

## **Tropic Town Board Meeting**

Minutes of the Tropic Town Board Meeting  
Held May 10, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. in the Tropic Town Heritage Center

**PRESENT:** Mayor WaLon Brinkerhoff **BOARD MEMBERS:** Jim England, Doug Ahlstrom, Shilo Richard and Michael Burbidge. Marie Niemann - Tropic Town Clerk & Sydney Syrett – Tropic Town Treasurer.

**OTHERS:** Sheriff Perkins, Sargent Benjamin Cox, Gaia Greenhalgh, Brett Chynoweth, Raymond Brinkerhoff, Jessica and Maren Stewart, Kim and Katie Stewart, Irene Von Brockdorff, Vicki and Elizabeth Ahlstrom, Alfred Foster, Skyler Syrett, and Shawn Williams.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor WaLon Brinkerhoff

**PLEDGE:** Sheriff Perkins

**APPROVAL OF MINTUES:** A motion was made by Doug Ahlstrom to approve the minutes of the Tropic Town Board Meeting held April 19, 2012. Second by Jim England - Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES:** A motion was made by Doug Ahlstrom to approve the minutes from the Public Hearing amending the 2011-2012 Budget. Second by Jim England – Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** A motion was made by Doug Ahlstrom to approve the agenda with the addition of approving the public hearing minutes. Second by Jim England – Motion carried.

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### **THE COMMUNITY**

Garfield County Sheriff: Sheriff Perkins and Sargent Ben Cox – Highway Patrol- was in attendance to follow up on issues and concerns of the Tropic Town Council. There has been a change in the patrolling section boundaries, being covered 24/7 are: Garfield, Piute, Sevier, Sanpete, and Wayne; no longer tied in with Cedar City/Iron County. Concerns were expressed: Dogs at large, speeding, the need to monitor through traffic. Irene Von Brockdorff asked about possibly lowering the speed limit; it was reported that speed studies have been performed and the speed limits are set as calculated by UDOT. Discussed the possibility of moving the 40 mph speed limit sign further out; Doug will check with UDOT on the possibility of relocating the sign. Council recognized, as do others, the additional patrolling being done in the area; and is appreciated.

Entrance Sign Contest: Many entries were submitted; Doug reported that the judging was based on artistic and written ideas by a committee of community members. Winners are as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> Place \* Katie Stewart, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place to Maren Stewart, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place to Hallie LeFevre.

Duck Race: Mayor Brinkerhoff was approached by Annette Chynoweth to arrange for the donation of hotdogs/hamburgers through Nicholas Food Services. He reported that Ferrell stated that Nicholas Company has a set budget on donating and his was spent on the Fireman's dinner.

### **PLANNING COMMISSION**

Alfred Foster: An adjustment to the number of cabins was presented for the Town's re-approval. Previous layout of Mr. Foster's commercial development had ten-(10) cabins; due to a change in having the office in their home, Alfred and Toni would like to add one-(1) additional 12x 16 ft. cabin to use as the office. There is no water/sewer connection needed, only power; and will have four-(4) anchors every 4-feet and will be ADA approved.

The office cabin will be relocated during Phase II; which phase includes the construction of the gas/goodie/carwash, etc. A motion was made by Jim England approve the additional cabin for Alfred and Toni Foster, which cabin will be used as an office. Second by Shilo Richards – Motion carried.

WaLon Brinkerhoff: Mr. Brinkerhoff also had submitted an adjustment to his commercial development; WaLon would like to add a porch to his home, which would make it more cohesive and unified with the three cabins currently under construction on the same property. A motion was made by Doug Ahlstrom to approve the porch addition to Mr. Brinkerhoff's home. Second by Jim England – Motion carried.

Jeff Eaton: Skyler reported that Mr. Eaton would like to add a garage to his home; which is located at 181 North 400 West. All setbacks and requirements were in order. A motion was made by Doug Ahlstrom to approve a building permit for a garage addition to Jeff Eaton – Second by Shilo Richards. Motion carried.

## **WATER/SEWER**

Irene Von Brockdorff: A leak was discovered and repaired on Irene's culinary water line; she would like the Council to afford her the same benefit as others in her situation, which is that the Town would ½ the bill if the leak is taken care of in a timely manner. A motion was made by Doug to reduce the water portion of the bill in half. Second by Jim England. Motion carried.

Waste Water: Brett approached the Council regarding the issue of septic tank disposal. Being that the 4<sup>th</sup> cell is dry, would like to council to consider using this as a septic tank disposal. By allowing septic services to deposit here, would reduce the amount residents are charged and bring revenue to the sewer fund. Mayor Brinkerhoff and Council discussed the materials needed and to calculate how to charge, etc. Marie reported that in the sewer ordinance it does not allow septic materials in the sewer lagoon; verification of this information will be done and if so, a resolution will be need to amend this section of the ordinance. A motion was made by Shilo to amend the sewer ordinance to allow the depositing of septic system into the 4<sup>th</sup> cell of the lagoon. Second by Doug Ahlstrom – Motion carried.

