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In the month of February, we had our two regular council meetings and a special meeting to interview candidates for the position of city recorder assistant. In the month of March, we plan to have only one regular meeting on the second Thursday. The Planning Commission and EDC (Economic Development Committee) have agreed to meet then to allow the council to schedule a budget work meeting on the fourth Thursday.

News by Departments:

Administration: Roberta McClanahan presented a resolution at our 2/8 meeting to increase the efficiency of our meetings. The resolution called for limiting department reports to ten minutes, business from the audience presentations to five minutes. Each department head will provide the city recorder with a written report, requisitions for procurement, etc. 72 hours prior to the first monthly meeting. ♣ This will allow a information packet to be given to each council person 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting. Emergency situations will occur, allowing for variance to this requirement. Members of the community who have a request for consideration could also submit a written request to be included in the packet. A form for this will soon be created and will be available at the city hall. I learned that we already have "Complaint forms" at the city hall. I shall soon review these forms to see if they need to be updated. If a person has a concern or complaint, one of these forms can be completed and given to the council for consideration/action..

We had three highly qualified candidates for the city recorder assistant position. Sandra Boyd was selected. Our thanks to Melonie

Smeltz and Vicki Jolliffe for submitting applications. The position is very part-time. The position is meant to be a backup to the city recorder for vacation and in the case of illness. As you will recall, the city recorder and treasurer positions are both elected positions per our town charter. Both Bobbie and Anne, our treasurer, have unofficially told me they do not intend to run for re-election this November. If we have any interested candidates, sometime this spring (I think May) it will be the time to pick up signature cards to get your name on the ballot. I shall confirm this info next month.

Steve Harvey, our Commissioner of Public Works resigned as Commissioner in February. We will select a new council person for this role in March. Steve found that this role was too time consuming in his already busy schedule. Bob Cool resigned his council position effective the day of our special meeting. The mayor, and each council position are volunteer positions. We receive no salary, or expense accounts. The job is time consuming, and sometimes thankless. I want to personally thank Bob for his volunteer time. We shall be posting a recruitment for a new council person after approval at our first meeting in March.

We have three positions that will be up for re-election this fall. The position vacated by Bob Cool is one of them. Please consider joining the council to be involved and help better our community. Council persons must be town residents. The Planning Commission does allow for a member from our community-at-large. If I recall correctly, one must reside within five miles of town. If you are interested, talk with Pete Vorbeck. The Planning Commission meets the Tuesday before the first council meeting of the month. The Planning Commission will make a recommendation to the council for a

