

**ROUND MOUNTAIN TOWN
BOARD MEETING
DONALD L. SIMPSON COMMUNITY CENTER
650 CIVIC DRIVE, HADLEY SUBDIVISION
ROUND MOUNTAIN, NEVADA
TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2021– 4:30 P.M.**

MINUTES

Members Present: James Swigart, Chair
Heather Enzi, Vice Chair
Robert Spivey, Jr., Clerk
Nicole Silberschlag, Member
Samantha Faga, Member

Also Present: Pearl Olmedo, Town Manager
Rebecca Hansen, Administrative Supervisor
Darrick Brown, Maintenance Supervisor
Anne Hendrickson, Recreation Director
Karissa Brown, Facilities Aide
Earl Turner, Maintenance Worker



Citizens Present: Hyun Woo Hinshaw Myra Brown Novalee Medlock Aleksei Saladino
Monicka Larrabee Ted Ramos Joe Westerlund Don Osterhoudt
Neil Jensen Chase Diller Sara Sweeney Midge Carver
Tony Philips Oz Wichman

1. Call meeting to order/roll call

James Swigart called the meeting to order at 4:30 P.M. Swigart – Chair, Heather Enzi – Vice Chair, Robert Spivey, Jr. – Clerk, Nicole Silberschlag – Member, Samantha Faga – Member, were in attendance.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. General Public Comment (FIRST)

No comment.

4. Approval of the April 27, 2021 agenda

Silberschlag motioned to approve. Spivey, Jr. seconded; motion passed 5-0. April 27, 2021 agenda approved.

5. Approval of the April 13, 2021 meeting minutes

Silberschlag motioned to approve. Enzi seconded; motion passed 5-0. April 13, 2021 meeting minutes approved.

6. Rebuild or build new water lines to lot next to Old Round Mountain with a meter. Petitioner: Novalee Medlock

Swigart asked the Board if they had the chance to review the Ordinances that were approved in 2018. Enzi replied it had been skimmed over. Swigart asked if the ordinances and regulations had been gone over with Novalee Medlock. Rebecca Hansen responded she spoke briefly with Medlock the day prior and provided the ordinance today regarding the steps needed to request water and a meter for water service. Medlock stated Oz Wichman came out and did a walk around and looked at the line locations and the tank and had some ideas that are feasible

and not too expensive utilizing the existing line. Hansen went over Article three of the ordinance regarding what would need to be provided regarding planning and design, Wichman could put together the ideas and provide them to the office. Medlock stated that shouldn't be needed as there is already an existing line that can be used, would just require testing the line and backflowing to her property. There are other things that can be done prior to a new design and permits, as the Town already has an easement in place. Hansen commented in the ordinance we would need an application and the information in the items provided to the office and once provided we could move forward. Medlock asked what items, she doesn't work for the Town, what does the Town do. Is aware of what needs to be done from the property line to the house. Hansen replied the ordinance outlines for any new customer what needs to be done if there is not an existing meter at the property. Silberschlag asked for clarification if Medlock is a new customer or existing customer. Medlock replied existing. Hansen replied there is not an existing meter as Medlock is not a customer in the system. Silberschlag questioned if the line on Medlock's property was the Town's. Hansen stated the line runs from one of the springs through Medlock's property to the water tank. Medlock stated it is the Town's line, Josh and Dan Sweeney previously maintained it. Silberschlag asked if Medlock was getting water from that line before, but not now. Medlock replied yes because they haven't been maintained. Stated Josh went up and looked at the springs and they haven't been maintained or cleaned since he left, because nobody knew what to do. Silberschlag asked if Medlock was using the line in the past, is it still considered a new customer. Hansen replied, yes with a new meter install. Noted the current water operator and waste water operator were present and had done cleaning of the spring. Medlock stated she didn't know what they were telling Hansen, but Josh looked at those lines and no maintenance had been done in 5 years. Joe Westerlund from Tonopah introduced himself, gave history of his time contracted with the Town in the last three years helping with water and wastewater. Stated on Josh's last day they went over the system and there was no training regarding the springs. There are no maps of the lines from the spring and no written documentation to follow regarding maintenance of the springs. The tank in Old Round Mountain is currently being fed by a well. Has gone to the spring multiple times and pulled weeds out trying to clean it up. Silberschlag asked if there was someone we could contact to work with the staff to help give them the tools to clean the lines and document the process for the next time. Hansen stated written processes have been put into place and are updated and added to as we go along. In the event someone new came in, they could follow the processes. Swigart asked what the distance on the property was. Medlock replied 913 feet from the tank to her house. Spivey, Jr. asked if the line from the spring was still connected to the tank. Hansen replied yes. Spivey, Jr. asked why the existing line couldn't be used to install a meter and reverse the flow back to Medlock's house, as the spring isn't being used the well is. Westerlund stated that was one of the ideas Wichman had, however the line flows into the tank through the top. The easiest solution would be to do that, if the line feeds from the bottom of the tank and not the top. Spivey, Jr. stated it would seem more cost effective to reverse the flow than get equipment to clean the line from the spring. Swigart asked if it was doable, if there was a cost estimate. Darrick Brown stated the tank would have to be looked at to determine where the check valve was to reverse flow, if it was after where the water was chlorinated, on one of the three lines that merge into one going into the tank. To have it reversed, we wouldn't know until things were dug up what we were looking at. Medlock recommended calling Josh to locate some of the things as he'd be happy to help. Neil Jensen asked what the cost to operate the well was versus the spring seeming low cost. Asked the depth of the well and the horsepower, mentioning there is probably a bit of money to run the well. Silberschlag asked Westerlund if he was aware of anyone that is familiar with cleaning out springs. Westerlund replied he did not as this was his first exposure to springs. Wichman stated those springs were developed around 40 years ago and he recalled they dug significantly deep. Commented one way to see if the lines could be silted up would be to pump back up the lines to the spring and flush out, but believes that would only be a temporary solution. There are equal chances the springs are silted and/or sanded and that would require mucking them out, cleaning them up, put gravel back in, and rework the intake. Basically, unzip it and start from scratch and that would take large equipment such as a track hoe. Stated if you clean the spring out you would need to import wash gravel to put back in, go through the disinfection flushing process. It is a process that with 3 or 4 guys would take a few weeks with large equipment. Pearl Olmedo asked the mileage of the line. The consensus was around 5 miles. Silberschlag asked what the timeframe would be to get water to Medlock if we went from the tank back to her property. D. Brown was unsure of a timeframe as would need to determine the scope of work. Silberschlag asked if there was the manpower to get it done and if it could be looked at to get help.

