

**MEETING MINUTES
TOWN OF BANCROFT
FEBRUARY 20, 2020**

Mayor Donna McKneely called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and State Pledge. All council members present: David McClung, Bethany Adkins, Jami Hayes, Wally Harper, Thomas Frame, Marie Dailey and Donna McKneely.

Council read over the minutes, then Councilman Harper moved to accept the minutes as presented (motion passed). Councilman McClung then moved to approve the financial statement (recorder will delete a repeated entry of \$100) and Councilwoman Adkins moved to pay the invoices (both motions passed).

Councilwoman Hayes updated the council on the Park Grant, stating work should start in March since it is weather dependent.

Councilman McClung submitted a cost estimate for the start up of a police department in the town (attached) and council discussed this matter.

Recorder reminded the council that the next meeting is a budget meeting and they need to think about projects or things that need attention coming up in the next fiscal year. Budget ideas: striping the basketball court, pickle ball, painting.

George Woodrum was then recognized as next on the agenda. He updated the council on the condition of the Showen's Hill Road (under DOH domain), which is scheduled for refurbishment in 2021. Residents can't wait until then as hill is completely slipping away. There is a DOH website that states repairs must be made and encourage all affected residents to call (number provided in town newsletter). Mr. Woodrum also stated that if the council goes forward with a police department, he feels they should have a townwide meeting.

Next, council discussed the town cleanup scheduled for May, and a tentative date of May 2nd was set.

Park: lights in the gazebo has wiring issues, and Denver Luikart will check it. We need to reply to American Water regarding the backflow preventer. Mayor has Dennis Nunley available to check it and fill out the certification paperwork (park currently winterized and has no water flow). Also, someone stole the Ark steering wheel (also stole the periscope, but it was returned) and council discussed whether or not to replace it. Council then discussed the Firearms Ban sign at the park, and Councilman McClung has a letter from the Citizen's Defense League from 4/2/2017 stating it is illegal to have the sign posted.

Councilman Harper stated that the Bancroft Volunteer Fire Department received a perfect score, which is reported. Council feels this should help with citizen's home insurance rates!

With no further business to discuss, meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

DONNA MCKNEELY, Mayor