

1 Mayor Leak called to order a regular Cornish Town Council meeting on August 3, 2022, at 7:06 p.m. at
2 the Cornish Town Hall.

3 **Attendance:** Matt Leak, Brad Fisher, Colton Creech, Conrad Naegle, Chris Buxton

4 **Absent:** None

5 Citizens: Dale Buxton, John Forsgren

6 **Staff Report:** Lauren printed out a list of delinquent accounts and noted that there was one possible
7 shut-off. Mayor Leak asked if Lauren has had any contact with Nixon and Nixon. She has not. Mayor Leak
8 will text Lee Black who has a possible shut-off and will get back to Lauren and let her know what she
9 needs to do with that. Later in the meeting Mayor Leak heard back from Lee Black, he wanted to trade a
10 hydrant wrench for \$400 credit on his water bill. The council said no. Lee also said he would need two
11 weeks to be able to pay his bill. Mayor Leak asked Lauren to write a shut-off letter for Lee Black and will
12 write that he will have 14 days instead of 10 days to pay his bill in full.

13 **Minutes:**

14 There was a change that needed to be made on the regular minutes.

15 Mayor Leak entertained a motion to approve the regular minutes.

16 Naegle – Motioned; Buxton – seconded

17 Naegle – Aye; Creech – Aye; Buxton – Aye; Fisher – Aye; Leak – Aye

18 There was a change that needed to be made on the executive session minutes.

19 Mayor Leak entertained a motion to approve the executive session minutes.

20 Naegle – Motioned; Buxton – Seconded

21 Naegle – Aye; Creech – Aye; Buxton – Aye; Fisher – Aye; Leak – Aye

22 The minutes were approved unanimously.

23 **Action Items:**

24 **Executive Session:**

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26 **Business Items:**

27 *Roads* – Naegle stated that Max is working on the road design. He also made some adjustments to the
28 application for COG. He explained that we have three weeks from today to get the application done.

29 There needs to be a public hearing to explain to the public what our plan is. He asked Lauren to put a
30 public hearing on the agenda for the next meeting. He reported that Buxton has been mowing. He also
31 said that he was going to ask Jay Williams to do more spraying. Buxton said that there may need to be
32 some tree trimming along 12300 North.

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34 *Planning & Zoning* – Creech said that they are still working on the land use ordinance. Fisher said that
35 the council will need to put a good deal of effort into the ordinance so that they are able to defend it
36 when it is challenged. He said that it needs to be done individually as well as in council meeting. Naegle
37 suggested that the council goes through it in sections in council meeting.

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39 *Parks/Town Hall/Finance* – The 24th of July celebration went well. The Stuarts are doing well with
40 watering the park. He has not had a chance to call about the town hall HVAC. Naegle said that he had
41 received a comment about the sand in the playground area and that most places use wood chips or
42 rubber. Buxton said he would look into the cost of doing one of those. Buxton asked about putting it
43 under the swings as well. Naegle also said that the child swing is still broken and that there should be a
44 replacement in the basement.

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46 *Water* - Fisher said that they were working on possibly putting in a valve on the line 12200 North. They
47 have flushed the line to get fresh water in it. Mayor Leak said that he had complaints about the water
48 quality for a couple days after the flush but that it is good again. Fisher suggested that the town put a
49 valve on the line to be able to flush it every once and while. The water system is now in loop. Fisher and
50 Mayor Leak both commented that they have not seen any leaks since opening the line. Fisher also said
51 that it would be worth it to have a backup pump for the well, he said that it probably would not be a
52 problem to get someone to put one in in an emergency, but it could be hard to get one in time. Creech
53 suggested talking to CRS to size the new pump so that it can be interchangeable. Mayor Leak asked
54 Fisher to call Glens to find out what size the pump is so that it can be included in the bid when they bid
55 out for the SCADA system. Naegle asked if it was an expenditure that would need to be approved by the
56 council. Mayor Leak said that it would. Fisher asked if we should turn the insurance claim over to an
57 attorney. Creech said that it is moving along and that we are not there yet.