Olmedo believed there was interest for assistance, recommended Utility staff work with the petitioner, following the ordinance to figure out a cost-effective way for both parties while investigating the lines. Silberschlag recapped the recommendation would be for staff to work with Medlock to get it done. Olmedo stated she believed Hansen and Medlock had started the process of working together as Medlock had provided plat maps to Hansen. In the meantime, investigating the line is worth looking into. Olmedo asked historically if the spring was used in the warmer months and the well in the cooler months. D. Brown replied in past when there was a flow, it has just been a trickle the past couple of years. Enzi asked if we had checked the springs. D. Brown replied the lines were snaked with a 100-foot snake down from the spring and up with no change to the flow, as that was the only thing done in past with Josh to try to get it flowing. Wichman added when the lines were put in you could fish at the mouth of the spring and today is a different day. If you unzip the springs there is no guarantee, what you're experiencing is just the way things are now. We all know those creeks don't act the way they did in '82 when they developed the springs and cleaned them up. It's wildly different now, there's no guarantees. It would take some investigation, pothole it, watch it and see they'll make it. Spivey, Jr. stated there should be breaks in the line so you could start at the tank, go down the line clean it between the breaks. Westerlund stated the line isn't plugged between Medlock's property and the tank. Spivey, Jr. commented then all you have to find is if there is a valve and if it's not, there isn't a problem and you can have water going to Medlock's house in less than a month. She shouldn't have to wait 6 months to get water when she's been without it for 2 years, it's a simple fix even if it's a band aid for right now. Westerlund replied the concern is if everything is feeding the tank through the line at top of the tank then Old town of Round Mountain is being fed from pipe off the bottom of the tank and Medlock was never fed off that line. Somehow would have to hook her into that line, not the one coming from the top because you can't back feed that line. Swigart asked how many people were on that water system. Hansen replied around 20 hookups. Swigart asked if the pump failed how long it would take to repair. Westerlund replied you could reach out to the mine for help, in Tonopah they have to call someone in from Reno or Vegas, but they have back up wells they can use. In old Round Mountain there is only one. Medlock commented there are three wells, the mine engineers let her know and gave her a map. Swigart commented that without redundancy it would be worth it to spend time on getting the springs taken care of. Medlock commented at looking into a grant to get the springs back up. Hansen replied we run into median household income as an issue in our area. Medlock stated to talk to Dan Sweeney as he got a lot grants for the Town. Olmedo asked if Medlock would like to be provided metered water service by the Town. Medlock replied very much so. Olmedo recommended working with Round Mountain Public Utilities. Swigart agreed it was not a Board decision, the customer to work with Public Utilities. Silberschlag stated she was not comfortable doing this at a slow pace and leaving Medlock without water into the summer months. Would like to follow up to see there is progress and requested updates at each meeting. Spivey, Jr. agreed. Myra Brown commented if a line had to be dug to Medlock's property permits would be required as there is a road there. Medlock replied the Town has an easement and BLM stated if you stay within that easement you don't have to. Silberschlag questioned if Medlock and the Town Utilities would work together. Hansen replied, yes and we could start looking at what options were available. Silberschlag requested at the next meeting and those following, updates be provided regarding the water status. Spivey, Jr. requested a time frame be placed on the job. Olmedo asked Westerlund what the time frame in Tonopah from start to finish is when installing a new line and meter. Westerlund stated in Tonopah everyone has a main in front of their house, but the customer would have to fill out an application for service, a call before you dig ticket would be placed and it would be about a week. Hansen stated once we know what the scope of work is that should give us a time estimation. Spivey, Jr. stated there is a line already there that you need to break and then verify the water is going through, a quick estimation is within 60 days she should have a meter. Swigart stated the Town Board doesn't say when things will be done, this will have to be worked on with the Public Utility and their resources, but we support getting it done in a timely fashion. Medlock asked if 60 days was too far out of reach. Hansen replied without knowing the scope of work she didn't know. Medlock suggested working with the mine departments who are familiar with dewatering to help figure out a way to hook up the line. Olmedo stated a 60-day time frame was feasible and if there is a need for an extension staff would reach out to keep communication with Medlock. Medlock stated that would work. Swigart asked about carrying the item over. Olmedo replied it can carry over and continue to provide status updates. Olmedo asked if Medlock had all her questioned answered. Medlock replied she did.

