

Tropic Town Council Meeting

Minutes of the Tropic Town Board Meeting
Held October 17, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. in the Tropic Town Heritage Center

PRESENT: Mayor WaLon Brinkerhoff **BOARD MEMBERS:** Brook Wiseman, Lisa Johnson; Kelly Shakespear was excused. Marie Niemann – Tropic Town Clerk & Dayne Shakespear – Tropic Town Treasurer.

OTHERS: Clay Wagstaff, Sheree Garrett, Cottages at Bryce Canyon

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor WaLon Brinkerhoff

PRAYER: Dayne Shakespear

PLEDGE: Mayor Brinkerhoff

VISION STATEMENT: Marie Niemann

APPROVAL OF MINTUES: A motion was made by Brook Wiseman to approve the minutes of the Tropic Town Board Meeting held September 19, 2019. Second by Lisa Johnson. Voting was unanimous with Council persons Brook and Lisa voting “aye”. Mayor abstained.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: A motion was made by Brook Wiseman to approve the agenda. Second by Lisa Johnson. Voting was unanimous with Council persons Brook and Lisa voting “aye”. Mayor abstained.

THE COMMUNITY

Sheree Garrett: The office received a call regarding zoning and permitted uses. For about six-(6) weeks Sheree and neighboring property owners have peacocks roosting, feeding and causing damage to vehicles and properties. Owners of the animals have been contacted, having little action being taken. Mayor Brinkerhoff and the Council directed Dayne to follow up with the owners and to assist if needed to help catch/remove the peacocks; if not taken care of, the next step would be for Sheree to contact law enforcement. Katie Parkin offered another suggestion to contact Best Friends or Hogo Zoo to see if they would be interested in having them.

Katie Parkin: “Just Serve” a community beautification service was discussed with the Council. It is an online service to link communities with volunteers to assist in community improvement projects. Appreciation was expressed for the interest Katie has in the Town, asking if she would be interested in spearheading a project – Mayor reported the Town has a Spring Clean-up week and this type of service would be welcomed.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Cottages at Bryce Canyon: A building permit application for 12 x 20 ft. laundry room was submitted for approval. Laundry service has been done from the vacation rental “Bybee Nest” and is not adequate for both “Bybee Nest” and “Cottages at Bryce Canyon” businesses.

The moratorium on new connections was explained. A discussion commenced on the need for a new water/sewer connection; being this is a new structure. As has been with other approved projects, a new water/sewer connection was required. A motion was made by Brook to table the project until further discussion could be received from absent Council members. Second by Lisa Johnson - Voting was unanimous with Council persons Brook and Lisa voting “aye”. Mayor abstained.

Clay Wagstaff: Application to remodel an existing dormer-(window), converting it to a gable dormer-(window); expanding an existing attic closet storage space into useable floor space with increase standing room (36 sq. ft.) Discussed electrical work and if Commercial requirements needed to be followed; Jared will determine this when Clay applies for the permit. A motion was made by Brook Wiseman for approval – Second by Lisa Johnson. Voting was unanimous with Council persons Dennis, Brook and Lisa voting “aye”. Mayor abstained.

FINANCIAL/WARRANTS

A review of the Town’s financial expenses; all were found to be in order. A motion was made by Brook Wiseman to approve the warrants. Second by Lisa Johnson. Voting was unanimous with Council persons Brook and Lisa voting “aye”. Mayor abstained.

Water Overages: Details of two-(2) water leaks were discussed; a rereading of the meters was made, which showed there was a leak. In one case, the repair was delayed. A motion was made by Brook Wiseman to reduce the water bills, consumer paying ½ of the water overage; and having no repeat offenses - Second by Lisa Johnson. Voting was unanimous with Council persons Brook and Lisa voting “aye”. Mayor abstained.

CULINARY/WATER

Water/Sewer Connection Ordinance: A motion was made Brook Wiseman to move into the Public Hearing to discuss and received public input. Second by Lisa Johnson. Voting was unanimous with Council persons Dennis, Brook and Lisa voting “aye”. Mayor abstained.

PUBLIC HEARING

A motion was made by Dennis Pollock to close the public hearing and return to town board meeting. Kevin and Jeanne Shakespeare were in attendance and upon receiving information regarding history and purpose of the ordinance, the motion was made by Dennis Pollock to adopt the Water/Sewer Ordinance with the following changes: Title change to “Utility Ordinance” and to include the Water/Sewer billing scale. Second by Lisa Johnson. Voting was unanimous with Council persons Dennis, Brook and Lisa voting “aye”. Mayor abstained.

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Cottages at Bryce Canyon building permit: Council member Dennis Pollock arrived and Mayor Brinkerhoff updated Mr. Pollock on the discussion(s) thus far in Town Board meeting. After further discussion and receiving input from Dennis, a motion was made by Brook to approve a building permit; with no additional w/s connection needed. This decision was based on there is no additional demand and the laundry facility is only for private business use. Second by Lisa Johnson. Voting was unanimous with Council persons Dennis, Brook and Lisa voting “aye”. Mayor abstained.

ADJOURN

Noting the late start of Town Board meeting and holding the public hearing, Mayor Brinkerhoff reviewed the remaining agenda items asking the Council if there were any additional information needing to be discussed; and upon having nothing further to report the Motion was made by Brook Wiseman to adjourn. Second by Lisa Johnson. Voting was unanimous with Council persons Dennis, Brook and Lisa voting “aye”. Mayor abstained.

Approved this 14th day of November 2019
Marie H Niemann – Tropic Town Clerk