ST. IGNATIUS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING JULY 1, 2025

Mayor Daren Incashola called the meeting of the St. Ignatius Town Council to order at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 1, 2025, in the town hall. Mayor Daren Incashola, Council Members Daniel Thompson, Janis Heffern, Chris Heffern and Rikki Merchant were present. Also present were Clerk/Treasurer Mary Leishman, Public Works Director Scott Morton, City Attorney Michelle Sievers and members of the public as listed in the minutes book.

Mayor Incashola called for public comment. None was given.

Rikki Merchant motioned, Chris Heffern seconded to approve the consent agenda including the SRF loan (done by ACH on 7/1/25) which includes June 15th claims, July claims, June minutes, May MM and CD JVs and June JVs. Motion passed unanimously.

Shay Farmer introduced herself. She is running for city council.

Mayor Incashola began the discussion about the possibility of annexing the airport. He would like to get working on it. He would like to have Rick Newman come to the next meeting. The council is in agreement. The mayor will call Rick and ask him to attend the August meeting. Leishman spoke about the financing options available to the town if we want to purchase a 2022 Ford Interceptor from Mineral County. It costs $20,000 and has all the necessary equipment except radar and video. The options are: a loan from Valley Bank, interfund loan, use CIF funds. Thompson asked how much was in the PD capital improvement fund. Leishman said there is approximately $61,000. Thompson said he thinks using the CIF money will be easier. Thompson motioned, Janis Heffern seconded to purchase the 2022 Ford Interceptor from Mineral County for $20,000 using the PD capital improvement funds. Motion passed unanimously.

Chief Acheson gave an update on the school he has been attending this past spring. He presented the Annual PD Operational Performance Review, which was sent via email to the mayor, council, and clerk/treasurer. (Added to packet). The mayor said to keep up the good work.

City Attorney had nothing.

Willy Long gave the FD report. The department has 3 new probationary members. They are now up to 19.

Public Works Director Morton said the far lagoon has problems: moss and coon tails. MT Rural Water gave him the phone number of a person would could help. Dan Kramer also came down and helped diagnosis the issue. Morton has a call into Shari asking for help. He is also taking a sample and sending it to M.E. Lab to test. The mayor asked what is causing this problem. Morton said the tests will help identify the cause. He said Dan doesn't think aeration will be enough. He also gave an update on the park pavilions. He's talking to an Amish builder who says he can do three 18x10 pavilions for around $21,000. The mayor said to go for it. He reminded everyone that the town has to have the $35,400 (from CSKT) used by December 2025. Morton would also like to work on the park bathroom, drinking fountain, and sprinkler system. He's also looking at getting the front of city hall fixed. He has a few volunteers lined up to do the work and help pay for it.

Leishman reminded the mayor and council that there is no June Cash Report until all claims paid July 1-15 are included in June expenditures (modified accrual system). The B.T.C. invoice and the Utilities Underground still need to be included in the June expenditures. She presented the FY24-25 quick budget numbers, highlighting the four big funds (general, streets, water, sewer). Dates for the preliminary and final budget meetings were set. Thompson motioned, Merchant seconded to set the preliminary budget meeting for August 5th and the final budget meeting for September 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

Dale Glover wanted to let the mayor and council know that he continues to work on cleaning up his property on St. Mary's Drive.

Rikki Merchant had no new updates on the blue highway signs. The mayor would like to look at the fee schedule at the August meeting.

Janis Heffern motioned, Daniel Thompson seconded to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:09pm.

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Daren Incashola, Mayor Mary Leishman, Clerk/Treasurer