

Cedar Fort Town Hall
50 East Center
Cedar Fort Utah

Town Council Members Present:

Mayor Howard Anderson, Chris Murphy, Ellen Cibula, Richard Stark

Town Employees present:

Teresa Beck – Treasurer/Biller, Jerry Lamoreaux – Water Systems Manager, Vonda Cook – Recorder

Visitors Present:

Steve Bowen, Fire Chief Nyle Jacobsen, Lori Adams, Heidi Mitchell, David Gustin, John Barlow, Barry Miller, Josel Lamoreaux, Paul Peterson, Calvin Cook (didn't sign in)

Mayor Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Paul led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mayor Anderson offered the prayer.

Mayor Anderson introduced Dave Gustin who has been appointed to fill the Council seat recently vacated by Larry Mohler. Vonda swore David in.

Mayor Anderson made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for December 15, 2017. Councilwoman Cibula seconded it. Motion passed with Mayor Anderson, Councilwoman Cibula and Councilmen Murphy and Stark voted yes. Councilman Gustin abstained.

BUDGET REVIEW-

The Council reviewed the budget. They are on track.

BILLS-

The Council reviewed the bills.

Mayor Anderson made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Councilwoman Cibula seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

PLANNING & ZONING-

Barry reported that the P&Z Commission was working on redoing the sensitive area overlay ordinance. Mayor Anderson said he was having some road reclassification maps made so P&Z can start deciding where to put future roads.

FIRE DEPARTMENT-

Chief Jacobsen said the fire department is doing well. He said they have 2 new people.

COUNCIL REPORTS-

Councilman Stark said he didn't have anything but he asked when they were going to get the bathrooms at the park. Mayor Anderson as soon as the weather breaks and they can do a test hole.

Councilman Gustin said he was interested in getting our ordinances on the internet to make it more convenient for people to get information.

Mayor Anderson said he didn't know if we would be able to put in for the CDBG grant this year because we have not drawn down 50% of the previous years' monies. He said maybe, if there are not enough requests for money, they will allow us to go ahead. He said there are a couple of other cities that have the same problem. He said the proposal has to be in by February 7th or 9th. Councilman Murphy suggested paying for the prefab ahead of time. Mayor Anderson said they won't do that. Councilman Murphy said there was a company in Spanish Fork that they could talk to.

AGENDA ITEM #1 – DISCUSSION AND VOTE TO APPOINT INTERIM FIRE CHIEF – STEVE BOWEN

Fire Chief Jacobsen told the Council that he was requesting a leave of absence from the fire department effective February 10, due to his wife's illness. Mayor Anderson thanked him for his excellent service and asked him to send an official letter requesting a leave of absence. He said he would.

Chief Jacobsen introduced Sargeant Steve Bowen from South Jordan. Sargeant Bowen said he works for Unified Fire full time, and he has worked as a bomb technician, canine handler, and fire investigator. He said he has also been a water supervisor and worked in the Public works division. Mayor Anderson asked him if this will interfere with his other responsibilities. He said, with the support of the staff, he would be fine. He said he had talked to his supervisor and he was ok with it.

Councilman Stark made a motion to appoint Sargeant Bowen as interim fire chief beginning in February on the date when Chief Jacobsen steps down. Councilman Murphy seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #2 – DISCUSSION AND VOTE TO APPROVE TOWN EMPLOYEES AS 1099 OR W2 STATUS

The Council discussed the pros and cons of issuing 1099 forms to their employees instead of W-2's. Barry pointed out that it would make them self employed and could cost them more. Councilman Stark said it would save the town money by not having to carry workman's comp on them and it would save Teresa a lot of time. Councilman Murphy they can write off their expenses with a 1099. He suggested they talk to all of the employees and see what they have to say.

Councilman Stark made a motion to table agenda item for town employees as 1099 or W-2. Councilman Gustin seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #3 – VOTE TO APPROVE HOME BUSINESS LICENSE FOR WENDY LOJIK – CROSSROADS JOURNAL

Mayor Anderson said Wendy Lojik has submitted an application for a home business license for Crossroads Journal. She won't have any customers coming to her house. It was approved by P&Z.

Councilman Murphy made a motion to accept the home business license for Wendy Lojik for the Crossroads Journal. Councilwoman Cibula seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #4 – VOTE TO APPROVE HOME BUSINESS LICENSE – WENDY LOJIK - CORNERSTONE FAMILIES

Mayor Anderson said that Wendy Lojik had also submitted an application for a home business license for Cornerstone Families. No clients will be coming to her home. It was approved by P&Z.

Councilman Murphy made a motion to accept an application for a home business license for Wendy Lojik for Cornerstone families. Councilman Stark seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5 – VOTE TO APPROVE JUSTIN JONES OUTBUILDING PERMIT

Mayor Anderson said there was one issue for Clint. He said no inspections would be done until a stamped copy of the engineered drawings was at the building site. Justin said he had them. He sent an email copy of them to Councilman Gustin and said he would have the plans onsite.

