

Tropic Town Council Meeting

Minutes of the Tropic Town Board Meeting
Held Thursday, January 14, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Tropic Town Heritage Center

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

OTHERS: Carson DeMille, Lesa Ahlstrom and Ron Harris

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor WaLon Brinkerhoff

PRAYER: Lesa Ahlstrom

PLEDGE: Carson DeMille

VISION STATEMENT: Elaina Purcell

APPROVAL OF MINTUES: A motion was made by Marie Pollock to approve the minutes of the Tropic Town Board Meeting held November 12, 2020. Second by Lisa Johnson. Voting was unanimous with Council members Lisa, Marie and Mayor Brinkerhoff voting “aye”. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Marie Pollock to approve the minutes of the Scout House Public meeting minutes. Second by Lisa Johnson. Voting was unanimous with Council members Marie, Lisa and Mayor Brinkerhoff voting “aye”. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: A motion was made by Marie Pollock to approve the agenda. Second by Lisa Johnson. Voting was unanimous with Council members Lisa, Marie and Mayor Brinkerhoff voting “aye”. Motion carried.

THE COMMUNITY

PLANNING COMMISSION

Ahlstrom & McDowell Rezone: A public hearing was held Tuesday, December 29, 2020 for the rezoning of Mike Ahlstrom and Tony McDowell’s properties; on objection was received from Michael & Jennifer Taylor, but was withdrawn. The recommendation was given to the Town Council to approve the rezone in Planning Commission meeting held January 5, 2021.

A motion was made by Marie Pollock to approve the rezone for the properties of Michael & Lesa Ahlstrom and Tony & Misty McDowell and to adopt Rezone Ordinance #2021-1. Second by Lisa Johnson - Voting was unanimous with Council members Lisa, Marie and Mayor Brinkerhoff voting “aye”. Motion carried.

It was reported that the appeal to the State Record Archives is still scheduled for March 11, 2021. Marie spoke with Rosemary Cundiff regarding the appeal and feels something can be worked out and is willing to schedule a zoom conference with all parties involved.

Dog Kennel License: A business license application for a dog kennel has been reviewed and is recommended to the Town Council for approval. Marie Pollock made the motion to approve a business license to Mike and Lesa Ahlstrom for the operation of dog kennel. Second by Lisa Johnson – Voting was unanimous with Council members Marie, Lisa and Mayor Brinkerhoff voting “aye”. Motion carried.

EMPLOYEE REPORT

Town audit is underway – Elaina is working with Burdick & Associates in preparation for the 2019-2020 Audit. Garfield County Fair Committee is also beginning preparations for the County Fair; welcoming input on events, activities and community involvement.

ANIMAL CONTROL

No Report

FINANCIAL WARRANTS

The Town's financial activity was reviewed and found to be in order. A motion was made by Marie Pollock to approve the warrants – Second by Lisa Johnson. Voting was unanimous with Council Members Marie, Lisa and Mayor Brinkerhoff voting “aye”. Motion carried.

CULINARY/SEWER

Carson DeMille was in attendance to give an update on the sewer lagoon project. New Cell#3 is completed; Cell #1 is drained and being lined with clay & riprap. Expressed concern the project is behind schedule, not able to meet the deadline of April 1st; which also includes the sewer line work in town. Project is still within budget. Discussed fencing and clearing of the area; need to remove the storage shed located onsite – if worth salvaging to relocate, or place it up for bid. A motion was made by Marie Pollock to place the storage shed up for bid – Second by Lisa Johnson. Voting was unanimous with Council Members Marie, Lisa and Mayor Brinkerhoff voting “aye”. Motion carried. Carson will continue to monitor the progress, following up with the Mayor and Council on its development.

Regarding new water meters, rumor was had that they were not in stock; Mayor will follow up and report back.

ROADS/STREETS

Crack sealing will begin this next week. Due to the waterline installation, the road work by the Elementary school will not be completed until spring.

PARKS/RECREATION

A number of quotes have been received on the installation of security camera; Elaina reported the financial obligations, equipment coverage/replacement and which is most cost effective for each. Discussion commenced on installation cost, contracting, etc. Contact will be made with Carter Mortensen, Marshall Electric and others if interested and get bids.

Scout House Project:

Jean Seiler has requested additional pictures of the scout house; Marie Niemann will follow up.

Heritage Center:

Council member Lisa Johnson expressed moving forward with the storage area on the lower level of the heritage; Elaina reported Travis is waiting for the Council decision.

Located in the Council room is a storage container used for Daughters of the Utah Pioneers (DUP) organization, which is not currently active; follow up will be made with Anita Fletcher DUP president.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief Ron Harris was in attendance to discuss the ComNet Wireless cell tower upgrades and the funds received from AT&T for rent. Ron would like the Council to draft a resolution to create a restricted Capital Improvement account for the Fire Department's use. Discussion commenced on what payment amounts the Town is receiving from AT&T and Verizon, where they are allocated to, and the status of the "Fire District". Ron reported he is has been in contact with the County Commissioners and County Assessor Joe Thompson in moving forward; if approved, the funds collected by all Bryce Valley communities property taxes to fund Fire services. This lead to the discussion on the previous idea proposed that would combine the Citizen center, a new fire department building and multi-purpose building in one; using CIB funding. Details will be researched on creating a restricted account and steps in drafting a resolution.

MAYOR'S REPORT

No Report

Executive Session

A motion was made by Marie Pollock to move in to executive session – Second by Lisa Johnson. Voting was unanimous with Council Members Marie, Lisa and Mayor Brinkerhoff voting "aye". Motion carried

Executive session: Topic of concern was a misunderstanding of employee holiday pay.

Council Member Marie Pollock made a motion to return to regular Town Board meeting and adjourn Town Board Meeting. Seconded by Council Member Lisa Johnson ~ Motion carried. Voting was unanimous with Council Members Marie, Lisa and Mayor Brinkerhoff voting "aye". Motion carried

Approved this 11th February 2021
Marie H Niemann – Tropic Town Clerk

Executive Session

Town Council Member Marie Pollock made a MOTION to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues ~ Seconded by Council Member Lisa Johnson.

Voting: Yes ~ Marie Pollock and Lisa Johnson, and Mayor Brinkerhoff
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 14th day of January 2021, 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 14th day of January, 2021

Mayor Brinkerhoff

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me this day 14th of January, 2021.

NOTARY PUBLIC

Council Member Marie Pollock made a MOTION to return to regular Town Board meeting and adjourn Town Board Meeting. Seconded by Council Member Lisa Johnson ~ Motion carried. Voting was unanimous with Council Members Marie, Lisa and Mayor Brinkerhoff voting “aye”. Motion carried