

ST. IGNATIUS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 3, 2024

Mayor Daren Incashola called the meeting of the St. Ignatius Town Council to order at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 3, 2024, in the town hall. Mayor Daren Incashola, Council Members Rikki Merchant, Janis Heffern, Chris Heffern, and Daniel Thompson were present. City Attorney Loren Fitzpatrick was not present. Also present were Clerk/Treasurer Mary Leishman, Public Works Director Scott Morton, Police Chief Jason Acheson and members of the public as listed in the minute's book.

Mayor Incashola called for public comment. Alan Green asked about the parking issue that was brought up at the special meeting/work session in November. Morton is scheduling a planning board meeting to address the issue.

Daniel Thompson motioned, Rikki Merchant seconded to approve consent agenda which includes November 15th claims, December claims, November minutes, November work session minutes, October MM and CD JVs and October JVs. Motion passed unanimously.

The mayor and council discussed the MAP EJ Grant. Merchant motioned, Thompson seconded to give the go ahead to Lori Brenner to work on the MAP EJ Grant. Motion passed unanimously. The mayor and council discussed Resolution #466, Authorizing the submission of the USDA RD Application. Chris Heffern motioned, Janis Heffern seconded to approve Resolution #466. Motion passed unanimously. The need for an additional member of the Local Government Review Commission was discussed. Jera Stewart, who had previously been appointed, backed out last week. Thompson motioned, Merchant seconded to appoint Eldena Bear Don't Walk to the open spot on the commission. Motion passed unanimously. [OLD BUSINESS] Library Board appointments were discussed. Thompson pointed out that the board meetings are once every two months. Merchant said she knows someone that is interested. So far, the only letter of interest received is from Sheila Vallejo, who has a lot of library experience and has been on the board before. Thompson motioned, Chris Heffern seconded to appoint Sheila Vallejo to the St. Ignatius Public Library Board. Motion passed unanimously.

Police Chief Acheson is sending an application to the Mason Moore Foundation for security cameras. He also gave an update on the property on Mission Drive: he spoke with the CSKT tribal prosecutor and was told the town can't do anything concerning that property at this time. It is a tribal/BIA issue that is being worked out. The mayor asked about the trailer that is parked on the street, on Mission Drive, if it has been moved yet. Morton went and talked to The Pines about it and it will be moved. The chief also said that the Lutes place on Main Street has been cleaned up a little bit. There are also some health concerns with the people that live in the RV on that property. An anonymous donation was given to the police department last month.

City Attorney Fitzpatrick not in attendance. The mayor has the signed copy of the new contract with Michelle Sievers, who has been approved as the new town attorney, effective January 1, 2025.

Fire Chief Adams said the department had 17 calls last month, no chimney fires yet. Thankfully. Chief Adams asked about the internet for the FD department. The mayor said he is working on getting quotes to upgrade the wiring and the internet in the FD/PPD building.

Public Works Director Morton said the sewer project is moving forward. The contractor, 40/50 Development, should be moving equipment next week. He has a meeting with WGM and the contractor next week. The mayor asked that Morton make sure that we receive all documents that WGM says they are producing. Chris Heffern asked about the 8 foot fence property (discussed at last month's meeting). Morton said it will be on the agenda at the next planning board meeting.

Leishman had nothing to report.

The mayor asked for any other comments. There was none. The mayor asked Morton to make sure he put up "no parking" signs on Mission Drive. Morton will get them ordered.

The mayor also said that the agreement with CSKT for funds for park upgrades should be wrapped up by the end of the week.

Janis Heffern motioned, Chris Heffern seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:31 pm.

Daren Incashola, Mayor

Mary Leishman, Clerk/Treasurer