

**PUBLIC MEETING OF THE DEWEYVILLE TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, August 11, 2022**

**7:00 PM**

**DEWEYVILLE TOWN HALL**

**10870 N HWY 38**

**DEWEYVILLE, UTAH**

Attendance: Mayor Lesley Kendrick  
Council Member Les Wheatley  
Council Member Jared Doman

Council Member Nate Spackman  
Substitute Recorder Kristen Grissom

Absent: Council Member April Litchford and Recorder Nancy Page

Visitors: Deputy Braegger, Mark Millett

Meeting opened at 7:00 PM.

Mayor Kendrick opened and welcomed all to the meeting.

1. A prayer was offered by Council Member Nate Spackman in lieu of Council Member April Litchford since she is on vacation.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Jared Doman.

Mayor Kendrick excused Council Member April Litchford from the meeting. April is on vacation.

3. Approval of August 11, 2022 Agenda

7:02 PM MOTION: Council Member Nate Spackman made a motion to approve the August 11, 2022 Agenda. Council Member Jared Doman seconded the motion. Motion passes. All approved.

Mayor Kendrick	<u>X</u>	Aye	___	Nay	___	Abstain
Council Member Doman	<u>X</u>	Aye	___	Nay	___	Abstain
Council Member Wheatley	<u>X</u>	Aye	___	Nay	___	Abstain
Council Member Spackman	<u>X</u>	Aye	___	Nay	___	Abstain

**New Business:**

4. 7:03 PM - Deputy Braegger Report – Calls increased this month per his report (July 1 – August 1, 2022). There were 29 calls. Need to be aware and vigilant regarding fraud. It has increased County wide and we have seen some in Deweyville. Criminals are becoming more sophisticated. Elwood City office was recently broken into. Call whenever you see anything. Sheriff officers would rather do a drive-by. Better to be safe than sorry (see something, say something).

Mayor Kendrick reminded Council Member Spackman to look into getting cameras for the Town Hall.

5. 7:06 PM - Mark Millett – presented Town Council with a question of how would we notify the community in the event of a world disaster/catastrophe? There are two options of communications between the Town and Emergency Management, phone/internet service or amateur radio. Mark suggests that we reach out to

the amateur radio clubs and the community to see who has a license in our community (best to have two or three individuals). The Town would alert Emergency Management of our damage and needs via phone, internet or radio. Communications would then be made to the public on the Code Red application. Code Red is similar to Reverse 911. If cell towers are down 7 low power AM radio stations have been set up with preparedness messages within Box Elder County.

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Fielding – 1620 AM	Honeyville – 1670 AM	Howell - 1690 AM	Mantua – 1680 AM
Snowville – 1610 AM	Thatcher – 1660 AM	Willard - 1620 AM	

Mayor Kendrick would like training on the Code Red system and how to initiate a message if the need should arise.

Emergency Management is also working with UDOT to have road signs set on the Interstate to alert the public of the radio stations to tune to in case of emergencies or disasters.

Mark provided the Town Council with an information sheet on Code Red and how to set it up. Mayor Kendrick would like this to go out to all Deweyville residents.

7. 7:24 PM - Planning and Zoning Report - Mayor Kendrick reported that there is no new business. At last week's meeting they discussed meeting rules. She pointed out the three new sentences on tonight's agenda and this will be on all agendas (Town Council) going forward. There was a Planning and Zoning work meeting on 8/8/2022. They are trying to get through all of the changes that the Engineering Firm's office manager made to the Code Book. Some of the changes have been well worth adopting but some are not.

8. 7:27 PM -Park Improvements – Mayor Kendrick is still working on the paint for the pickleball courts. Council Member Jared Doman was right, we do need special paint so it doesn't peel off after a couple of years.

Council Member Doman was wondering if we wanted to memorialize the curbing where town members signed their names. Maybe we should cut that section out and preserve it within the town hall. It is starting to erode so if we want to save it, it needs to be done soon. Should we have a ceremony and invite family and friends of persons who signed curb.

Council Member Doman is thinking about having volunteers complete the cement work for the frisbee golf course when it isn't so hot out.

Mayor Kendrick let all Council Member's know that Carolyn Taylor is looking for volunteer opportunities here in Deweyville for September 22 (Mayor will double check the date).

Council Member Doman was wondering if we could use volunteers for the tree stump grinding or for painting the cook shack, bathrooms and Bowery picnic tables. The Town would supply the paint, brushes and rollers.

Council Member Doman thinks we need different locks on the bathroom doors in the park because the doors will not stay closed when not in use. Council Member Doman asked if we need to keep bathrooms open at all times. We have had a lot of vandalism this summer in the bathrooms. Should we only open the bathrooms for bowery/park rentals? All are in agreement that the bathrooms do not need to be opened during the night. Maybe keep them open Monday thru Saturday 9 AM – 7 PM? Maybe institute a Community Watch for the park? Maybe signs with the hours?

9. 7:45 PM – Staffing – Mayor Kendrick let the Council know that all the hourly employees got their raises this pay period. The majority received a dollar per hour raise, which still isn't enough but it is all the Town can afford at this time. Bill and Lori Kerivan resigned their position servicing the park. Jim Poulsen will finish out the season and would like to come back next year too. Jim's grandkids are helping him. We will need Jim to sign and have notarized a release form stating that the Town is not liable in case of injury to one of the grandkids. Jim is our employee who he contracts with is up to him and his responsibility. We are still looking for someone to take care of the cemetery. Council Member Wheatley asked if we needed to post the position. We will wait until next year to post.

Discussions are in the works for a raise for the salaried Water employee.

