



SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

1777 N Meadowlark Dr, Apple Valley
Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at 6:00 PM

MINUTES

Mayor | Frank Lindhardt |

Council Members | Andy McGinnis | Barratt Nielson | Kevin Sair | Robin Whitmore |

CALL TO ORDER- Mayor Lindhardt called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRAYER- Prayer offered by Council Member Whitmore.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Frank Lindhardt

Council Member Kevin Sair

Council Member Robin Whitmore

Council Member Barratt Nielson

ABSENT

Council Member Andy McGinnis

DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None declared.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION

1. EMS Sales Tax Proposal, Resolution-R-2023-19.

Jesse Barlow is present in Chief Kevin Barlow's stead to review information presented in the Agenda packet. Funding was discussed and this bill lets Washington County start collecting the essential services taxes. We are asking for this tax so Apple Valley can participate. The cities/towns can opt in or opt out. The tax rate is the same throughout the county. Hildale City is paramedic level and has been providing services since the 90s including Apple Valley. It is becoming harder to find volunteers. Hildale City taxpayers are subsidizing. It was calculated that Apple Valley is \$280 per call and if we paid our people, we would be subsidizing \$1300 per call. The way it works with fire is mutual aid agreement providing service as a good neighbor. We are asking Apple Valley to opt in. Roughly through our ambulance billing, state legislature sets the rate. Medicare and Medicaid is getting paid 33% of what we bill. We have been subsidizing and collecting under 40%. We are in a desperate situation here. We can get into different ways that Apple valley can provide the services, no less than \$500,000 for 1 ambulance service with staff. Discussed sticker price on ambulance that Colorado City is under contract with was \$362,000 plus additional fee and total \$442,000. As a district service FY2021-2022, we responded to 1097 calls and 10% were in Apple Valley limits. Documents reviewed present in the Agenda packet that were provided from the Utah State tax Commission. 11.9 million in sales that we can tax. Money collected has to be used for emergency medical services. Distribution was discussed amongst the Council. If you don't opt in then you don't get the tax.



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Fire Chief Michael Gross discussed we are obligated to have contracted EMS services. Campaign effort vs educational opportunity was discussed. Quick response unit was discussed. EMTs trained was discussed. The goal was discussed to have a group of EMT's and have a transport capability in the future. They are great neighbors and we are lucky to have them. Mayor Lindhardt commented that the free ride is over and we need to participate.

MOTION: Council Member Whitmore motioned that we approve Resolution number R-2023-19, Resolution Requesting The Washington County Commission To Enact Up To 1% Sales Tax For The Provision Of EMS For The Town Of Apple Valley.

SECOND: The motion was seconded by Council Member Sair.

VOTE: Mayor Lindhardt called for a Roll Call vote:

Council Member Sair - Aye
Council Member Whitmore - Aye
Council Member Nielson - Aye
Mayor Lindhardt - Aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Nielson motioned to adjourn the meeting.

SECOND: The motion was seconded by Council Member Sair.

VOTE: Mayor Lindhardt called for a vote:

Council Member Sair - Aye
Council Member Whitmore - Aye
Council Member Nielson - Aye
Mayor Lindhardt - Aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.



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Date Approved: 6/21/23

Approved BY: [Signature]
Mayor | Frank G. Lindhardt

Attest BY: [Signature]
Town Clerk-Recorder | Jenna Vizcardo

