

**Town of Haxtun**  
 August 2, 2021  
 REGULAR MEETING

The Haxtun Town Council met for their regularly scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was opened by Mayor Brandon Bieseemeier at the Haxtun Town Hall. Roll call was taken with the following council members present: Bob Cionek, Mike Ensminger, Ryan Horton, Lori Lundgren, Rob Martinez and Tana Pope. Mayor Bieseemeier led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Jenn Oberle, Haxtun Chamber of Commerce director, was also in attendance.

A motion was made by R. Horton and seconded by B. Cionek, to approve the agenda. All present voted yes, and the motion carried.

A motion was made by L. Lundgren and seconded by T. Pope to approve the consent agenda, which included the regular meeting minutes of July 6, 2021, the following monthly invoices to be paid, and transfers of cash. All present voted yes, and motion carried.

July Payroll	Taxes	\$14,009.77
July Payroll	Salary	\$67,698.74
Arnold Pool Co	Repairs	\$24.00
Bornhoft, Chris	Mulch	\$76.55
Bullard, Tom	Tahoe Key	\$35.49
Coberly, Trisha	Web Site Set Up and Launch	\$1,275.00
Colorado State Treasurer	UITR 2nd Quarter 2021	\$433.81
Crossland, Kelly	Mileage	\$376.32
Edwards, Audree	Summer Fun	\$240.00
FPPA	Pension	\$1,635.56
Freemyer, Vickie	Mileage	\$194.32
Grainland	Fuel	\$1,192.61
GWRS	Retirement	\$1,657.04
Haxtun Locker Plant	Concessions Supply	\$3,150.00
Heinz, Collyn	Mileage	\$192.08
Home Depot Pro	Pool cleaning Supply	\$126.08
Jacobson, Tony	Meter Deposit Refund	\$200.00
Kondella, Cameron	Mileage	\$20.16
LEC Construction	Cement Crossspan Work	\$45,968.00
Mayhew, Tanya	Training	\$83.27
NMPP	Power	\$41,430.00
Ralph, Mike	Meter Deposit Refund	\$161.56
Rocky Mountain Info	Dues	\$25.00
Salt Lake Wholesale	Police Uniform	\$667.00

Sauder, Margo	Meter Deposit Refund	\$65.77
Transwest Limon	2021 Durango	\$30,929.00
Viaero	Celluar Service	\$368.17
Workman, Rod	Library Carpet Cleaning	\$175.00
American Heritage	Supplemental Insurance	\$25.55
American Security Cabinets	Drop-Box	\$2,986.00
Arnold Pool Co	Repairs to System	\$19.05
Border States	Electric Supplies	\$236.17
Brightwater	Meter Deposit Refund	\$133.55
CAN Surety	Bonds	\$100.00
Capital One	Street Bond	\$6,010.25
CEBT	Insurance	\$15,305.00
CGI Fence	Fencing	\$17,581.79
CHS	Chemical	\$148.46
CIRSA	2012 IHC Pumper	\$735.58
CO Analytical	Water/Wastewater Testing	\$68.00
CO Dept of Revenue	July Sales Tax	\$3,406.76
CO Dept of Revenue	July Withholding Tax	\$1,733.00
Country Rose	Meter Deposit Refund	\$36.71
Dana Kepner	Repairs to System	\$2,123.40
Dept of Public Health & Environment	Airport Permit	\$298.00
Dixon, Les	Meter Deposit Refund	\$127.05
DPC Industries	Repairs to System	\$861.43
Every Bloomin Thing	Misc	\$32.00
Hadeen, Estate of Rex	Meter Deposit Refund	\$44.99
Haxtun Building Center	Repairs to System	\$739.46
Haxtun Telephone	Service	\$556.21
Highline Electric	Utilities	\$120.56
IIMC	Membership Dues	\$340.00
Ingram	Books	\$326.81
Kleve, Nicole	Summer Fun	\$120.00
Knode, Tyler	Meter Deposit Refund	\$200.00
LEC	Concrete Street Work	\$19,585.00
Matts Sprinkler Service	Repairs to System	\$1,568.50
NKC Railway, LLC	Easements	\$3,102.29
Office Services	Copier Maintenance	\$72.13
OK Auto Parts	Tools & Equip	\$299.93
PAK Enterprises	Meter Deposit Refund	\$266.40
Pctelcom	Phone/internet	\$207.79
Petty Cash	Misc	\$80.08
Phillips County Landfill	Dump Exp	\$2,314.08
Phillips County Treasurer	July Sales Tax	\$2,917.42