The Mayor would like to move forward and start using the On The Clock app. Nancy is out of town so we will work on getting this set up when she gets back. Per Council Member Wheatley areas can be set up where employees have to be when clocking in. This will prevent clocking in from home. Council Member Wheatley believes he sent a link for 3 months free.

10. 7:55 PM – Variances – Mayor Kendrick started by stating that variances should be few and far between. A discussion on variances came up at the Planning and Zoning work meeting on Monday. The current revision of the Code book has that variances can be recommended for approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission to the Town Council, the Town Council can recommend for approval to the Appeal Authority, the Appeal Authority makes the final decision. Do we want to leave it this way?

The Town Council recommends that this be changed. They would like to see it as the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends for approval to the Town Council and the Town Council makes the final decision since they are the elected officials. The applicant (at their expense) would have the option to go to the Appeal Authority if they do not agree with the decision. The Town Council would be able to table the issue if additional information was needed as well. Council Member Doman asked how many variances had been issued in the last few years. Per Mayor Kendrick there has only been one but with future growth there may be more.

**Public Comments:**

8:05 PM – No public present.

10. Approval of July 14, 2022 Town Council Meeting Minutes –

8:05 PM MOTION: Council Member Jared Doman made a motion to approve the minutes for July 14, 2022. Council Member Nate Spackman seconded the motion. Motion passes. All approved.

Mayor Kendrick	<u> X </u>	Aye	<u>   </u>	Nay	<u>   </u>	Abstain
Council Member Doman	<u> X </u>	Aye	<u>   </u>	Nay	<u>   </u>	Abstain
Council Member Wheatley	<u> X </u>	Aye	<u>   </u>	Nay	<u>   </u>	Abstain
Council Member Spackman	<u> X </u>	Aye	<u>   </u>	Nay	<u>   </u>	Abstain

11. 8:06 PM – Approval of the Monthly Bills – Mayor Kendrick pointed out that the report for the checks was not correct. It is showing the checks from both last month and this month.

8:11 PM - While Council Members reviewed checks Mayor Kendrick read a letter from BRAG regarding Deweyville residents that attend the Bear River Senior Center. BRAG is highly recommending that Deweyville pay \$3222.00 for our 9 residents that go to the Senior Center. This averages to cost \$333.33 per citizen to attend. Council members asked what services were being provided, was this every day, and was this actually Deweyville Corporate limits or Deweyville zip code residents? We were not provided any details. Council Members are wondering if it is for meals and shouldn't this be like Meals on Wheels which is at the individuals expense? Council Member Doman is against Deweyville paying the full amount. Council Member Spackman is wondering who runs and is responsible for the Senior Center. Council Member Wheatley is wondering if there is any money in our budget for a small contribution?

Back to the bills, Mayor Kendrick let the Council Members know that the check for \$30,300 is our second to last bond payment.

8:18 PM MOTION: Council Member Nate Spackman made motion to approve the monthly bills for August 2022. Council Member Jared Doman seconded the motion. Motion passes. All approved.

Mayor Kendrick	<u> X </u>	Aye	<u>   </u>	Nay	<u>   </u>	Abstain
Council Member Doman	<u> X </u>	Aye	<u>   </u>	Nay	<u>   </u>	Abstain
Council Member Wheatley	<u> X </u>	Aye	<u>   </u>	Nay	<u>   </u>	Abstain
Council Member Spackman	<u> X </u>	Aye	<u>   </u>	Nay	<u>   </u>	Abstain

## **Council Member Reports:**

12. 8:20 PM - Lesley Kendrick – The digital tower is up and running. There were some errors with the contract with State, we paid the full bill this time. We really need to get cameras for the Town Hall. The house that Isaac Ross had been living in has a lot of garbage that was left outside. Neighbors have complained due to the increase in rodents. The Health Department was contacted and they only respond if raw sewage is an issue. Council Member Wheatley was wondering who owns the property. Mayor Kendrick will ask Nancy to find out who the owner is and send them a letter. Question was asked; If we have to take care of the issue, can we bill the owner? Mayor Kendrick will check with the attorney.

13. 8:24 PM - Nate Spackman – Well level has dropped into the next foot level. Definitely noticing the drought but it is not a cause for concern yet.

14. Jared Doman – nothing new to report that hasn't already been discussed.

15. 8:25 PM - Les Wheatley – There was a fire between Les and Robbie's property, the fire department did a great job. Jeremy Thompson came out to assist. Les was wondering if the volunteer firemen got paid. Per the Mayor CBEFD volunteers receive \$9.00/hour. Other City volunteers get \$14.00/hour. Mayor Kendrick has asked for the CBEFD to look at raises.

Council Member Wheatley said he has been noticing that other communities are increasing their taxes. Is it too late for Deweyville to do the same? Per the Mayor it is too late for this year. Council Member Wheatley will help her look into how and what needs to be done so an increase may happen next year.

Council Member Wheatley was wondering if we are renewing the contract to sell water to the Conservancy District. The Mayor and Council Member Spackman met with them today. Yes, we are renewing. Cannot remember the exact number of years but it is a longer term but for less water. Still in the negotiation phase. Negotiated today for their new line that is going through the cemetery. No contract for that yet but the negotiations went very well for Deweyville.

Council Member Wheatley did not make it to the Mosquito Abatement meeting this month.

16. 8:30 PM - Mayor Kendrick gave this report in April's absence. The pump is out at the cemetery. It runs for so long and then stops. Circle C is coming on Tuesday and it will hopefully get fixed.

## **Adjourn:**

Mayor Kendrick found out per the Rules of Order that she is able to state that the meeting is adjourned and no motion is needed.

**Adjourn: 8:31 PM**