

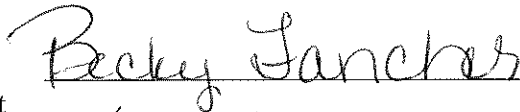
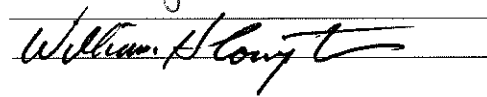
**MINUTES OF
TOWN OF NORTH SALEM
COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 5, 2021**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The August 5, 2021 Council Meeting was called to order by Council President Becky Fancher at 6:00 pm. Becky led with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a prayer from Marshal Kneeland.

2. ROLL CALL:

Becky Fancher, President – Present
Jimmy Roberts, Vice President – Absent
Bill Compton, Member - Present

3. MINUTES:

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

4. OLD ITEMS:

- a. Filter Plant/Water Tower Project – Mark reported that they have had a few issues but things are going well; they will have a training session on August 6th at 1:00 pm; more training sessions later as the plant gets up and operational.
- b. Doug Clodfelter – Waste Water Operator – Doug was not in attendance but Mark had spoken to him. He is talking with a fabricator to see if we can use some of the stainless steel we have from the old clarifier to build a new one and hopefully save us some money. Regardless, we must have a plan in place for how we are going to spend the ARP funds before they can be spent.

5. NEW ITEMS:

- a. INDOT – Several reps from INDOT were in attendance to discuss their 2024 paving project that will be coming through town. They wanted to know if we were interested in putting in new sidewalks at the same time. Becky, Bill, Mark and Kevin will schedule a time to meet and “walk the potential project” with them. If we agree to participate, we would have to come up with 20% of the cost of the new sidewalks.
- b. Tom Goode – Closing Alleys – North Broadway Street – Tom Goode was in attendance to discuss closing the alleys surrounding his property on North Broadway Street; these alleys have not been in use for over 60 years. He would like to demolish the existing house and build a new one. After much discussion, it was decided that these alleys would need to be vacated. We will need to provide Harold with legal descriptions of these alleys so he can put together the ordinance. Tom will also have to have new legal descriptions drawn up as well at his expense. The Council did give him the go ahead to clean up what was already encroaching in the alley ways.
- c. 2022 Salary Ordinance – After some discussion, Bill made a motion to pass as written; Becky seconded.
- d. Ordinance 2021-7 – Annual increase in water/waste water rates – 1st Read – Becky explained that we will be implementing a 3% increase annually in both water and waste water beginning January 1, 2022. After much discussion, Bill made a motion to pass as written; Becky seconded. Second read will take place at September’s meeting.
- e. Ordinance 2021-8 – Revision of Town’s Employee Policies and Benefits regarding vacation, sick and other leave – 1st Read – After much discussion, Becky made a motion to pass as written; Bill seconded; Harold said that repeal verbiage needed to be added so Beth will send him the word document and he will have it ready for second read next month.

6. REPORTS:

- a. Mark/Kevin – discussed the closing of businesses on State Road 75 when the old tower is removed; also needing permit to close State Road 75 during this time.
- b. NSPD – Marshal Kneeland reported that school is back in session and all is going well.
- c. Council – Bill let Council know that Steve Clark would like to use North Nebraska Street for the car show this year. Steve will need to talk with the home owners and let them know ahead of time. Also, he has received some negative feedback with regards to the lettering on the new tower. He would also like to schedule a time with Becky and Jimmy if possible to look at some properties in town that may need a cleanup notice.
- d. Harold Blake – None.
- e. Beth – None.

7. PUBLIC

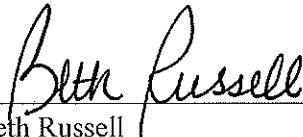
Jay Thompson was in attendance to update on the Communications Center. He had no real news other than the next meeting would be about their budget August 15th.

Alysha Basler, North Salem Revitalization Committee, asked permission to plant trees at the Park. Becky stated that she should coordinate this with Mark and Kevin. She also asked if they could close part of South Broadway again this year for the Ice Cream Social; Council said this was okay. She also wanted to know if they could install nice lattice work around the railing on the shelter house; Council said this was okay.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm. The next Council Meeting will be September 2nd at 6:00 pm.

Attest:



Beth Russell
Clerk-Treasurer