Precision Plumbing	Repairs to System	\$58.13
Ruch, Terry	Meter Deposit Refund	\$168.71
Rudy's GTO	Repairs/Maint.	\$60.80
Simon	Repairs to System	\$88,572.90
Standard	Supplemental Insurance	\$111.95
Sun Life	Supplemental Insurance	\$253.60
Trum, Kristin	Restitution	\$60.00
U.S. Postmaster	Stamps	\$144.00
UNCC	Transmissions	\$18.48
Van Diest Supply	Mosquito Spray	\$1,333.00
VSP	Supplemental Insurance	\$128.04
Ward Electric	Repairs to System	\$72,179.32
Western United Electric	Repairs to System	\$561.54

Transfers of Cash

- 7/8/2021 Transfer # 1 - \$75,000 for accounts payable
- 7/8/2021 Transfer #2 - \$31,000 for accounts payable
- 7/14/2021 Transfer # 3 - \$35,000 for payroll
- 7/16/2021 Transfer # 4 - \$91,500 for accounts payable
- 7/30/2021 Transfer #5- \$25,000 for payroll

**Public Comment::**

No public comments were given.

**Regular Business:**

The Haxtun Chamber of Commerce submitted an application for a special event permit for a beer garden/concert during the 100<sup>th</sup> Annual Corn Festival. The application and paperwork were complete, and no written comments about the permit were received by the clerk

Chief Mayhew made a statement regarding issues her department faced during the recent Chamber sponsored special event for Old Fashioned Saturday Night. Her department would like to work with the Chamber and feels that communication is the key to a successful event. In the future, the Chamber should be more aware of controlling the movement of people, controlling the disbursement of alcohol, crowd size and a few other items.

After discussion, a motion was made by R. Horton and second by B. Cionek to approve the special event permit for the Corn Festival. A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted in favor of approving the permit. Motin passed.

A motion was made by M. Ensminger and seconded by T Pope to adopt the following Resolution 2021-3 to Repeal Resolution 2020-7, which declared a disaster from the windstorm event on June 9, 2020.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-3**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF HAXTUN, COLORADO, REPEALING RESOLUTION 2020-7, DECLARING A LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act, C.R.S. § 24-33.5-701, *et seq.* the Board of Trustees passed Resolution 2020-7, declaring a local disaster emergency in and for the Town of Haxtun.

WHEREAS, the declaration is effective until the Board of Trustees determines an emergency no longer exists; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has determined that a local disaster emergency no longer exists and desires to repeal Resolution 2020-7 and the powers and authorizations granted in connection therewith.

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

**Section 1.** The above recitals are hereby incorporated as findings by the Town Board of Trustees of the Town of Haxtun.

**Section 2.** Town Board of Trustees of the Town of Haxtun hereby repeals Resolution 2020-7.

INTRODUCED, READ, and ADOPTED this 2 day of August 2021.

TOWN OF HAXTUN, COLORADO

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Karie L. Wilson, Town Clerk

The council discussed the remaining balance of \$36,674 of the CARES Act Funds. The Town Council had received the following requests for funding from Phillips County Commissioners for business grants, Haxtun Community Food Basket for food vouchers, and the First United Methodist Church of Holyoke Food Bank for food vouchers.

After discussion, a motion was made by R. Horton and seconded by T. Pope to grant \$6969 to Phillips County Commissioners for the business grants, \$2000 to the First United Methodist Church of Holyoke Food Bank, and to grant \$5000 to the Haxtun Community food Basket. All present voted in favor of the motion, and the motion passed.

A motion was made by L. Lundgren and seconded by M. Ensminger to accept the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Phillips County Clerk and Recorder and The Town of Haxtun for election services for the November 2, 2021 election. All present voted in favor, and the motion passed.

### **Discussion:**

Updates for the proposed 2022 street project were reviewed. The scope of the project is to pave approximately 42 blocks of streets, at a potential cost of \$1.9 million, with NO increase in taxes. If we are awarded the CDOT grant, it would help with \$433,000 of the overall costs.

