

## **Tropic Town Council Meeting**

Minutes of the Tropic Town Board Meeting  
Held Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Tropic Town Heritage Center

**PRESENT:** Mayor WaLon Brinkerhoff **BOARD MEMBERS:** Lisa Johnson, Gene Anderson, Marie Pollock and Michael Ahlstrom. Marie Niemann – Tropic Town Clerk & Dayne Shakespear – Tropic Town Treasurer.

**OTHERS:** Ryan & Shauna Talbot, Tyson Brinkerhoff, Lance Syrett, Gayle Pollock, Cary Deccio, Jennifer Taylor, Travis LeFevre, Landon Holm, Scout Holm, Levi Holm, and Matt Emes,

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor WaLon Brinkerhoff

**PRAYER:** Lance Syrett

**PLEDGE:** Tyson Brinkerhoff

**VISION STATEMENT:** Levi Holm

**APPROVAL OF MINTUES:** A motion was made by Mike Ahlstrom to approve the minutes of the Tropic Town Board Meeting held Thursday, June 11, 2020. Second by Gene Anderson. Voting was unanimous with Council persons Lisa, Gene, Marie and Mike voting “aye”. Mayor abstained.

**APPROVAL OF THE WATER/SEWER ANNUAL RATE INCREASE PUBLIC HEARING:** A motion was made by Gene Anderson to approve the minutes of the Tropic Town Water/Sewer Public hearing minutes held June 11, 2020. Second by Mike Ahlstrom - Voting was unanimous with Council persons Lisa, Gene, Marie and Mike voting “aye”. Mayor abstained.

**APPROVAL OF THE TROPIC TOWN BUDGET HEARING:** A motion was made by Mike Ahlstrom to approved the minutes of the budget public hearing minutes held June 18, 2020. Second by Lisa Johnson. Voting was unanimous with Council persons Lisa, Gene, Marie and Mike voting “aye”. Mayor abstained.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** A motion was made by Mike Ahlstrom to approve the agenda. Second by Lisa Johnson. Voting was unanimous with Council persons Lisa, Gene, Marie and Mike voting “aye”. Mayor abstained.

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### **THE COMMUNITY**

Garfield County Fair Ad: Junior Livestock Show and Auction is asking for financial support by providing advertisement space in the county’s fair book. A motion was made by Mike Ahlstrom to purchase a half-page advertising space in the County’s fair book \* \$250. The motion was second by Lisa Johnson. Voting was unanimous with Council persons Lisa, Gene, Marie and Mike voting “aye”. Mayor abstained.

Trash Bins: Annette Chynoweth expressed the need for more trash bins throughout town, noting there are duplicates in some areas that are not heavily used that could be relocated. Discussion commenced evaluating the location of existing bins and where additional bins would be needed. Council Member Marie Pollock suggested that they be placed in a centralized fenced area, rather scattered throughout town. Mayor Brinkerhoff reported this issue has been discussed in previous years; the main concern expressed was the ease of access in winter and for the elderly. Council Member Mike Ahlstrom will follow up with the county.

## **PLANNING COMMISSION**

Project List: Representing is father Travis Holm, Levi Holm asked for an updated project listing; asking for the project discussed in planning commission to be added. It was reported that beginning in 2016 and throughout 2019, the town received a number of commercial developments proposals, which also required a large amount of water/sewer connections; this list of projects were compiled in preparation of updating and revising the General Plan; used to assist addressing growth; how much and what kind of growth and still provide current demand and services. Mayor Brinkerhoff reviewed the ordinance addressing commercial connections, the current status of the Town's water/sewer issues and what the Town is currently doing to address them. Levi acknowledged he was aware of the over-capacity issues. Nothing further was discussed.

Ryan & Shauna Talbot: A residential home building permit application was submitted to planning commission for review. Finding all in compliance, the Commission recommended the application to the Town Council for approval; a water and sewer connection will be needed. The home will be located in the Sinking Ship Estates, known as the Burbidge subdivision. All was found to be in order. A motion was made by Mike Ahlstrom to approve a building permit and a water/sewer connection. Second by Gene Anderson - Voting was unanimous with Council persons Lisa, Gene, Marie and Mike voting "aye". Mayor abstained.

Bryce Canyon Inn: Tyson Brinkerhoff reported on a maintenance project and upgrade to signage at the Coffee Shop. The plans have been reviewed and found to be in compliance with Town code. No building permit is needed – Mayor Brinkerhoff and Town Council appreciated Tyson for coming and reporting construction work being done.

