

Tropic Town Council Meeting

Minutes of the Tropic Town Board Meeting
Held January 12, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Tropic Town Heritage Center

PRESENT: Mayor WaLon Brinkerhoff **BOARD MEMBERS:** Jason Bybee, Travis LeFevre, Dennis Pollock and Brook Wiseman. Marie Niemann – Tropic Town Clerk & Sydney Syrett – Tropic Town Treasurer.

OTHERS: Bob Sudweeks, Kaden Ramsay, Amanda Johnson, Falyn Owens, Joe Thompson, Deanna Moore, Chad & Mindy Grimshaw, Danny Brinkerhoff, Lance Syrett & Katie Parkin

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor WaLon Brinkerhoff

PRAYER: Joe Thompson

PLEDGE: Chad Grimshaw

APPROVAL OF MINTUES: A motion was made by Jason Bybee to approve the minutes of the Tropic Town Board Meeting held November 10, 2016. Second by Travis LeFevre ~ Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: A motion was made by Travis LeFevre to approve the agenda. Second by Jason Bybee. Motion carried.

THE COMMUNITY

EMT Sponsorship: Amanda Johnson & Kaden Ramsay asked the Council for financial assistance in certifying as an EMT for Bryce Valley as part of the Garfield County Emergency Services. Contact/agreements were prepared outlining the conditions & requirements expected; serve at least 2 years and repayment of full sponsorship if failure to complete the course or certify. A motion was made by Jason Bybee for Tropic Town to pay full tuition of \$500 for Amanda Johnson & \$250 for Kaden Ramsay (Kaden received another donation) ~ Second by Dennis Pollock – Motion carried.

Panguitch Ice Fishing Tournament: Deanna Moore, Panguitch Main Street Committee Director, expressed appreciation for the Town's donation supporting the 2017 Ice Fishing Derby; that of two \$25 gift certificates from Sportsman's Warehouse. The event is in its third year and continues to gain support & participants throughout the state.

Travel Council: Falyn Owens gave the 2016 Year in Review for Garfield County Tourism, reporting tourism was up 37.4% (2,073,706 visitors) and tax revenue up 8%. The campaign theme "Take Your Time" focused on visitors exploring more of the area, than just Bryce Canyon National Park; along the same lines, the 2017 "day Trips for Days" campaign will encourage visitors to explore the many other adventures found in the area. Also, reported on the use of new software being used to monitor online rentals, ensuring taxes are being paid.

Business Proposal: Katie Parkin is fairly new to town and is amazed at the bounty the community experiences during the Fall; and feels there is an opportunity for locals to personally profit by selling their excess produce and other marketable items at a Farmer's Market. Katie discussed with the Council a few ideas and reported she has shared them with many of the locals; including possible how to make use of the heritage and conference center during tourist season; as well as the museums. Mayor and Council appreciate Katie's enthusiasm and encouraged her to meet with Falyn to discuss these ideas; working with the travel council and spearheading a committee.

Radiance Retreat: An invitation was extended to Chad & Mindy Grimshaw to discuss a number of concerns that have been expressed regarding their vacation rental business, issues that needed to be resolved before a business license could be issued; which includes operating without a license, incorrect online information, lack of communication and safety capacity. Council Member Jason Bybee explained renewal of business licenses are done in June; it wasn't until September that the renewal was received, for three months it was operating without a license, discussed the many attempts made to contact them. Mrs. Grimshaw apologized and explained the reason for not renewing in June was there was a possible buyer for the home, and possibly still is. Mindy verified that it cannot be sold as a business and the Council confirmed. Discussed the problem one resident is having, the information shown on google map is incorrect, leading renters to their home; which is causing major private and home intrusion issues; as well not returning or answering phone calls. Council member Dennis Pollock addressed another item the occupancy, online advertisement specifies it will hold 30 people; it was explained that this was built as a home, not a business. According to State fire & safety regulation the maximum is 16. After discussing actions needed to resolve the issues, a motion was made by Dennis Pollock to issue the business license; contingent that by April 1, 2017 the items discussed are resolved - Second by Brook Wiseman. Motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Joe Thompson ~ Storage Units: In 2009 a building permit application was reviewed and approved in the Parry Subdivision for 10 storage units; though the subdivision development failed, the property owned by Joe is intact. Before moving forward with construction plans, Joe wanted to verify the Council would reapprove the project. Council Member & Planning Commission liaison Dennis Pollock expressed approval; with the previous approval being out-of-date, the project will be resubmitted to the planning commission.

Bryce County Cabins: A resident inquiry was made to the County building inspector regarding construction activity at Bryce Country Cabins. Mr. Danny Brinkerhoff was present to report the work being done to their rental cabins was only maintenance and repairs; there is no new construction. It was noted that a building permit for maintenance are repairs is not required by the Council; unless the County Inspector requires one, no action was taken.

FINANCIAL/WARRANTS

With no town board meeting held in December, Sydney reported the financial activity for November & December of 2016. Two additional items needed action from the Board, that of donation to the high school basketball tournament programs and BV homecoming pageant – Upon finding all was in order a motion was made by Jason Bybee to approve the warrants and to contribute \$100 to both the basketball tournament and homecoming pageant – Second by Brook Wiseman. Motion carried.

Other Business:

Sydney reported changes in processing payroll; Tropic Town has enrolled in direct deposit.

The Water Quality Waste Water grant paper needs the Mayors' signature and notarization. It was misunderstood that Town Clerk Marie Niemann was a notary, notarization will be done at the bank; Council asked that Marie become certified as a notary.

CIB Planning Grant: Tropics' General Plan is outdated, the latest version was done in 1996, funding is available to bring it up-to-date; an electronic copy will be emailed to the Council for review before moving forward.

Elections: This is a municipal election year, up for re-election is Mayor and two-(2) council members; decision to hold the election by mail or traditional walk-in; follow-up will be made as to the cost and will need to be budgeted for.

CULINARY/SEWER

A home is vacant in the Bryce Meadows subdivision, water services be turn off until occupied and the \$100 deposit received.

ROADS/STREETS

No report

PARK/RECREATION

Brook is following up with the acid stain for the conference room flooring; will need to notify the dance groups of the change.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

No report

ANIMAL CONTROL

It was reported a dog was processed and placed in the kennel; after hearing the dog was locked up, the owner went and retrieved the dog. Council asked that locks be placed on the kennel; the release of the animals should not be done after work day hours or over the weekend; only during business hours. Notice re-stipulating the procedures, codes, fines and contact information for animal control will be reposted.

EMPLOYEE REPORT

With the recent snow fall and having Brett out-of-town for the day, snow removal was slow. The Council asked Bob to continue pursuing getting his CDL & Waste water certification.

Open house for Gaia Greenhalgh is set for Thursday, January 26 at 6 p.m. in the Heritage Center.

MAYOR'S REPORT

No Additional

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Jason Bybee to adjourn – Second by Dennis Pollock. Motion carried.

Approved this 9th day of February 2017
Marie H Niemann - Tropic Town Clerk