

**Town of Felton  
Town Council Meeting  
January 11, 2016  
7:00 pm**

Mayor Kelley called the Town Council Meeting of Felton to order at 7:00 pm on Monday, January 11, 2016. Present at the meeting were:

**Council Members:** Mayor Dave Kelley, Vice-Mayor Joe Yapsuga, Joanne Clendaniel, Anthony Carroll & Diana Dolan-Beulah (sworn in at this meeting).

**Staff:** Town Manager, Rebecca Greene; Town Clerk, Amy Thomas and Chief Levi Brown.

**Public:** Daniel Hudson.

**Approving New Council Member – Diana Dolan- Beulah:**

**Motion:** Councilman Carroll made a motion to accept Diana Dolan-Beulah as a new Councilmember. Vice-Mayor Yapsuga seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Roll call was taken: Mayor Kelley-yes; Vice-Mayor Yapsuga -yes; Council Member Clendaniel –yes and Councilman Carroll – yes.

**Swearing in of Council Members:**

Mayor Kelley swore in Councilmember Diana Dolan-Beulah.

**Citizens Concerns:**

Daniel Hudson introduced himself and stated that he is currently renting the property at 9 W High Street. He explained that he is having an issue with his neighbor's cats defecating in his yard and walking on his vehicle. Mr. Hudson has approached his neighbor about the issue and she stated that they are not all her cats. There are about nine to twelve cats on her property that she is feeding on a regular basis. Mr. Hudson stated that he has contacted the SPCA and they will not do anything about the cats. Mr. Hudson stated that his main concern is the cats on his car and also the feces in his yard. He has children and when the weather gets warmer he would like for his kids to be able to play in the yard. Mr. Hudson asked Council what he can do to resolve this problem.

Rebecca stated that the Town has had a similar issue in the past and the property owner allowed Ralph to place traps on their property. When a cat was trapped Ralph or Josh would take the cat to a farm. It was decided that Rebecca will have Ralph put the traps on Mr. Hudson's property to catch the cats and Ralph and Josh will release them at the farm.

**Police Report:**

Chief Brown presented the December 2015 police report asking if there were any questions. Councilwoman Clendaniel asked what the reimbursement from Ceasar Rodney was for and Chief Brown replied it was coverage for their homecoming parade.

**Motion:** Vice-Mayor Yapsuga made a motion to approve the December 2015 Police Report. Councilman Carroll seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

**Budget Report:**

Rebecca stated that she just received notification that the bill from George & Lynch for the repaving of Railroad Ave will be about \$264,000 and that is not including engineering fees. Rebecca already spoke with Geri from Deldot telling her that she will be hand delivering her the paperwork because we need to be reimbursed quickly.

Rebecca stated that she has looked over the delinquent debt and there are about four properties that have not paid their taxes in the last two years. Two certified letters will be sent out tomorrow to Mrs. Fletcher for her two properties and also the McCarty's. The other two delinquent properties, one has just paid and the other one has made payment arrangements. Rebecca stated that she did send delinquent letters prior to the certified letters and she has not heard anything from the residents. The certified letters state the property will be going up for sheriff sale if the Town does not receive payment. There are also four delinquent utility accounts since last year and three of those property owners have filed for bankruptcy.

Vice-Mayor Yapsuga asked why the training for the police is at 121%. Rebecca stated that Levi is scheduled to take a class that cost about \$600 and they just purchased a bunch of ammunition for their firearms training.

**Motion:** Vice-Mayor Yapsuga made a motion to accept the December 2015 budget report. Mayor Kelley seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

**Minutes:****Town Council Meeting Minutes:**

Mayor Kelley presented the December 14, 2015 Town Council Meeting Minutes asking if there were any questions. There were no questions.

**Motion:** Councilwoman Clendaniel made a motion to accept the December 14, 2015 Town Council Meeting Minutes. Mayor Kelley seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

**Approval of Hiring Part Time Officer:**

Levi introduced Todd Michelau to council stating that he will be the new part time officer. Levi stated that Todd has worked for the Town in the past from 2003-2006. He is hoping that Todd will be on the road by March 1. Councilwoman Clendaniel asked how many hours he will be working a week and Levy replied about 20 hours a week and anything over 20 can be SEU.

**Motion:** Vice-Mayor Yapsuga made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Clendaniel seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30.

These minutes were prepared by Amy Thomas, Town Clerk.

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