

## **Tropic Town Council Meeting**

Minutes of the Tropic Town Board Meeting  
Held July 9, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Tropic Town Heritage Center

**PRESENT:** Mayor WaLon Brinkerhoff **BOARD MEMBERS:** Jason Bybee, Travis LeFevre; Mike Burbidge and Shilo Richards excused. Marie Niemann – Tropic Town Clerk & Sydney Syrett – Tropic Town Treasurer.

**OTHERS:** Gaia Greenhalgh, Brett Chynoweth, Bob Sudweeks, Terral Dunn, Lance Syrett, Cary Deccio, Raymond Brinkerhoff, Ferrell Brinkerhoff, Denise Pollock, Kevin Poe, Jan Stock, Gary Bybee, Jim/Kathy Kennedy, Jim England, Karleen McInelly, Dark Ranger support group, Levi Holm, Stephen Schwendiman.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor WaLon Brinkerhoff

**PRAYER:** Cary Deccio

**PLEDGE:** By passed ~ No Flag present

**APPROVAL OF MINTUES:** A motion was made by Jason Bybee to approve the minutes of the Tropic Town Board Meeting held June 11, 2015. 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.

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### **THE COMMUNITY**

Dog Issues: No Discussion – Max Stewart not present

Improper Zoning: Lance Syrett and Cary Deccio approached the Council with concerns on the issuing of a business license in Agricultural Zone; expressing concerns of problems that are occurring due to increase van and bus traffic, speeding, poor lighting, etc., through their residential neighborhood. The Dark Ranger” a night sky stargazing was given permission from Jim Kennedy to use a section of his property for the activity; Mr. Kennedy and Town Council accepted the responsibility of allowing this without reviewing the permitted uses of the zone first. Lance expressed his understanding of the activity, but asked that better attention to Town codes and ordinances be made before issuing a business license. Continuing, those parties involved and the Council addressed the speeding, traffic and lighting conditions on 550 North Street, accessing the nightly events; speed limit and children at play signs will be ordered and posted and two (2) street lights will be ordered making it a total of three (3) along 550 North. Comments of rezoning and renewal of license was discussed and it a understood agreed that no retraction of the business license would be made; and no renewal of license will be issued unless all regulations, permitted uses and other zoning conditions are in compliance.

Parry Subdivision: Yellow Brush weed is spreading into the cemetery through the fence separating the two properties; Scott Barton cemetery caretaker, asked the Town’s assistance for its removal. The Town has no jurisdiction on the Parry Subdivision and asked that Scott contact the Parry Family to address the issue.

### **FINANCIAL/WARRANTS**

The report of the Town’s financials was given; a motion was made by Jason Bybee to approve the warrants as read and approve \$100 donation to the Jr. Livestock show – Second by Travis LeFevre. Motion carried.

## **PLANNING COMMISSION**

No meeting was held, but Gary Bybee and Levi Holm were in attendance to follow up on w/s connections for proposed business projects that were denied or tabled because of the Town is over capacity in the sewer lagoon.

Brett introduced Terral Dunn from Rural Water and reported what they have found regarding the status of the sewer lagoon and what steps need to be taken to resolve and fix the situation. Upon their research, the primary and secondary cell needs to be cleared and cleaned of sludge; which would allow for additional connections. This process will take time, the removing and properly disposing of it will need to be looked into; possibly farmers could use it on their fields, a land application will need to be filed and testing done and found clear before allowing it use. Terral and Paul advised that No connections be authorized until the current task at hand is done; the work engineers will be addressing the future and expansion of the lagoon. Data collected should be available in a couple days, so that the matter can be resolved. Gary asked that a w/s connection waiting list be created allowing those with projects ready for approval, be given first opportunity to purchase; as did Levi's attorney, Mr. Schwendimann.

Ferrell Brinkerhoff made comment regarding financial debt of the sewer system; being that the system was paid off and further development and expansion be placed on new businesses that impact the system ~ Residents should not have to pay for business growth, the current water/sewer system is sufficient for Tropic residents and future population.

## **CULINARY/SEWER**

Issues were addressed under Planning Commission; nothing further to discuss or report.

## **ROADS/STREETS**

## **PARKS/RECREATION**

Fertilizer is needed at the ballpark; authorization was given for LaMar to purchase fertilizer. The cement stage at the Town's park is in need of repair work. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration went well. Setting up for the event was delayed due to family reunions schedule on Tuesday and Thursday; it was agreed that No activities will be scheduled/reserved during the week of the July 4<sup>th</sup>'s celebration.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Funding for the new fire truck was received ~ Very nice truck, lead the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and rides were given during the festivities.

## **EMPLOYEE REPORT**

No Report

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

No Report

## **ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Travis LeFevre – Second by Jason Bybee. Motion Carried

Approved this 13<sup>th</sup> Day of August 2015  
Marie H. Niemann