

## **RANDOLPH TOWN BOARD MEETING**

Rich County Courthouse

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June 10, 2020

7:30 pm

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Weston  
Lana Peart, Clerk  
Melanie Limb  
Larry Kennedy  
Brian Weyers

ABSENT: Sim Bell

GUESTS: Blake Thomson, Jesse Weyers, Beth Sano, Heidi Weston

Mayor Weston called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. The floor was given to our guests from the sesquicentennial celebration committee to begin the meeting. They explained their reasoning at continuing to have our celebration this summer, instead of waiting until next year. They believe that they can still have an enjoyable event and celebrate our 150<sup>th</sup> year of Randolph without a mass gathering. This is what our summer of 2020 looks like and we will adapt accordingly.

They have banners, sponsored by All West, ordered, flag flying at the cemetery and our homes, a glow stick honk out, pioneer crafts and costumes, and possibly a cannon shoot and fireworks planned. They have been slow to get family histories posted on facebook and encourage everyone on the board to do that this week if possible. Beth has our souvenir booklet just about ready for publication at the cost of \$.60 per book. We will charge a very reasonable fee of \$3 for each and the amount raised over cost will go to the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers. They will be sold at the Town office and Wilford Woodruff Home and possibly some of the businesses around town. She is investigating some copyright issues right now before that can be finalized.

The Committee will also be publishing a short newspaper to be distributed during the week of celebration. Because of the cancelation of the Rich County Fair, the possibility of moving the fireworks to the 24<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> was discussed. Lana will check with Lantis and, weather permitting, we will try to get our fireworks celebration rescheduled for the sesquicentennial.

The flyers prepared by Bear River Heritage are ready and are very well done and informative. They show buildings and places of historical interest around town to be visited. Plans will all be finalized by next town board meeting.

Blake Thomson was then on the agenda and asked to present his thoughts to the board. He began by offering his complaints about some of his neighbors that had too many animals, in his opinion, for the small areas they owned in town. One neighbor had been feeding cattle all winter and was spreading manure on the town road when cleaning out

his corral. He believed the manure, smell, and flies were a health hazard to the town residents and could be contaminating our water supply.

He was also concerned with the abundance of goats, pigs, chickens, rabbits, dogs, and cats owned by others in his neighborhood. They presented noise issues and occasionally escaped to do damage to his lawn and garden. He thought that the town should punish the offenders by shutting off their water.

He was also concerned with the things that were parked in the town street right-of ways. Animals were allowed to graze and areas were fenced off. Also, storage units, dumpsters, trailers, and hay were stored along the streets. Not to mention the many vehicles, both working and non-working, that were parked in the streets.

The board members thanked Blake for coming and bringing to their attention the displeasure he felt about the issues. They reminded him that Randolph was a rural community and the people here liked to be able to have animals and enjoy the rural lifestyle. It was, however, not right when they began to infringe on their neighbor's rights. Everyone that owned animals had a responsibility to keep them contained and well cared for.

The board agreed to talk to some of the most grievous offenders and see if they could get them to be aware that they had a responsibility to take better care of their animals and property. It was also decided to include in next month's sesquicentennial announcement that we would like everyone in town to do their part in cleaning up our streets for the celebration. If everyone just did a few things to "spruce up" their own property, it could make a big difference in our town as a whole. We then closed our regular town board meeting, Brian making the motion, Melanie, seconding.

We opened the Public Hearing part of our meeting for FY2021's budget. Lana passed out copies of the decisions we had made in our work session held on May 27, 2020. There was discussion on the possibility of reduced income due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We have had a few very busy years with lots accomplished in our town. We reviewed among the board: Ball field lights, walking and bike path with lights, annexation, first subdivision in town, playground equipment installation, tree trimming, new snack bar built, new maintenance truck and snow blades, all accomplished without incurring any debt. We felt that maybe this would be a year to hold back on any major projects and plan for the future. Melanie moved we approve the budget as presented, Brian seconded, unanimously approved.

Lana will get it Ok'd by our auditor and sent into the State Auditor by June 25.

The minutes were discussed and moved to be approved by Larry with Melanie seconding, approved unanimously.

We then read the bills with Brian moving to approve them, Larry seconding, approved unanimously.

Motion to adjourn was made by Melanie at 9:45 pm, seconded by Brian, approved unanimously.

Mayor \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Approval \_\_\_\_\_