Town of Bethlehem Council meeting Dec.4, 2023

Present: Mayor Sandy McNab; Councilmen, Eric Dailey, Doug Koestel, Tommy Buchanan and Scott Morgan; Clerk, Kathy Bridges; Attorney Thomas Mitchell

Visitors: Beth Buchanan, Jerry and Sharon Johnson, Chris Lelle, Jerome Morton

The meeting opened at 7 p.m. with the public hearing on the budget and the adoption of the Unified Development code and zoning map.

The regular meeting commenced with a motion to approve the November minutes by Scott Morgan, a second by Eric Dailey and a unanimous vote.

The budget resolution passed with a motion by Scott Morgan, a second by Eric Dailey and a unanimous vote.

The council discussed the UDC/zoning map ordinance noting several mistakes on the zoning map. The attorney suggested extending the moratorium until Jan. 16 in order to facilitate further study and improvement of the comprehensive plan future land use map, the UDC, zoning map and development regulations governing development in the town. Eric Dailey made the motion to extend the moratorium, Scott Morgan seconded the motion, and it passed by unanimous vote.

The special election ordinance passed with a motion by Tommy Buchanan, a second by Eric Dailey and a unanimous vote.

The council discussed town employee bonuses. Doug Koestel made a motion to award both employees \$350. Eric Dailey seconded the motion, Scott Morgan voted yes, and Tommy Buchanan was opposed.

Doug Koestel made a motion to buy the \$150,000 12-month CD offered by OZ Bank at 5.3% interest. Eric Dailey seconded the motion and the motion was carried unanimously.

Tommy Buchanan made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10.