

## Town of Haxtun

June 15, 2020  
SPECIAL MEETING

The Haxtun Town Council met at 7:00 p.m. for a Special Meeting at the Haxtun Community Center. The meeting was opened by Mayor Brandon Bieseemeier. Roll call was taken with the following council members present: Bob Cionek, Mike Ensminger, Ryan Horton, Lori Lundgren, Craig McCarty, and Tana Pope. Mayor Bieseemeier led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Staff members present were Town Superintendent Ron Carpenter, Chief Tanya Mayhew and Town Clerk Karie Wilson.

Brandon reported on a meeting he attended with the Philips County Commissioners regarding the CVRF (Coronavirus Relief Fund). The funding process was discussed, with an agreement to collaborate with Phillips County as the holder and distributor of the funds.

The guidelines for spending the relief funds has not been set by the Department of Local Affairs. Some ideas by council were: small back up generators for the community center, sirens and fire department, a backup battery to activate the whistle. Council will submit other ideas after the spending guidelines are released.

A motion was made by B. Cionek and seconded by M. Ensminger to waive the building permit fees for storm damage related rebuilds, with a 6 month deadline. All members voted in favor, and motion passed.

Ron reported on the damage the Town suffered from the storm of 6/9/2020. The entire town was out of power for 19 hours. Damage to 8 power poles, replaced parts on 4 poles, loss of street lights, small gazebo at the park, concession stand screen door, the welcome signs, score board damage, sky lights at the Quonset, and trees. Employees have spent 269 hours so far on storm damage related clean up. Six surrounding communities sent mutual aid, including manpower and machines to help with the electric. Morrill NE, Sidney, NE, Imperial NE, Holyoke, CO, Yuma, CO, and Fort Morgan, CO. Our insurance company, CIRSA, will meet with us this week to go over damages.

Ryan thanked Ron for the awesome job he and the crew did with restoring the electricity, and the clean up efforts. The council agreed.

Ron will continue to work on the tree dump, pull out the larger tree stumps. Offered to open the dump for individuals who would like to cut firewood.

A motion was made by T. Pope and seconded by C. McCarty to adopt the following Resolution 2020-7 Disaster Emergency Declaration. All present voted in favor of the declaration, and the motion passed.

**TOWN OF HAXTUN, COLORADO**  
**RESOLUTION 2020-7**  
**DISASTER EMERGENCY DECLARATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act, C.R.S. § 24-33.5-701, *et seq.* provides procedures for statewide and local prevention of, preparation for, response to, and recovery from disasters and emergencies; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Act, an “emergency” is an unexpected event that places life or property in danger and requires an immediate response through the use of state and local community resources and procedures,

**WHEREAS**, the WIND EVENT of June 9, 2020 caused the Town of Haxtun to suffer from widespread and severe damage, loss of property and economic impacts to the Town of Haxtun; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council finds the cost and magnitude of responding to and recovery from the impact of June 9, 2020 WIND EVENT may be far in excess of the Town’s available resources, and this Disaster Emergency Declaration will enable the Town of Haxtun some assistance and permit access to local emergency funds, Federal and State assistance, and authorize adjustments to policies, procedures, and ordinances to ensure the public’s health and welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, it is appropriate and in the interests of the public health and safety of the Town and its residents to rapidly address the magnitude of responding to and recovery from the WIND EVENT and subsequent impacts and to further protect the health and safety of the public by declaring an emergency in the Town of Haxtun by the Disaster Emergency Declaration as set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAXTUN, COLORADO:

**Section 1.** The Town Council hereby finds and declares there to be a local disaster emergency in the Town of Haxtun, to wit, the magnitude of responding to and recovery from the impact of this WIND EVENT of June 9, 2020 is far in excess of the Town of Haxtun’s available resources, requiring emergency action to avert danger or damage, and that the Order Declaring a Local Disaster Emergency in and for the Town of Haxtun executed by the Council of the Town of Haxtun on June 15, 2020 shall be in effect until terminated by resolution of the Town Council.

**Section 2.** The effect of this Resolution shall be the activation of the response and recovery aspects of any and all applicable local and inter-jurisdictional disaster emergency plans and to further authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance under such plans, and for the Mayor, Town Clerk, and other appropriate Town staff to exercise those functions and be vested with such authority as set forth in C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709 and other applicable local, state, and federal laws.

**Section 3.** The Town Clerk shall forthwith:

- A. Publish and disseminate information to the public regarding this Resolution and the Order Declaring a Local Disaster Emergency in and for the Town of Haxtun authorized hereby;
- B. File a copy of this Resolution in the Town’s official records;

- C. File a copy of this Resolution with the Colorado Division of Emergency Management; and
- D. Distribute a copy of this Resolution to the appropriate representatives of the news media.

INTRODUCED, READ, and ADOPTED this 15th day of June, 2020

TOWN OF HAXTUN, COLORADO

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Brandon Bieseimeier, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Karie L. Wilson, Town Clerk

Tanya reported on the initial costs of the 6/9/2020 Storm according to the tracking from the salamander system as of 6/12/2020.

Volunteer Hours: 1561 hours @ \$28.50/hr = \$44,488.00

Town Equipment Cost : \$15,086.24

Fire Equipment Cost: \$1783.50

Employee Cost Estimate : \$9120.44

Initial Estimate of Property Damages : \$140,370.00 (citizens, not town owned)  
(only about 1/8 the damage has been calculated)

Total estimate as of 6/12/20 = \$210,848.18

Ryan asked if the Haxtun Chamber of Commerce had decided anything about the Old Fashioned Saturday Night festival. They have not made a decision yet.

A motion was made by M. Ensminger and seconded by C. McCarty to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm subject to the call of the Mayor.

Karie L Wilson  
Town Clerk/Treasurer