



# Bryce Canyon City

## Town Council Meeting

June 4th, 2015  
10:00 A.M.  
70 W 100 N

**Attending:** Mayor Shiloh Syrett, Bryce Syrett, Gary Syrett, Mike Stevens, Nick Pollock, Cherrie Tebbs, Jean Seiler, Sydney Syrett. Many concerned citizens from the area. Paul Hancock-Powell District Manager, Chett Hatch-Powell District.

### 1. Welcome

- A. Pledge
- B. Prayer - Jean Seiler

**2. Approval of Minutes from 5/21/15:** Motion to approve made by Gary 2nd by Mike Bryce, Yes

**3. Adopt the agenda for 6/4/15:** Add Paul Hancock-District manager to 4.A.1. Motion to approve with addition made by Bryce, 2nd Gary Mike Yes

Nick Pollock and Cherrie Tebbs joined meeting

### 4. Other Business

**A.1.** Paul Hancock-Powell District Manager: gave up date on Dave's Hollow plan. Weather conditions favorable per Mr. Hancock. Within two hours on Wed they had met the goal of 2000 acres. Thursday plans of 100 acres less to do clean up work. Chett Hatch will cover questions. Merilee Mecham - Are grazing permits are allowed in area, yes. Did they know of the marathon? - Powell District did have contact with Marathon coordinator that will be here in area this week. Marathon coordinator was supportive of burn. Jeanne Shakespeare- concerned about health concerns. Do monitors really work? Mr. Hancock fell through on providing monitors in Tropic and Bryce Canyon City. Complaints can be made to the State of Utah concerning smoke concerns. They have to approve all burns before they proceed. Gayle Pollock-are there other options, many health concerns in Tropic and surrounding area, is smoke to blame? Logging used to happen in area. Mr. Hancock- NEPA process addresses concerns. Shauna Anderson- campers at Ruby's have demanded refunds. Other businesses have had same issues. The State does not have funding to compensate for loss. Jim England - feels Powell district doesn't care about residence. Many health concerns. Mr. Hancock, Dave's Hollow District will not be burned again for many years, however other areas up there still need it. Claire Ramsay - Former Garfield County Commissioner concerned with farming. Burns always happen during busy season. County has complained and felt they were ignored. He recommends going to senators and voicing concerns cause it won't be heard at this level. Tourists save up their whole life to take a trip to this area, trips have been ruined. Jeanne Shakespeare-water concerns with Tropic reservoir with run off from burn areas. Do burns happen in larger populated areas? Annette Chynoweth - do they have to do the other burns? Now they have a fire line with Dave's Hollow burn. Can it be done in winter? All depends on weather. Mr. Hancock, yes other fires need to happen in Ahlstrom Hollow etc. Mike Burbidge - doesn't want fires in area. Gayle Pollock/Merrilee Mecham - will we have a Down Winders" situation again? Bridge Fire mishap - leaders were on top of weather conditions and still got out of control. With this fire, locals have lost confidence in local Forest service leaders. Look into other options and listen to locals who don't feel they have a voice. Mr. Hancock, hears the concerns and wants to work with locals. Hayley Pollock - objectives haven't address health concerns. Susan Thompson - will a report be made on our healths concerns. Mr Hancock will file a complaint with his supervisor. Jean Seiler - we were notified of fire,

however doesn't feel we had a perspective on how big this would really be. Nick Pollock - would you do anything different in future? Mr. Hancock - probably add monitors, which would have confirmed how bad the smoke impact would have been. Do we have to file a state of emergency when every time there is a burn? Gary Syrett- with road closures its the same situation locals don't have any input and would like a voice. News briefings are a public forum. Ron Harris - EPA and division of air quality look at the small numbers of residence here and aren't concerned with the low numbers. Why aren't there burns in larger populated areas? Approx 4000 individuals just in the Bryce area last night alone. If someone had influence over burns they wouldn't happen here. Ruby's thankful for protecting the property however can we look at other options. Mr. Hancock, says they are listening. He is sorry about impact. They did change plan to include aerial ignition to do burns to speed up process. Willing to accept any suggestions. Riley Roberts - thankful for meeting, we understand however would like to see more in helping our cause. Mr. Hancock hasn't given any hopes for change. Health and safety are big concerns. We didn't request help. Nothing will change. People need to be the concern. David Tebbs - Current Garfield County Commissioner, County doesn't support burns currently nor in past. Bryce Canyon City voices the most concern about burns, and will continue to voice concerns. Agrees forest needs to be managed. Logging trucks are in area, wants to see more. County working on strategy to have our voice heard as citizens. Look at local management plans and get things figured out. There are still representatives in the lobby of Ruby's Inn if any further questions.

**A. Selective Services Board member-Follow up:** Rod Syrett agreed to be a member. His name will be submitted.

**B. Donation to BV Track Team:** Meal for State 153.00, approved for donation made by Mike, 2nd Nick, Cherrie Yes, Gary Yes, Bryce yes

**C. Bike Rack:** Jean - we weren't successful in grand funding. Should we do a simpler rack? Need to address bike issues. Do we want to buy the racks if they go on Ruby's Inn property? Maybe have some at the park. Jean will talk with Ruby's about their areas.

## 5. General Plan

### 1. Capital Improvements

#### 1. Roads

##### A. Main Street -

**A. Curb & Landscaping -Jean: (Main Street Phase 2)** Jean has paperwork on bid. He will get those out.

**B. Paving a Small portion of Center Street and Main Street:** work is complete. Have Fred come in next meeting.

**C. Ruby's Street Sign and Town Property:** working on agreement.

**D. Main street Enhancement Phase 2:** Discussed in Main street A.

**B. Damage from Snow Plow:** Leave on for future.

**2. Town Park:** Shiloh working on the other two basket ball hoops. Do we need to look elsewhere if too busy?

**3. Cemetery:** Tim sent plans out. Cost estimate was \$5853.00. Scott Mason will be here tomorrow, may do another estimate for us.

**4. Shuttle Building: Jean - working on painting**

**5. Recreational facility:** Nick, working with Jone's and DeMille on costs. Making adjustments to plans. Shiloh has bids on fencing to block of weight room.

### 2. Planning Commission-Gary Syrett, no discussion

## 6. Financial

A. Profit Loss/Balance Sheet/Budget Report (First Meeting of the Month)

B. Warrants-Mike: IRS \$ 72.86, All Seasons \$1155.00, Bryce Syrett \$153.97, Bulls Eye - \$176.00 Houston Sam \$198.00, South Central \$211.79, Zions Bank Credit Card \$36.28.

Motion to Approve warrants made by Gary. 2nd Nick

Mike Yes, Cherrie Yes, Bryce Yes.

### 7. Review Next Meetings Agenda:

## 8. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Nick 2nd by Cherrie

Gary Yes, Bryce Yes, Mike Yes