Bryce Pioneer Village: Planning commission also reviewed maintenance and signage upgrade project for Travis LeFevre and found all to be in compliance - No building permit is required.

Main Street Subdivision: In 2008 property was purchased for a commercial development known today as the Parry Subdivision; it is noted the subdivision is recorded at the county and the roads as well within. During the construction, the development went into litigation between Mr. Parry and a contractor; during which time Mr. Parry died and the final review and inspection of the subdivisions' infrastructure was never completed. With the passing of Mr. Parry, the property has been neglected becoming an eyesore and a fire hazard. Currently multiple people own lots within the subdivision, Tyson being one of them.

Tyson reported the purpose of coming before the Council is to get direction on what the property owners within the subdivision can do to bring the subdivision up-to-code; improve the property's appearance. A number of comments were made as to what could be done without water/sewer services available at this time. Gene Anderson made the motion to research minutes identifying what issues need to be resolved and brought up to code - Second by Mike Ahlstrom. Voting was unanimous with Council persons Lisa, Gene, Marie and Mike voting "aye". Mayor abstained.

## **EMPLOYEE REPORT**

Marie Niemann - Garfield County Fair is in need of department heads overseeing crafts, sewing, canning and foods; information will be put on the town's Facebook page. Invitation has been extended to the communities asking for participation in the Tug-of-war event – prize of \$500 plus the entrance fees.

Dayne Shakespear – Sewer lagoon funds are being deposited.

## **ANIMAL CONTROL**

No Report

## **FINANCIAL/WARRANTS**

A motion was made by Mike Ahlstrom to approve the warrants – Second by Lisa Johnson. Voting was unanimous with Council persons Lisa, Gene, Marie and Mike voting “aye”. Mayor abstained.

2020/2021 Budget: A correction in the Water Budget \* \$115,977.00 rather than \$163,100.47. A motion was made by Mike Ahlstrom to approve the budget – Second by Lisa Johnson. Voting was unanimous with Council persons Lisa, Gene, Marie and Mike voting “aye”. Mayor abstained.

## **CULINARY/SEWER**

Lagoon pre-construction meeting Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> \* project is moving right along. Top soil being removed and will be hauled off; residents interested are asked to call the town office. Each load is about 10 yards, Town will haul to the property.

## **ROADS/STREETS**

Area in front of the fire house needed to be swept and patched. Also, repair work and sealing was not done in front of the filtration building. Crack seal to the heritage center parking lot will be done in the Fall.

## **PARK/RECREATION**

Feedback from the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration was positive; despite the lack of activities. Council member Marie Pollock reported the need for better tables and chairs; those in the scout house are old and damage; should not be used for people to have lunch on. A motion was made by Mike Ahlstrom for the Town to purchase four-(4) round tables, six-(6) rectangle tables and six-(6) canopies. Second by Marie Pollock. Voting was unanimous with Council persons Lisa, Gene, Marie and Mike voting “aye”. Mayor abstained.

## **HERITAGE CENTER**

Carpet for rugs and to line the lower area of the walls have been ordered; though Dayne will be leaving he will finish the project.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

No Report

## **MAYOR’S REPORT**

No Report

## **Executive Session**

Town Council Member Michael Ahlstrom made a MOTION to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues ~ Seconded by Council Member Marie Pollock. MOTION carried. Mayor abstained.

Voting: “Yes” ~ Lisa Johnson, Gene Anderson, Marie Pollock, Michael Ahlstrom

“No” ~ None

AFFIDAVIT REGARDING CLOSED MEETING

STATE OF UTAH            )  
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COUNTY OF GARFIELD )

The undersigned, as presiding officer of the Tropic Town Council of Tropic Town Garfield County, State of Utah, after being duly sworn, hereby states, swears and affirms as follows:

1. That on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of July 2020, during a regular meeting of the Board of Tropic Town Garfield County, State of Utah, the board, upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds or more of the member present at the meeting for which notice was given pursuant to Section 52-4-6, voted to close the meeting to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual under Subsection 52-4-5 (1)(a)(I), Utah Code Annotated and pending litigation.
2. That a quorum was present.
3. That I do hereby affirm that the sole purpose for closing the meeting was to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual and pending litigation.

DATED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of July 2020

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Mayor

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August 2020.

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NOTARY PUBLIC

Council Member Gene Anderson made a MOTION to return to regular Town Board meeting. Seconded by Council Member Lisa Johnson ~ Voting was unanimous with Council members Lisa, Gene, Marie and Mike voting "Aye". Mayor Brinkerhoff abstained.

Approved this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August 2020  
Marie H Niemann – Tropic Town Clerk