Water Connections: Discussed meter connection procedures, once the meter/connection is requested and paid; the connection is installed. Brett reported on the water/sewer connection for Mayor Brinkerhoff's cabins, stating the meter will be changed out and the piping will be left as is; will be billed at a commercial rate. Sewer line will be connected to the already existing line to his home, no new sewer connection will be needed; will also be billed as a commercial connection.

Sewer Extension Project: A public hearing will be held following town board to discuss the location of the pipe; in order to not have a lift station the line would need to go through Reed and Travis LeFevre's property. Gaia reported she talked with them and are against it. Brett reported that the other option is to have a lift station and go around his property. It was reported that LeFevre's may be willing to negotiate; Council needs to meet with them and other property owners to secure the right-of-ways for this project. After much discussion, there was much that could be eliminated from 935 North.

## **ROADS/STREETS**

Construction of the parking lot is underway. Doug has contacted Brian Bremner regarding the County's assistance in the road projects. Cost to chip seal with a double lift on a gravel road is \$50,000 a mile. The road fund currently has \$57,000; with \$30,000 of it going to the parking lot. It is not in this year's budget. It was suggested that a portion of each road be done; Brett stated the road chips out more quickly when done this way. It was reported that Henrieville has the County do all its roads, giving them their B&C Road funds. Mayor asked Doug to check into contracting with the County; each community should have access to the same services as the next. Roads to be chip sealed: 1250 North, 550 North, 250 West, and 50 South - Stone Canyon Inn.

Sidewalk: Doug reported that the bid from Larry Rose was \$8,470 a block, this is not including materials. He also reported that Thompsons would not bid because they are supplying the materials; didn't think it was fair to the other contractors. Doug was asked to follow up with other bids; review what funds is available after the duck race fundraiser. Town would like to do one more block this year. Jim continues to be question the Town's ability to financial funding of the project.

## **PARK**

Baseball Complex/Fields: Council made the decision to switch the sprinkling system at the ball diamond from culinary to irrigation water; after doing so it was reported that the pump is not handling the demand, a larger pump is needed. It was explained that though conserving the culinary water, the power bill will increase tremendously.

Council discussed the need to raise funds for the baseball complex; Shilo reported a fundraiser is underway with Ruby's Inn donating a gun and Clarke's donating a barbecue and other miscellaneous items. It was also suggested that a special service district be formed; having a representative from each community forming a board where taxes would be collected and the maintenance and daily operations would be done. Mayor Brinkerhoff expressed that the Town cannot continue to fund the baseball diamond by its self. A baseball meeting has been scheduled for the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

No Report

## **DEVELOPMENT/COMMUNITY PROGRESS**

It was reported that in the engineering of the parking lot, the small section on the South side doors and 5 feet from the fence line on the East were not included in the design. There was much discussion on possible options and why did the engineers exclude these sections. Another meeting will be held to discuss this and other issues.

## **WARRANTS/FINANCIALS**

Sydney reviewed the warrants; she is in the process of preparing the 2012/2013 budget and strongly encouraged the Council to not spend any money.

There has been a \$20,000 decline in the amount of money received from transient taxes from 2006, businesses are not paying their share of taxes; the issue has been given to the County attorney. Every county in the State of Utah is charged 3%; Garfield County charge 4.25% \* 1.25% Resort tax plus the 3% = 4.25%. Garfield County keeps 25% of the 3% collect.

A motion was made by Doug Ahlstrom to approve the warrants – Second by Jim England. Motion carried.

## **EMPLOYEE REPORT**

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

FCCLA: Three high school students Elizabeth Ahlstrom, Dakota Stevens and Tyerah Tebbs competed in the FCCLA \* Family, Career and Community Leaders of America and won. They have been given the opportunity to compete in the national convention in Orlando Florida in July. Ms. Ahlstrom was in attendance to request a financial contribution to assist them in attending the convention; the cost of each student in \$1,300. As in the past, Council would like those recipients to "give back", asking the young ladies to render some community service; Elizabeth express appreciation and would be happy to "give back" to her community.

A number of tasks are needed assisting from organizing books in the Library outside ground maintenance at the Heritage Center; Sydney and Gaia were asked that they arrange for these girls a project, to be completed before they leave in July. A motion was made by Shilo Richards to support each student with \$100 – Second by Jim England. Motion carried. Sydney asked that the donation of the \$300 be given in June when funds will be available.

South Central Communication: An application was submitted to place a new 2,500 feet fiber optic cable from Hwy12 and 200 North and turning down the east side of 100 east until it leaves the town's boundaries. Brett has been involved with the planning in placing the line, to avoid other utility lines in town.

## **ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Doug Ahlstrom to adjourn – Second by Jim England. Motion carried.

Approved this 14 day of June 2012

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Marie H. Niemann – Tropic Town Clerk