

**MEETING MINUTES  
TOWN OF BANCROFT  
MAY 21, 2020**

Mayor Donna McKneely called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Council members present via ZOOM: Bethany Adkins, Jami Hayes, Marie Dailey and Donna McKneely. Council members present at town hall: David McClung, Wally Harper and Thomas Frame. Guests present at town hall & ZOOM: Robert Lyons, Gabrielle Lyons, Steve Rhodes, Phyllis Beard and Debra Carpenter.

Councilman Harper moved to accept the minutes as presented (motion passed). Councilman McClung then moved to approve the financial statement and Councilwoman Hayes moved to pay the invoices (both motions passed).

Councilwoman Hayes then provided an update to the Park Grant. Putnam County has extended the grant from June 30 to September 30. Contractor needs to catch 3 straight days with no rain.

Census Update: Bancroft now at 31.2% reporting. We need to push census completion, and will post updates on FB, but door to door is not an option considering this pandemic. This is important for representation and federal dollars!

Phyllis Beard was recognized and stated there is standing water in her yard and it gets bad when it rains. She did note that it has always been like that - her yard runs toward the ball field - but there is no storm drains on that end. She fears mowing and clearing the bank would make water run off worse. Council discussed contacting the KNWA Railroad to clean ditches that run along the railroad tracks.

Steve Rhodes was recognized next. He is having water issues, and would like permission to run his drainpipes to the storm sewer. Council's only worry is that storm sewer back up, would overflow to Steve's property, so they discussed putting a check valve on it so it would not back up to his property. Mr. Rhodes is OK with that, so Councilman McClung moved to allow Mrs. Rhodes to connect to the storm sewer if he installs a check valve (motion passed).

Mayor McKneely then asked if anyone knew the last time the locks were changed. We have various keys for multiple areas (park bathrooms take 2 different keys), and there are probably keys out there for past members and workers over the years. After some discussion, Councilman McClung moved to change all door locks and padlocks (motion passed).

Councilman McClung then discussed updating the Town Ordinances since it's obvious we won't be able to afford a police presence. Can we write our ordinances to reflect things we can do without law enforcement? He suggested we sit down with Town Attorney since they need serious updating. We can call a special meeting to work on the ordinances. He will contact Lisa Moye, but requesting council members send him questions ahead of time so she can research prior to actual meeting.

We are looking for a new Town Maintenance person as Mr. Higginbotham can't work more than 4 hours per day. Mayor McKneely asked several local people to see if they're interested, and asked the council's input. Would prefer someone local and readily available.

WV Water has sent a second request to have our backflow preventers checked, but Mr. Nunley still too busy to perform testing. Will give him a couple weeks, then search for someone else.

Council discussed the park opening on June 1, in conjunction with Governor Justice's guidelines. There will be no basketball, and council asked the recorder to check into banner type signs with the guidelines that we can hang on the fence for people to see when they enter.

Council discussed having the Town Clean Up on the last Saturday in June, but need to check with E&L to see what they have available. Council also discussed the Town Wide Yard Sale and thought about the first part of August, but that matter also tabled.

Mayor McKneely then stated that Senator Glenn Jeffries invited the town to be part of a mass order for masks at \$1 each. After some discussion, Councilman McClung moved to purchase 100 masks for \$1 each (motion passed). Mayor will contact Mr. Jeffries.

Resident Debra Carpenter (present via ZOOM) stated that she lives on Rio Vista Lane and wondered if there were rules around people parking in the street. She stated that it was on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, but noted it was mainly when the residents had company. She didn't know if we had an ordinance or rules regarding street parking.

With no further business to discuss, meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

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DONNA MCKNEELY, Mayor