

Tropic Town Council Meeting

Minutes of the Tropic Town Board Meeting
Held May 8, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Tropic Town Heritage Center

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

OTHERS: Gaia Greenhalgh, Raymond Brinkerhoff, Kerry Alvey, Marsha Holland, Jeanne Shakespeare, Dennis Pollock

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor WaLon Brinkerhoff

PLEDGE: Kerry Alvey

APPROVAL OF MINTUES: A motion was made by Shilo Richards to approve the minutes of the Tropic Town Board Meeting held April 10, 2014; Second by Travis LeFevre. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: A motion was made by Travis LeFevre to approve the agenda with the addition of Impact Fees and Public News. Second by Shilo Richards. Motion carried.

THE COMMUNITY

Dog Issues: Prior to Town Board, copies of Escalante City & Panguitch City dog ordinances were emails for the Mayor and Council to review. Jackie Slack has agreed to house the dogs that are picked up, which Officer Pierson has agreed to. A contract/agreement will be prepared along with a new dog ordinance to review in June's Town Board Meeting.

Tour of Utah: The cost of a "Welcome" banner is \$100; the Travel Council will pay ½. Marsha Holland volunteered to be the coordinator for the event.

Veteran's Memorial: The memorial is very much in need of an upgrade; does not display respect nor reflect the desired sentiments toward those who served. Gayle Pollock and Max Stewart have agreed to head the committee to discussed possible solutions, new design and if needs be relocate the memorial.

South Central Communications: Kerry Alvey presented the Town with a check from \$1,000 toward the splash pad; Mayor Brinkerhoff and Town Council expressed appreciation for the donation and for SCC continual support to our community.

There have been a couple of issues with the filtering of and clogging up the splash pad to pool the water. Notice will be posting and placed in the newsletter regarding concerns.

Public Notification: In addressing communication issues with the community, Travis LeFevre expressed interest in a "Phone Tree" system, currently used by the Garfield County Sheriff's Office; school use the same type of system to notify parents of events/grades/chances regarding their student(s) and school. Travis suggested the Town partner with the irrigation company and created a "Phone Tree" to notify residents of meetings, water issues and other issues that the Town faces. It was thought that SCC provided this service, Kerry Alvey explained that this not through SCC. Travis made the motion to look into this form of communicating with the residents, Second by Shilo Richards – Motion carried.

Beautification Committee: Jeanee reported the following people have accepted the call to be on the beautification committee: Tracy Johnson, Merrilee Mecham, Julie Bybee and Annette Chynoweth.

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FINANCIALS/WARRANTS

Sydney reviewed expenditures * A motion was made by Shilo Richards to approve the warrants – Second by Travis LeFevre. Motion carried.

Health Insurance Renewal for Brett and Raymond; A motion was made by Travis to renew insurance plan – Second by Shilo Richards * Motion carried.

Entrance Sign Invoice: Questions regarding the deposit needed \$1,500. Sydney will follow up with Doug or Jason. Permit if available at the first of the week.

A financial donation was requested for a baseball banner for \$150; A motion was made by Travis LeFevre to approved the \$150 * Second by Jason Bybee – Motion carried. Briefly discussed listing a “Financial Donation” category in the budget; also those requesting need to come before the Board, need to it stated in the Town’s policies and procedures that a request is needed before funding is granted.

2014-2015 Budget Approval: A motion was made by Travis LeFevre to approve the 2014-2015 as presented – Second by Shilo Richards – Motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION

All projects need to come before the Town Council. Rules/Regulations need to be clarified – place in the Town’s newsletter.

CULINARY/SEWER

Dr. Goode Spring: Mayor has discussed with Jones and DeMille the re-development of Dr. Goode Springs; according to the agreement with the Irrigation Company, the Town has not fulfilled it responsibility. It was reported that funding is available; discuss this in the work meeting to be scheduled.

Impact Fees: Reviewed rules/regulations, capping of and transferring connections; All is in order.

ROADS/STREETS

Marsha Holland: Application was reviewed for a hiking tour business license for Marsha Holland – A motion was made by Travis LeFevre to approve a business license for BV Tours – Second by Shilo Richards. Motion carried.

Marsh brought a second item before the Board regarding the condition of the road and the increased traffic for the “Stone Canyon Hearth” restaurant; delivery trucks, guest, etc., it is causing many concerns: increased parking along the side of the road, the use of their driveway as a turn-a-round, and dust control. Would like to ask the Council to consider placing signage giving notice there is no outlet/ it’s a dead end and a sign showing which way to back into town. Also, it was said the Town had plans to put chloride on the road to keep the dust down. Parking was addressed; do they meet the regulations of the zoning square feet, need to follow up, order signage? Discussed the status of the Nate Crowther’s road, Nate said he would deed it, but no documentation has shown he has.

Safe Sidewalk: The latest bid from Larry Rose for another block of sidewalk is \$16,500; believes this covers everything. Annette Chynoweth has \$10,000 in donations; those who donated want to see this project progressing.

Sydney strongly expressed that the donation money be in the Town's account before any more commitment is made; Town is not paying any sidewalk bills without that money. Travis expressed the need to focus on something other than the sidewalk; continuing to ask for donations toward the sidewalk project is expiring and we should focus on projects that can be accomplished/completed;

PARKS/RECREATION

Travis expressed concern with the amount of trash scattered around at the baseball complex; he spoke with Clint Brinkerhoff and reported Cannonville is willing to purchase the large black garbage can from JW Disposal to have available; no commitment from Henrieville as of yet. Reviewed the agreement first made with the baseball coaches and the parents that they agreed to be responsible for cleaning and picking up after themselves. It was asked that a letter be written to the towns of Cannonville and Henrieville, verifying arrangement for payment; they pay us and Tropic pays JW.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Nothing more to report than what had already been discussed regarding the purchase of a new fire truck. Discussed when one can burn and the proper steps to notify when one is going to privately burn.

EMPLOYEE REPORT

Town Worker: LaMar Feltner and Lowell Mecham have been assisting Brett with a number of jobs until Raymond is back to work. It was reported that they are not always available when needed; possibly hire a temporary summer worker to do more of the heavier work when needed. Raymond is able to do the lawn care and weed control. Advertisement needed.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Brinkerhoff reported that the Supreme Court ruled the prayer in Town Board meeting is constitutional. It was asked that prayer be re-instated and placed on the agenda. A motion was made by Shilo Richards to list Prayer on the Agenda – Second by Travis LeFevre. Motion carried.

A work meeting will be scheduled next week to discuss a number of items: Entrance Signs, Dr. Goode Springs, Personnel, Phone Tree; also an Executive session held after the work meeting.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Travis LeFevre to adjourn – Second by Shilo Richards. Motion carried.

Approve this 12th Day of June 2014
Marie H. Niemann – Tropic Town Clerk