Item tabled.

7. Discussion, deliberation, and possible decision to adopt Hadley Circle as the official parade route

Olmedo suggested opening to public comment regarding a stationary parade route. Sara Sweeney commented it would be awesome. Monicka Larrabee stated it would be very convenient. Olmedo stated the proposal is to move away from residential areas, starting at the Firehouse, going the loop of Hadley Circle, ending at Hadley Park. There would be more space for the public to set up utilizing Gazebo Park and the School areas. Silberschlag suggested starting at Hadley Park, ending at the Firehouse and asked if decorating could be done on Hadley Circle for parades. Olmedo replied the Recreation Director was already looking into decorations for 4th of July. Silberschlag asked if there was someone who cleaned up around the white fences, as has seen the conservation camp out before. Olmedo replied, yes NDF is traditionally available in June to clean up the pond, weeds, parade route. Enzi suggested starting and ending at the Hadley Park. Sweeney like the idea of ending where you start so those who ride floats end where they got on. Swigart commented that all of the Fire and EMS vehicles are at the Firehouse so that seems like a good place to start a parade. Olmedo stated it isn't so much where the start point is, but just designating Hadley Circle as the route so the public knows where to set up officially. Swigart commented the start and stop points can be determined later.

Enzi motioned; Silberschlag seconded; motion passed 5-0. Hadley Circle designated the official parade route.

8. Correspondence, awards, department updates, and announcements

Olmedo reviewed the correspondence:

1. Gmail from Arnold Knightly RE: 100 percent capacity by June 1; rcvd 4/14/21.
2. Road Map to Recovery Transition Plan from Nye County; rcvd 4/20/21.
3. Letter to Nye County Sheriff's Department RE: Special Fireworks Permit for July 4, 2021; dtd 4/20/21.
4. Tonopah Town Board and Tonopah Library District Board of Trustees meeting agenda for 4/28/21.
5. Gmail from Arnold Knightly RE: County to move to 100% capacity, remove social distancing requirements May 1, State mask mandate remains in place; rcvd 4/27/21.