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59 **Old Business:**

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61 **Mayor's Report:** Mayor Leak talked to Mark Chandler from CRS and said that bids for the water project
62 are out and are due on the 12th. The master plan should hopefully be done by the end of the week. He
63 also said that everything is going well on the grants, and he will follow up with the CDBG. Naegle asked if
64 Mark has seen any interest in the job. Mayor Leak answered no. Fisher commented that we cannot close
65 on the Wangsgard property until it is surveyed. Mayor Leak asked Creech to contact the surveyor as well
66 as the title company.

67 Mayor Leak said that Smithfield, Lewiston, and Richmond have withdrawn from the county solid waste
68 consortium. He said that he needs council approval to publicly withdraw from the consortium as well.
69 He will need to send an official letter and send a copy to Richmond so Zion's Bank can have a record of
70 it. Naegle asked if Smithfield approached any other towns. Mayor Leak said that from what he

71 understands Smithfield is going to do their own thing. Creech asked if Mayor Leak felt good about
72 joining with Lewiston and Richmond. Mayor Leak said that he did and that the only thing he was a little
73 worried about was that the mayor from Richmond would push Cornish out, but that he doesn't think
74 that would happen. Mayor Leak asked Mayor Hall from Lewiston who is managing things as far as having
75 a backup truck and he was told that no one is managing it they just felt it would be smart to have a
76 backup. They are planning on only doing the side pickup trucks. Creech asked if Mayor Leak has talked to
77 Mayor Erickson from Richmond. Mayor Leak said that he has not talked to him directly, and that all his
78 communication has come through Mayor Hall. Buxton asked if there is any indication of what other
79 towns are doing. Mayor Leak said he did not know but that Richmond did not want to include Trenton.
80 Buxton said that he was not completely comfortable withdrawing without some contingencies if it
81 doesn't work out. Mayor Leak said that we will be included with Richmond and Lewiston and that we
82 just need to make it official. Fisher asked if Mayor Erickson says that they don't want Cornish who would
83 be in charge of that decision. Mayor Leak explained that it would be run like a company and Cornish
84 would own a portion of the company depending on how many pickups the town has. Richmond would
85 have the most pickups and would have the most control. Buxton asked if they had gotten cost estimates
86 back. Mayor Leak said they are still working on it. Naegle asked if there was an agreement. Mayor Leak
87 said that they would need a lawyer to write everything up. He also said that we could do a letter of
88 intention and that we could use the lawyer that Lewiston is using who would be familiar with all the
89 details. Creech said he would be more comfortable if he knew more about what the plans are so that he
90 can compare a contrast. Naegle commented that there hasn't been a meeting where Cornish is involved.
91 Mayor Leak said that from what he has heard about what the county is doing we would be better off
92 joining with Lewiston and Richmond. Naegle stated that he likes the idea that joining with Lewiston and
93 Richmond helps us be more independent. Creech asked what the timeline is. Mayor Leak said that there
94 isn't a set timeline but that we need to let them know what our intentions are. Mayor Leak has been
95 careful not to make any commitments before meeting with the council. Buxton asked if it would be
96 possible to have a meeting with all three Mayors before the next council meeting. Mayor Leak said that
97 it would. Buxton asked what our initial financial investment would need to be and if people who are just
98 outside town borders would be included. Dale Buxton said that he pays his garbage bill directly to the
99 county. Mayor Leak explained what the situation is with Logan City not providing garbage pickup and
100 the options that Cornish has been looking at. Dale asked if Cornish is planning on starting a company for
101 garbage pickup. Mayor Leak explained that Cornish would partner with Lewiston and Richmond and
102 have a truck or two that would be stored in Richmond. He stated that Cornish would only have to pay
103 the bill. Dale asked how many other municipalities have that kind of arrangement and that most cities
104 and towns use a private company to do it house by house. He also asked if Cornish, Lewiston and
105 Richmond are going to form an entity to manage the process. Mayor Leak said that we are and that we
106 would own a percentage of the business. Dale asked where they are planning on dumping the garbage.
107 Mayor Leak said that Mayor Daines from Logan has committed to letting us dump at the landfill but has
108 not committed to a price yet. Dale suggested that they do a work session to find out what the towns
109 exposure would be. He also stated that the cost is most likely going to go up. Mayor Leak said that no
110 matter what we do it is going to cost more. Dale commented that the more people you could get the
111 less it will cost. Mayor Leak said that it will not cost the town as much because we are so small. Dale
112 asked what would happen to the outliers who live in unincorporated areas. Mayor Leak and Naegle both
113 commented that it would not make sense for the county to drive all the way out here to pick up garbage
114 from three houses. Naegle stated that if things do not go well with Richmond and Lewiston later on that
115 we would most likely be able to ask to join one of the other towns around us that have something
116 established. Buxton asked why we are trying to form something instead of letting citizens do it on their
117 own. Creech commented that we do not have many companies around who are looking for business so