Councilman Gustin made a motion to approve Justin Jones outbuilding permit #1240 subject to his providing the stamped engineered plans and payment in full of fees when calculated. Councilman Stark seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #6 – VOTE TO APPROVE JUSTIN JONES SUBDIVIDING OF LAND

Mayor Anderson said Justin Jones wants to divide a piece of his property. Council reviewed drawing of property to be divided.

Councilman Gustin made a motion to approve Justin Jones application to subdivide parcel # 59-040-0018 as indicated on drawing, parcel #2 for 5.33 acres. Councilwoman Cibula seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #7 - DISCUSSION ON SNOW REMOVAL

The Council discussed the possibility of changing the criteria for Jerry Lamoreaux's contract which has been in effect since 2013. The Council discussed the possibility of have Jerry do 3 passes on the roads instead of two. Jerry thought this was a good idea. He said you can't get the corners with 2 passes and he has been doing the corners and the intersections for free. He said the last time he checked, it was about 30 miles with about 5 miles of that with his plow up and it took him about 5-6 hours. He said if the snow is really deep, it has taken him up to 8 hours/push. Justin said he would like to get just one push on his road that he deeded to the town. He said Fed EX and UPS leave his packages on Highway 73 and they get stolen. He told Jerry he could bill him personally. Jerry said he could do that.

Jerry said it takes extra time to clean out intersections and make the road wider so people can pass and not get stuck and, because of complaints, he said he has been doing it and eating the cost. He said he is asking for a price increase. He said people are pushing their snow into the roads and leaving a mess. The Council said maybe they need to police that more. He said he has to dodge garbage can, cars, etc. He said he hasn't been sticking to the contract and if he can't get a little more compensation for it, he is going to quit because the expenses are just getting too high.

Councilman Gustin asked what his expenses were. He said he owns the truck and the blade. He said he buys the salt by the pallet and charges the town \$8.00/bag.

The Council discussed their options – Councilman Murphy suggested they have Jerry do 3 passes on each road, or do 3 passes on the east/ west roads and do 2 passes on the north/south roads and give him a raise. Mayor Anderson asked Jerry if 3 passes would clean the corners. Jerry said 3 passes will clean the corners. He said it would probably take less time to do the three passes. Jerry said now he has to stop and clean intersection which means he has to push and back up and push and back up, which is harder on the blade and the truck.

Mayor Anderson said he was in favor of the 3 passes. Councilman Gustin asked about the Town budget and can they afford it. Mayor Anderson said right now Jerry is doing more than he is contractually obligated to do. Councilman Gustin said if they don't have the money for more, just stick to the two passes. Josel said what with fuel, maintenance and repairs, inflation is taking its toll on them and they

haven't had a raise in four years. Jerry said there were other issues, like removing the slush, and he said he would not charge full price for that. He said he is running his blade without shoes. He said he runs his blade on the asphalt.

Councilman Gustin asked if the Council has a snow budget. Mayor Anderson said no, it just means we have to do less on our roads in the summer. They discussed how to pay for it and still be fiscally responsible.

Councilman Gustin asked how much it costs to salt the roads Jerry said to do the East west road on 200 north and 100 north, and the slope on 100 west, it took 27 bags of salt. To do intersections it takes about 25 bags and then there is an hourly wage on top of that. Bulk salt is not an option. Jerry said this is only for the salt.

The Council discussed safety versus cost and what they want to do. Jerry said he does stick by the contract and does the intersections himself (no charge). Lori said don't worry about doing around the school. She will have the district do it. Councilman Gustin said he thought they should stay within their budget and if they need to stick to 2 passes, they should do that. Councilman Murphy told Jerry to give a price on 3 passes with no salt (salt charged by the hour and at his discretion in steep places).

Mayor Anderson told Jerry to bring a proposal to Ellen.

Mayor asked if anyone had anything else to say before they went into the open meetings training portion of the meeting.

Heidi said she had some ideas she wanted to present to the Council. She thought they could do a fund raiser for the Town by asking for donations on their utility bills. She suggested they might ask for \$20.00 donation to the snow removal fund.

Heidi also said she knew there was some old theater seating, projector, etc. that may be for sale cheap. She said they could have theater nights at the community center, or use the seats for the Christmas Eve Program.

She also talked about the Convention of States.

John Barlow came to discuss his building lot although he was not on the agenda. The Council discussed the road frontage with him. No action was taken.

AGENDA ITEM #8 - OPEN MEETING LAW PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL AS REQUIRED BY UTAH LAW
Mayor Anderson conducted the Open Meetings Act Training with the Council as required by State Law.

AGENDA ITEM #9 – ADJOURN PUBLIC MEETING

Councilman Murphy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Cibula seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.