

Tropic Town Council Meeting

Minutes of the Tropic Town Board Meeting
Held May 10, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Tropic Town Heritage Center

PRESENT: Mayor WaLon Brinkerhoff **BOARD MEMBERS:** Dennis Pollock, Brook Wiseman, Lisa Johnson and Kelly Shakespear. Marie Niemann – Tropic Town Clerk & Cassie Chynoweth – Tropic Town Treasurer.

OTHERS: Brett Chynoweth, Sandra Francisco, Reed LeFevre, Karleen McInelly, Travis LeFevre

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor WaLon Brinkerhoff

PRAYER: Cassie Chynoweth

PLEDGE: Reed LeFevre

APPROVAL OF MINTUES: A motion was made by Dennis Pollock to approve the minutes of the Tropic Town Board Meeting held April 12, 2018 - Second by Kelly Shakespear. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: A motion was made by Dennis Pollock to approve the agenda. Second by Lisa Johnson - Motion carried.

THE COMMUNITY

Sandra Francisco: Water overages alerted family to a water leak at EvaDean Francisco's home; the problem has been repaired. As in the past, the Council has adjusted the charge by half of the overages if taken care of in a timely manner. A motion was made by Dennis Pollock to adjust the water bill of Mrs. Francisco by half of the overages – Second by Lisa Johnson. Motion carried.

Half-Marathon: The annual Bryce Canyon Half-Marathon will be held July 14; preparations are underway with a request for sponsorship. A motion was made by Dennis Pollock to sponsor \$250 for the Bryce Canyon Half Marathon. Second by Brook Wiseman – Motion carried.

Garfield Memorial Hospital: A request to sponsor a Garfield Memorial Health Care Foundation Golf Tournament and Foundation Dinner was received. Questions as to this event vs. the Health Care Foundation Dinner previously held in the fall, to which the Town usually sponsors a table for \$150; Council asked Cassie to follow up.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Reed LeFevre: Building permit application was review and recommendation was given by the planning commission for the Council's approval of a pre-build 20 x 43 metal building for a work shop. No water or sewer services are required; setbacks were all found to be in order. A motion was made by Kelly Shakespear to approve a building permit – Second by Dennis Pollock. Motion carried.

Planning Committee Report: Annette Chynoweth and Travis LeFevre reviewed a number of topics discussed at the planning committee meeting, which included a State business audit, collection of a municipal tax, water conservation notice in motels, w/s rate increase, culinary water vs. irrigation water being used at the baseball complex, additional cell service carriers. Annette also reported she has asked the office personnel to research the Town's Well, its funding, cost to use – pumping, filtering, etc., manpower/maintenance, water testing, water temperature, etc.; encouraged the Council to begin collecting funds now rather than later to fix the lagoon issue.

Discussion continued with a report of the planning committee survey supporting a rate increase to address the w/s issues, along with support of some residential and economical growth – how much. It was noted that growth affects not just the w/s services, but also roads, schools, law enforcement, all aspects of a community.

Travis reported receiving a piece of hate mail that expressed frustration regarding w/s connection issue. As planning commission chair, Travis asked the Council for direction; what is the Council's decision is on reselling and transferring of w/s connections; recommending Residential for Residential, Commercial for Residential, and Commercial for Commercial; but NOT Residential for Commercial. Travis also addressed the need of information to answer questions relating to agenda items, prior to planning commission meeting; asking for office personnel to research Town code, finding and having the answers to address questions set before them. Discussion included the appeals process and allowing those who feel unjustly served the opportunity for their issue go be reviewed by another board/person/group.

Karleen McNelly: The council was asked to revisit the rezone of Ahlstrom Subdivision. Rather than rezoning the property to RRC, would like it to be zoned Residential allowing multiple housing units. A public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, May 30 at 6:00 p.m.

FINANCIAL/WARRANTS

Cassie reviewed the Town's financial activity; all was found to be in order. Also a change to accessing the Town's bank accounts was updated; Lisa Johnson and Cassie will be listed on the PTIF accounts, notarized by Marie. A motion was made by Dennis Pollock to approve the warrants as given. Second by Kelly Shakespear – Motion carried.

A review of the Mountain Alarm system updated the Town contact list. Listing included Bob, Brett Marie, Cassie and Brook.

CULINARY/SEWER

Moratorium Ordinance: A draft of the Moratorium ordinance was available for review; changes and additions were recommended and will be applied for review and adoption in June.

Master Meter(s): Discussion commenced with the Council reviewing the number of meters Stone Canyon Inn has, as well as the Town's liability of the pump station. With the changes and additions within the Stone Canyon Inn compound, there is some confusion as to what meters were used for what project. In talking with Riley, there was concern as to the allotted gallons; would the allotment be reduced being that 12,000 gallons is allotted with each meter. The task to research the minutes was given to identify connections, verify billing and make adjustments if needed.

This led to a discussion on how unbalanced the charges for water and sewer services are, should be accounted the same; sewer should be billed the same sewer.

ROADS/STREETS

Elementary School Sidewalk: Update discussed; also having Larry Rose return to replace sections torn up during the road project. Upon further discussion, it was clear that it was better to move on rather than contacting Larry; Brett and Bob can frame up the section and lay what cement is needed.

PARKS/RECREATION

Discussed the future of the scout house; restore or tear it down. There is talk on construction of a new senior center; this could be a possible location for the BV senior citizen.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Comments addressed the fire department's budget; make adjustments allocating money to the Town's equipment needs. Brook expressed thoughts for Bryce Canyon, BLM and other communities contributing to supporting Fire/Rescue/EMS.

ANIMAL CONTROL

EMPLOYEE REPORT

Report of Bryce Canyon National Park water system being shut down due to contamination caused by Prairie Dogs located within the water source.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Reviewed employee project list, which included: installation of a Master meter at Stone Canyon Inn, replacement lights needed on the Veteran's Memorial, and repairs needed to the Bowery.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Brook Wiseman to move into Executive Session – Second by Dennis Pollock.

Executive Session

Council discussed employee benefits and other personnel items.

A motion was made by WaLon Brinkerhoff to return to Town Board meeting and adjourn – Second by Kelly Shakespear. Motion carried.

Approved this 14th day of June 2018
Marie H Niemann – Tropic Town Clerk