

Tropic Town Council Meeting

Minutes of the Tropic Town Board Meeting
Held September 21, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Tropic Town Heritage Center

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

OTHERS: Bob Sudweeks, Crystal Mortensen, Gwen Brinkerhoff, Jared Westhoff, Steve Lewis, Joe Thompson

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor WaLon Brinkerhoff

PRAYER: Crystal Mortensen

PLEDGE: Gwen Brinkerhoff

APPROVAL OF MINTUES: A motion was made by Dennis Pollock to approve the minutes of the Tropic Town Board Meeting held August 10, 2017. Second by Travis LeFevre. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: A motion was made by Travis LeFevre to approve the agenda with the addition of Joe Thompson. Second by Dennis Pollock. Motion carried.

THE COMMUNITY

Eagle Scout Projects: Two Eagle Scout projects were review and approved during Town Board meeting in August, but they were not listed on the agenda; as a formality the item was listed on September's agenda.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Cache Mortensen: A building permit application was reviewed and found in compliance with town code by the Planning commission and recommended to the Council for approval. A motion was made by Travis LeFevre to approve a building permit – Second Dennis Pollock. Motion carried.

Joe Thompson: A miscommunication as to the time of PC meeting was conveyed to Joe, which put him showing up after the meeting had adjourned. The purpose for his request to be on the agenda was to acquire information regarding vacation rentals. Bill and Nancy Crowl purchase property on Francisco Lane and received a building permit approval for a modular home; since then, their plans have changed and are serving an LDS mission and want to sell the property. The interested buyer would like to build a home and use it as a vacation rental part-time.

Discussion commenced with reviewing the STR ordinance, which does not allow vacation rentals in residential areas. It was noted that this trend took not just the Town by surprise, but other communities throughout the State. Having no guidelines to regulate or manage them, the ordinance was a temporary fix to address problems that were occurring within neighborhoods; until State Legislature addressed the issue for a better code. Council called for another public hearing on Thursday, October 12 at 5 pm prior to Town Board meeting to address the issue before making any changes to the ordinance. Marie reported after the meeting with David Church, that being the most compliant to the State Code, a copy of the South Ogden STR code was reviewed and the Tropic Code revised and sent to David Church for his recommendation and approval. Marie will follow up with Mr. Church so to have the revised code available for review and possible adoption.

FINANCIAL/WARRANTS

Action/Approval of the following items:

*Friends of Scouting: No

*Sponsorship of Tropic Town Banner at school gym; A motion was made by Dennis Pollock to approve \$100 – Second by Brook Wiseman. Motion carried.

EMS/Fire Department annual dinner will be Monday, September 25 at 6:30 pm at the Bryce Canyon City Fire Department.

A motion was made by Travis LeFevre to approve the warrants as presented. Second by Brook Wiseman – Motion carried.

CULINARY/SEWER

Jackson Engineering & EGI Management: Jared Westhoff, Steve Lewis and Steve Jackson were in attendance to once again discuss using Westech Sewer Treatment to clean the sewer lagoon, approving their project and receiving a credit or reimbursement of impact fees for the development. Information packet was available, which Steve Jackson reviewed with the Council. (see attached)

Mayor and Council re-emphasized that the Council was not going to make any decision regarding their project without first receiving the water & sewer studies.

ROADS/STREETS

Eugene King: As part of the road paving and drainage project culvert were installed in driveways to those who would like to have them; a number of problems have been brought to the Council's attention, such as one that was installed at Gwen Brinkerhoff's home. Gwen's driveway is wider than the 20ft culvert and only being able to access one side of her driveway; which has led to problems including tire damage. Travis reported that there are a number of requests that Larry Rose will need to revisit once the chip sealing is completed; assuring Gwen that her placement of the culvert will be looked into.

Road Project: Reviewing the project and funding, a request for additional funding has been made to the County to finish up the project. Council prioritized those roads remaining and agreed to the following: 2-foot double chip on each side of 100 North & 200 North, radius, and dead end streets; any remaining chips will be used on 250 West, Cemetery Rd, 400 East & 900 North. Project should be completed Monday.

Revisiting the culvert issues, the Council acknowledged others who have expressed concern; but as stipulated before, any additional culverts would be purchased by the owner with the Town installing them. It was also reported residents are already watering the roads; it was asked that a letter be drafted telling people to keep water off the roads.

PARKS/RECREATION

No Report

FIRE DEPARTMENT

No Report

EMPLOYEE REPORT

Bob reported passing the written CDL test; will be scheduling the driving section.

MAYOR'S REPORT

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Travis LeFevre to adjourn – Second by Dennis Pollock. Motion carried.

Approved this 12th Day of October 2017
Marie H Niemann – Tropic Town Clerk