Regarding the fifth item, Nye County submitted a plan to the State of Nevada COVID mitigation and management task force and it was approved, however noted the State mask mandate is in effect. As the Town is a government entity the mask requirement will remain in all Town facilities. FEMA mobile vaccination unit was onsite 4/17/21 and due to high winds, utilized the Firehouse 4/18/21 to administer the Pfizer shot. Spray and splattered color run sponsored by the Rec Department is 5/1/21. 4th of July theme contest is posted on social media, entries due by 5/17/21, for an official theme for this year. Enzi commented on the online survey for Recreation. Olmedo asked what the feedback was like. Anne Hendrickson replied there was a lot of feedback, is working on a survey to go out at the school. Olmedo stated is still working with Nye County Admin regarding the road tax resolution and will provide updates once available. Tonopah town and Round Mountain town working together to work on certifying lifeguards. Have been working with Eureka on resources such as lifeguards on deck and certifying our people. Next Town Board meeting is 5/11/21. Town and Recreation are putting together a glow run 7/3/21 on the golf course. RMGC will be putting together a listing of events. Once we have an official theme for the 4th, will be decorating the parade route. Looking at a kickball tournament weekend of the 4th. End of July working on an annual event, Warm July Nights car show with vendors. Working toward installing a heater in the concession stand to keep the water on year-round, ensuring there is a shut off to the sprinkler system. Looking at painting the concession stand area and doing some beautification. Possibly putting a tee ball field between the skate park and softball field instead of the behind the softball field for a more central location. Silberschlag asked if water was turned on and the bathrooms were available or just the porta potties. Olmedo replied both concession stand

bathrooms are open and the porta potties are still out as back up. D. Brown commented the concession stand bathrooms aren't open 24 hours so the porta potties are available. Silberschlag asked who takes care of locking and unlocking the bathrooms. Karissa Brown replied the RMYA coaches have a key as well as High School softball. Silberschlag stated she had heard the bathrooms were padlocked. K. Brown stated they are padlocked during the winter when no one has keys. The padlock is unlocked and hanging on the door, but they aren't locked. Silberschlag asked Chase Diller if he knew the padlocks were unlocked. Diller replied he would have to look at them. Silberschlag commented that RMYA wasn't aware they were unlocked. Hendrickson stated their Chair had been notified. Diller commented that may just have been a youth athletics issue. Silberschlag asked if the field looked better. Diller replied everything looked better. Silberschlag thanked D. Brown for his service on the Fire Department. Enzi agreed. Silberschlag asked if the new Chief had signed the contract. Hansen replied the contract has been signed by both the Chief and the Chair. Faga stated she had been working with the welding program at the school and asked what thoughts were on designating an area in town to display their art, like a welding garden to showcase their art and add artistic flair to the community. Olmedo commented the Town has an empty lot northwest of the pool that is fenced in and viewable to the public that would be a great place to showcase the art. Faga stated she would start working with the school and Town.

9. Review and approve invoices for the Town of Round Mountain for April 27, 2021

Enzi motioned. Spivey, Jr. seconded; motion passed 4-0, 1 abstention. Invoices for the Town of Round Mountain for April, 27, 2021 approved.

10. Budget workshop for fiscal year 2021 – 2022

Olmedo commented on rehabbing the tennis courts to multiuse courts with tennis, basketball, pickleball. Looking at \$149,900 to rehab that whole area, with the same company who rehabbed our gym floor, to make it a multiuse facility. Can incorporate solar lighting and new basketball hoops. Enzi liked the idea. Spivey, Jr. stated when projects like this are done, he'd like to see before and after photos. Olmedo commented there are photos for the skate park and gym bleachers/floor on the Town's website. Silberschlag asked if numbers were added to the budget for that. Olmedo replied it will be increased. Silberschlag asked if from the Recreation surveys if money was being spent at the courts if that is where they should spend the money or if there was something else from those surveys that would be more valuable at this time. Hendrickson replied they would have to do another survey for areas like those. Silberschlag asked if they could wait to add that money into the budget. Olmedo commented we should start rehabbing our current facilities, spending the money to fix them. Projects can be added to the budget up until the last meeting in May. There is currently \$86,000 that can be used towards this or other projects that we come up with from the Capital Projects fund. Silberschlag asked if the money could be used for shed for youth athletics or towards the tee ball fields. Feels \$150,000 is a lot to spend on something people aren't really going to use. Hansen commented that it has been requested multiple times to upgrade the basketball court at Hadley Park and having something centrally located, believes will get use. Swigart requested to see quotes. K. Brown commented there are a lot of kids who hang out at the skate park and having courts right there would benefit them. Faga commented the skate park is always packed with kids and believes if basketball courts were in that area, we would see more kids using that area, courts, gazebo park, the skate park. Spivey, Jr. asked if there was lighting at the skate park. Olmedo replied no, but the company in reference would be installing solar lighting.

11. General Public Comment (SECOND)

No comment.

12. Adjourn meeting

Spivey, Jr. motioned. Enzi seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 5:58 P.M.