118 it doesn't make sense. Mayor Leak will meet with Mayor Erickson and Mayor Hall to get more
119 information such as how much money up front the town will have to pay, what percentage of the
120 company we will have, what type of contract would it be, and if they would be willing to pick up the few
121 unincorporated houses near Cornish, before making an official decision. Naegle stated that it would be
122 good to know what it would look like if we needed to exit the deal or for another town to enter. Creech
123 said that out of all the options, this is the one he feels most comfortable with. He does not feel like there
124 is a lot of risk financially. Mayor Leak said that he will set up a meeting with Mayor Hall and Mayor
125 Erickson and invite a couple of council members to join.

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129 **Citizen comments:** John Forsgren asked what the town is doing with the cement meter boxes. He said
130 that Joe brought them in from Logan City. He would like one to put in his ditch to pump out of. He said
131 that he is willing to pay for it. There is no record of the town having them. The council said that he could
132 have one.

133 Fisher made a motion to allow John to have one of the cement meter boxes. Buxton seconded.

134 Naegle – Aye; Creech – Aye; Buxton – Aye; Fisher – Aye; Leak - Aye

135 Dale Buxton asked who is inspecting new buildings for the town. Mayor Leak said that no one from the
136 town does any inspections and that all inspections are done by the county. Dale asked if there was
137 anyone who is making sure that everything is being done to code. Mayor Leak said that people who are
138 building must submit building plans that include setbacks, and we assume that they are going to abide
139 by what they submit. He also said that they have an agreement with the county that the county will
140 keep the town informed with inspections they do.

141 Naegle – Aye; Creech – Aye; Buxton – Aye; Fisher – Aye; Leak – Aye

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143 **Next Meeting:**

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145 **Bills:**

146 Total = \$4,725.96

147 Mayor Leak asked about the 24th celebration food and stamps. Creech asked why the internet bill was so
148 high. Lauren explained that they did not bill for three months because they did not have our information
149 and that they would not be charging us late fees. Mayor Leak asked what the water labs are. Fisher
150 explained that it was the testing that Bear River Health Department does every month.

151 Mayor Leak entertained a motion to pay the bills

- 152 Fisher - Motioned; Buxton – Seconded
- 153 Naegle – Aye; Creech – Aye; Buxton – Aye; Fisher – Aye; Leak - Aye
- 154 The bills passed unanimously.
- 155 **Adjourn:**
- 156 Mayor Leak entertained a motion to adjourn
- 157 Fisher – Motioned; Naegle - Seconded
- 158 Naegle – Aye; Creech – Aye; Buxton – Aye; Fisher – Aye; Leak - Aye
- 159 Ended at 8:21 p.m.