

Tropic Town Council Meeting

Minutes of the Tropic Town Board Meeting
Held June 12, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Tropic Town Heritage Center

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

OTHERS: Gaia Greenhalgh, Brett Chynoweth, Raymond Brinkerhoff, Jeff Eaton, Janice Dankert, Jan Stock, Denise Pollock, and Jeanne Shakespeare.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor WaLon Brinkerhoff

PRAYER: Michael Burbidge

PLEDGE:

APPROVAL OF MINTUES: A motion was made by Shilo Richards to approve the minutes of the Tropic Town Board Meeting and Town Budget Hearing held May 8, 2014. Second by Mike Burbidge – Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: A motion was made by Shilo Richards to approve the agenda. Second by Jason Bybee – Motion carried.

THE COMMUNITY & PUBLIC COMMENT

Best Friends Animal Shelter: A presentation on the Community Cat Program was given by Janice Dankert that invited the Mayor and Town Council to support the program of TNR (Trap Neuter Return). Jan Stock is the local volunteer to assist residents in controlling the feral cats. Mayor and Council gave their support in promote the Community Cat Program; postings of when the TNR dates will be on the Town's webpage and on Facebook.

Solar Panels: Jeff Eaton has a summer/vacation home is Tropic and would like to install solar panels. It was reported that Tropic does not have laws regarding solar panels and was referred to the County. In return the County gave him a list of items one was to get authorization/approval from the Council to have them installed. A motion was made by Shilo Richards to give authorization to Jeff Eaton to install solar panels - Second by Mike Burbidge. Motion carried.

Beautification Committee: Jeanee Shakespeare reported the committee met; Julie Bybee agreed to be the secretary. Discussed scheduling a Town clean-up day – Tracy Johnson is spearheading this. The identified a couple of hazards: overgrowth of trees at road intersections and parking along Main Street is making it difficult to see oncoming traffic. Acknowledged the mowing of the side-streets, looks great! Would like to see what could be done with the weeds where no grass is grown; spray or soil sterilize intersection, around the telephone poles, fire hydrants, etc. Notification when spraying, clean –up day, etc. will be posted; residents need to remove and keep personal property from the Town's right-of-ways.

Committee requested a copy of the Town's ordinances that address un-kempt property, weeds/abandoned buildings, etc. Comments made expressed the need for the Town to codify the ordinances, many are not applicable to today; Mayor Brinkerhoff asked for the committee to review the beautification ordinance so those items can be repealed.

FINANCIAL/WARRANTS

A couple of items needed clarification: the cement for the splash pad was to be donated, Mike directed Sydney to deduct the amount from the original bill. Regarding the ordering of cleaning supplies it was asked that Gaia be in charge of this; supplies are split between at the Park, Heritage Center, and Baseball complex.

After a review of the warrant, the motion was made by Travis to approve the warrants – Second by Mike Burbidge. Motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Discussion on notification of agenda items to the Commission and Council in advance; clarification Jeff Eaton was on the agenda a week prior to meeting.

CULINARY/SEWER

A water sample taken came back positive; re-testing was done, all is in order. Strong odor coming from the sewer lagoon is caused by septic tank deposits; discussed possible options: Stopping the depositing – it is a good source of income for the sewer fund – add water, possibility of flowing into agricultural field.

ROADS/STREETS

County Recorder Les Barker: N/R

Mike Burbidge: A request to place business signage on the corner of Main Street and Bryce Way; advertising the Stone Hearth Grille located above town. It was suggested that other businesses located above town be contacted to create signage advertising their business as well. The creation of a kiosk was suggested listing the businesses and other attractions.

Road Signs: Changes to the size of street signs have changed, are larger and reflective to be in 911 Compliance. This led to a discussion regarding the speed limit signs put in by UDOT; the flashing light is not working, notify them to correct it.

Entrance Signs: Location area prepared and cement foundation poured; stone is at the Town yard.

Dust Control: It was asked that a number of roads be water down and bladed: 1250 North, 900 North, 50th South and the affordable housing road. Also, flags need to be up for the 4th of July and Pioneer Days.

PARKS/RECREATION

Splash Pad: Complaints have come before the Town Council regarding kids being kicked off the splash pad; discussed possible reasons for this: no supervising adult, misuse of the feature, etc. A sand filter, float pump and other items will be installed to prevent clogging and help with the height of the water. Notification needs to be posted listing the requirements/supervision of its use.

A letter will be sent to Cannonville and Henrieville asking for a financial donation toward the water feature; also contact be made with them to provide a trash can at the Baseball complex; noting the all residents of the three communities known as Bryce Valley use these facilities.

Mayor Brinkerhoff reported Kelly Shakespear would like to begin restoring the Scout House; has contracted with the US Forest Service for logs; Gaia was asked to follow up with Kelly and on grant funding - USDA.

Jason reported that the Lion's club is claiming ownership of the Scout House; Council is questioning this, since the Town pays the bills to maintain it; the Lion's club did add the kitchen and the restrooms on years ago. Mayor asked Jason to follow up with Clint Pierson – Chairman of the Lion's Club on partnering up with the Town.

Baseball committee approached Travis asking for assistance from the Town to purchase wood to make racks for the helmets, bats, etc. Mike Burbidge stated he has supplies to accommodate this need.

4th of July Celebration: Discussed the lineup of activities and program; assignments made.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

A number of fire fighters are attending a Fire Prevention Conference.

EMPLOYEE REPORT

Mayor Brinkerhoff and Town Council asked that a report be given by each employee of their daily tasks/activities for the month.

MAYOR'S REPORT

No Report

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Mike Burbidge to adjourn – Second by Travis LeFevre. Motion carried.

Approved this 10th Day of June 2014
Marie H. Niemann – Tropic Town Clerk