

Town of Yampa minutes
June 27, 2018 special meeting

TOWN OF YAMPA
JUNE 27, 2018 SPECIAL MEETING
LADIES AID HALL – 83 EAST FIRST STREET

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Robert Symons, Mayor Pro-Tem Mike Lewis, Trustees Brian Ashley, Jeff Drust and Crystal McLaughlin

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Public Works Superintendent (PWS) Eric Berry and Town Clerk (Clerk) Janet Ray

AUDIENCE PRESENT: Tom Yackey

Call to Order

Mayor Symons called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Roll Call

Board roll call was taken.

Discussion and Consideration of enacting fire restrictions within the Town of Yampa

Clerk Ray explained that yesterday, June 26, she received an email from Routt County Emergency Operations Director, David DeMorat, explaining that Routt County was enacting Phase 1 fire restrictions in the county and wondered what the municipalities would do. She said that she understands the City of Steamboat Springs will have restrictions as well. The request from the county prompted her to ask Mayor Symons to call this special meeting for the town board to discuss the situation. She noted that the Board also needed to discuss the fireworks display put on the night of July 4. Clerk Ray explained that the forest service can stop the fireworks, because they are launched from forest service property and the town's insurance company can stop the fireworks. After those two, the town board can stop the fireworks. An email was received from the forest service, stating that the forest service is okay with the fireworks, if the town board decides to have them. Clerk Ray has not heard from the town's insurance company saying that the town can't do them. She spoke with Fire Chief Ky Cox and he said that with the fire plan that is in place, he is okay with doing them. Discussion ended with the fact that currently, the fireworks show for the 4th of July will happen. It was noted that circumstances could change anytime between now and the 4th to change plans.

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Discussion continued whether fire restrictions are needed. Clerk Ray said she did invite Chief Cox to this meeting, but he has EMT training. He said that he reviewed what the county is implementing and said he had some concerns with the permits for exceptions to the ban as he did not feel he had a lot of time to deal with permits. Clerk Ray said that she did not think there would be very many requests in town if a ban is in place. She did note that the fire protection district encompasses more than just Yampa proper however. Following discussion, the board agreed that they did not need to enact fire restrictions within the town limits of Yampa at this time. The board said that if circumstances change, they will revisit the issue and will discuss it at the regular meeting on July 11 if not before.

Adjournment

The business of the special meeting being completed, Mayor Symons called for adjournment. Trustee Lewis moved to adjourn, Trustee Ashley seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously on voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Robert A. Symons, Mayor

Janet L. Ray, Town Clerk

July 11, 2018