Financing for the project will be through an election debt question that must be approved by the voters, using the 1% sales and use tax, that is already in place, to support the financing. Capital One Bank, our current bond lender, is interested in financing 100% of the bond. \$1.5 million at 4% interest for 20 years would be divided in monthly payment of \$9197, or \$110,372 per year.

On the same ballot, council would also like to ask our voters to approve the use of the community center .5% sales and use tax for street maintenance for 5 years, beginning in January of 2022 through December of 2026. These additional funds would help jumpstart repairs to the other streets in town that are not part of the project.

Future maintenance plans include chip sealing every street in town on a 5 year rotating basis.

The Town has not heard back from CDOT regarding the "Main Street Revitalization Grant". We will hopefully hear soon if we were awarded full or partial funding. The timing of the notification will probably push that portion of the project back to Spring 2022.

The council is planning a community open house on August 16, 2021 at the Haxtun Community Center to share our plans for the street project and to let the community know how important they are to the success of the project.

Comments by council included addressing the use of loaders, skid steers, heavy trucks, etc that turning on the streets. We could possibly revise our building permit regulations, requesting the contractors to notify the town if they will use such equipment and to request a deposit to cover any damages that may occur. This will be something that would be considered in the future to protect the streets.

Council reviewed a brochure outlining the street project and would like to mail out the information to our citizens and print the info in *the Haxtun-Fleming Herald*. Staff will send it to our bond attorney for her opinion on the wording.

Council reviewed the revised Animal Ordinance, to allow for the keeping of backyard chickens. Fines and penalties and the limiting of 3 dogs or 3 cats or a combination per household were also reviewed.

Council would "grandfather" in households with more than the 3 allowable pets until such time pet is no longer kept within the household.

### **Staff Reports:**

Ron Carpenter, Town Superintendent

- Building Permits were reviewed as included in the board packet.
- The Haxtun Hospital District is moving forward with their downtown project. We will put the library and the Town Hall utilities underground before cement is poured behind the buildings.

- The two wells will hopefully be repaired within a couple of weeks. There were complications with the Westridge Well when Sargeant Drilling was here last week and they could not proceed with the repairs at the time.
- PCED and DOLA hosted a county wide housing tour last week. Toured vacant lots and potential building sites in Haxtun, Paoli and Holyoke.
- The 1986 Dump truck is in disrepair and is not worth the money it will cost to replace the motor. We can possibly borrow or rent a truck for the street project next spring, but we are not ready to purchase another one at this time.
- Applications opened this week for the DOLA grant for funding the remainder of the Shop Maintenance building, with a deadline to apply the first week of September. Megan, the grant writer, is helping with the paperwork.
- Construction will begin on the maintenance shop building around September 1. Ensminger Construction will get the building pad finalized this month.

#### Tanya Mayhew, Chief of Police

- The 2021 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter stats were reviewed.
- The new Durango is getting the electronics and decals installed. The charger has been traded in, so officers are rotating the other vehicles.
- There has been no change in status for the JAG grants for the body cams.
- The state of Colorado passed HB 1250, which will make many changes within law enforcement.
- The department is working with the Haxtun Hospital District on Guard 911 training.
- Chief Tanya will be taking vacation days in the next coming weeks to work at Sturgis.

#### Karie Wilson, Town Clerk/Treasurer

- The swimming pool will close for the season Saturday, August 7.
- The web site is online! You can find us at [townofhaxtun.colorado.gov](http://townofhaxtun.colorado.gov)
- NMPP Annual Conference will be held September 7-8 in Lincoln NE.
- CML Fall District meeting will be held September 9 in Akron, CO.
- CIRSA Lunch meeting for our area will be October 14 in Brush.

#### **Council Concerns:**

Tana had noticed that some of the streetlights were out on North Colorado Ave. Ron will check out the lights.

Ryan asked for an update of the swimming pool project. The pool committee has been hard at work with fund raising. We will ask the committee members if they can attend an upcoming board meeting to give an update.

Brandon inquired about the status of the railroad, and if they had returned our calls about the track conditions. They have not responded to calls or emails. Tanya commented that they have responded to her office when she had contacted them about weeds and junk.

Ryan also asked about the property owned by John Stevens on South Logan Ave. Tanya is working with him to encourage him to continue cleaning up the property.

A motion was made by L. Lundgren and seconded by R. Horton to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm subject to the call of the Mayor.

Karie Wilson  
Town Clerk/Treasurer