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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Special Session Minutes

116 West Main St

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Tuesday, July 26, 2022

Notice for this special meeting for the Town of Coyle, Oklahoma was posted on Friday, July 22, 2022, before 5:00 pm and held on Tuesday, July 26, 2022, at 7:00 pm in Town Hall located at 116 W Main St, Coyle, OK 73027.

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Carl Long

Members Present: Mayor – Carl Long
Trustee – JoAnn Hale
Trustee – Dusty King

Staff: Linde Vogan – Town Clerk

Guest: Gene Herndon

Republic Contract: The question was previously raised about Republic removing the yard waste from our contract. When inquired about, it is now considered an additional service with an additional cost. Bulk Trash days have been excluded from the contract due to them changing the definitions of their bulk pickup. The residents that have the dumpsters do not get charged for the bulk pickup like the individuals with the polycarts. Dusty spoke with Mr. Timms last week about the possibility of working with us to bring in roll offs for us. Waiting to hear back from a couple of other companies on pricing this as well. Would be nice to have a dumpster in Town so that people can use it when needed. Maybe a fence is needed over by the shop and it could be placed in there. The pricing for the dumpsters may need to be raised to cover the bulk pickup. The margin between what we are receiving for trash services versus what we are receiving is not very high. Will compare these amounts and see exactly what the margin is. Probably need to do the one year and then work over this year to get another trash company out here. Need to continue to work with Langston to see if they are willing to go with us to find another trash company to come out here.

Motion made by JoAnn Hale to accept the current contract from Republic.

Seconded – Dusty King

Motion Carried – Carl Long, Aye, JoAnn Hale, Aye, Dusty King, Aye

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**Emergency
Management:**

Carl stated that he talked with Dusty the other night and before the election and asked Dusty to make a decision. He then asked what his decision is. JoAnn stated that the Fire Department has sovereign power and operates with more authority than an Emergency Manager does. She does not see the comparability between the two departments. The Fire Department has its own fund and answers to the County Commissioners as well as the Board; whereas Emergency Management answers directly to the Board only. Lawyer did mention that we could get an opinion on this. The issue Carl has is that anytime a vote comes up about Emergency Management, he does not vote because he is involved in the department. Carl asked Dusty again what his answer is. Dusty stated that he is not stepping down off the Board and has no desire to step away from Emergency Management. Carl stated that our EM department will not go anywhere as it stands. Carl stated that as the Director, he was going to resolve the issue by dissolving the Deputy Director Position until we can come up with something else. He does not want the people of the Town to think that all money is being spent on Emergency Management. Carl stated that the Board is not taking action, however he as director of Emergency Management is taking action to dissolve the position. He stated that he didn't want to do it, because Dusty is the best thing that has ever happened to him, but he won't have people pointing fingers at them because they are both doing the same thing. JoAnn stated that termination of the position is an option. Carl stated that it would just be him for now until we can find something else. Dusty stated that the first opinion states that this is not a conflict of interest and he also spoke with the attorney from OML who stated the same thing. JoAnn asked for his written opinion. The state statutes also state that that an officer of the Town can hold more than one office. Gene Herndon resigned from Emergency Management due to this decision. Carl stated that he has to keep it where EM can operate. Dusty stated that Carl has mentioned retiring several times and asked if that was something he would be looking at. Carl stated that there are somethings that have happened and he didn't know what would be happening, but that the Board would know as soon as he did. JoAnn stated that the equipment needed to be returned to the Town. Carl will have to get with Dusty to get the computer sign on. Carl stated that he didn't want anyone pointing fingers at him or at anyone on the Board. Dusty encouraged Carl to get a second opinion. Carl stated again that for now, EM would just be him. He talked about how much he appreciates Dusty and everything that he has done over the last year, just doesn't want people to point fingers at them. Everything done over the last year has been done in compliance with backing behind it so that if someone points a finger, they can be shown that everything has been done in compliance. JoAnn encouraged Dusty to gather the opinions needed even getting an

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Attorney General's opinion on this specific Emergency Management issue. JoAnn's concern is the money that has been spent on the vehicle, the fuel and the maintenance of the Department that hasn't been spent before and if something goes wrong with the vehicle tomorrow, then there is no emergency vehicle. Dusty stated that the program is very important to him and urged Carl to wait on his decision until a second opinion can be reached. Carl stated for now this is how it is and it can be revisited and possibly reinstated at a later date if found there is not a conflict.

Adjourned:

Motion made by JoAnn Hale to adjourn at 7:44 pm.

Seconded – Dusty King

Motion carried – Carl Long, Absent, JoAnn Hale, Aye, Dusty King, Aye

Carl Long

Carl Long, Mayor

Linde Vogan

Linde Vogan, Town Clerk