. (For comparison – a household within town limits that uses 4,000 gallons of water each month will see a total increase of around \$3.07. Harold will have ordinances to review at the August meeting.

6. **REPORTS:**

- a. Mark/Kevin – the bathrooms beside the Town Hall are in very bad shape so it was suggested that we close them for now until improvements/repairs can be done.
- b. NSPD – Marshal Kneeland reported that the permits have been obtained for Old Fashion Days. Also, the 30 MPH speed limit sign is back up at the cemetery. Council also asked him to move the speed limit sign out farther on Ladoga Road as your coming into town.
- c. Council – Jimmy asked if there was any way we could paint the EST 1835 in red on the new water tower to make it RED, WHITE AND BLUE..... Kevin stated that with being so close to the end of the project there is not time to order paint and change things now as the painting crew is scheduled to finish next week.
- d. Harold Blake – None.
- e. Beth – None.

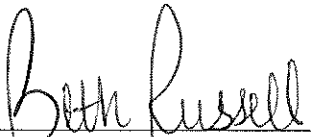
7. **PUBLIC**

Jay Thompson was in attendance to update on the Communications Center. He had no real news other than the next meeting would be about their budget.

8. **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm. The next Council Meeting will be August 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

Attest:

  
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Beth Russell  
Clerk-Treasurer