

MINUTES OF THE HUNTSVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, January 21st, 2010

7:00 p.m.

Huntsville Town Hall

Present: Mayor James Truett
Council Member Richard Sorensen
Council Member Steve Johnson
Council Member Alan Clapperton
Clerk/Recorder, Gail Ahlstrom
Legal Council Jerald Engstrom

Excused: Council Member Max Ferre'

Citizens: Brett Allen Laurie Allen Lewis Johnson
Dee Jette' Cason McKay Rustin McKay
Rex Harris Gage Froerer Sgt. Ryon Hadley
JR Johansen John Posnien Thomas Nyanda
Darwin Sorensen

Mayor Truett called the meeting to order. There is a quorum present tonight.

The pledge was led by Sgt. Ryon Hadley.

Public Comment:

Mayor Truett opened the meeting up for public comment. There was none.

Discussion and/or action on "Bill in support of Dis-incorporation of Powder Mountain Town":
(Gage Froerer): (See Attachment #1) Mayor Truett turned the time over to State Representative Gage Froerer who wrote a bill in support of the dis-incorporation of Powder Mountain Town. Gage thanked the council for the opportunity to come here tonight to update the council on the history of this bill. Gage stated that last year he ran a legislation that was a fairly simple but important bill, which basically gives the right to vote back to the people impacted by the Powder Mountain proposed incorporation. Unfortunately last year this bill got to the top of the senate calendar and the senate leadership wouldn't let the bill go to a vote. This year Gage is re-running the same bill. The current statute requires upon incorporation of a town, that the citizens of that town wait two years before they can petition a judge to have a vote for dis-incorporation. The new bill being presented will eliminate the two year waiting period. If people are forced to be part of that proposed town for a two year waiting requirement, they will have to bear the burden of the costs for infra-structure and costs of setting up the town. Gage has been involved with negotiations with the Powder Mountain developers the past six months to arrive at a compromise, it has become obvious that negotiations will not take place. In Gage's opinion the incorporators are basically asking to be exempt from following current W.C. ordinances in regards to subdivision. This is not a fair thing for the citizens of the valley. Gage stated that he is not opposed to Powder Mountain putting together a world class resort.

But they should provide the infra-structure to support it with costs from a feasibility study, and show that it won't impact the citizens in a negative manner, so far they haven't done this. Powder Mountain will still have the ability to incorporate. They just won't have the ability to incorporate and put the burden on the citizens for two years before they can vote. Gage has been promised that the senate will take this bill to a vote this year. This proposed bill gives back to the citizens their right to vote. Rex Harris asked if there was a reason for the two year waiting period. The original Bill was written by a group connected with the Utah League of Cities of Towns, who believed that it would take two years to prove that incorporation was a good thing. Gage stated if it's a good thing, then people should be allowed to vote on it. The only city/town that this bill will implicate is Powder Mountain. Lewis commented that the legislation that allowed Powder Mountain to petition for incorporation has been repealed. CM Johnson stated that the initial bill didn't even stand up to its own two year requirement. CM Sorensen asked if the proposed bill is still the same or has it been amended. Gage replied that he changed one word from or to and. This proposed bill is a targeted bill and will only cover Powder Mountain. CM Sorensen read the proposed resolution.

CM Clapperton made a motion to support the resolution as presented. CM Johnson seconded. All votes aye. Motion does pass.

Roll Call:	Mayor Truett	<u>Yea</u>	CM Ferre'	<u>Excused</u>
	CM Sorensen	<u>Yea</u>	CM Johnson	<u>Yea</u>
	CM Clapperton	<u>Yea</u>		

Presentation from Thomas Nyanda: In regards to proposed well project related to water quality in Pine View : (See Attachment #2) Mayor Truett turned the time over to Thomas Nyanda who is a PHD student of Irrigation Engineering at the Utah State University. Thomas is working on a project to assess how surface and ground water impact Pine View Reservoir. There have been a couple of studies done on the water quality of Pine View. A ground water hydrology study by Avery was conducted in 1994; a ground water quality study by Lowe and Wallace in 1999, and a TMDL study was done by Tetra Tech Inc. in 2002. Thomas stated that right now he has come up with some information in regards to what is happening in the reservoir. He has come up with some objectives to conduct a study within the Ogden Valley. One of the findings was that both the nitrogen and phosphorus appear to be influencing the growth of algae and cyano-bacteria growth in the reservoir. The thermal stratification occurred to varying degrees depending on geographic locations within the reservoir. Phosphorus concentrations and algae growth increased with water column turnover caused by wind. Nutrients varied throughout the reservoir due to difference in water depths in water columns depth and sources of loading. With the information they have gathered they have found some gaps. Tetra Tech's Study had very scarce data. Thomas would like to beef up the data available to have a better understanding on how the reservoir operates. Thomas stated that his objectives for the study will be to verify and update the Ogden Valley and Pine View Reservoir water budget that was prepared by Avery in 1994, estimate export rates of nutrients via ground water from sub-watersheds based on irrigation practice, and to evaluate the cost-effectiveness of optimizing irrigation water management practices.

Thomas plans to monitor surface and ground water flows for water quality. He is proposing the construction of five shallow ground water monitoring wells, one of which would be within Huntsville Town. The location of the well is based on ease of access, proximity to the reservoir, within the boundary of the principal confining layer, direction of slope, and proximity to existing well logs.

He plans to monitor, well water elevations, and water quality with slug tests to determine aquifer characteristics, high frequency monitoring using data loggers suspended in the wells and water chemistry grab sampling at least monthly. The study will increase the understanding of processes that influence water quality, and help guide water users on decisions relative to land use, water distribution and to protect and improve the water quality of the reservoir. Thomas will prepare an annual report with the data he gathers. The proposed well site for Huntsville Town is at 7100 E. and 200 S. about 250 feet south of the intersection. Thomas thanked the council for their time.

The well will be about 20 feet below ground level. The study will last roughly one year, depending on funding. The ultimate goal would be to monitor the wells for two to three years. Mr. Engstrom commented that in all the past studies, they have not taken into account the pollution recreation use causes in the reservoir. This proposal is to monitor ground water only. Darwin Sorensen introduced himself, he is a research professor at Utah State and Thomas is doing his PHD under his direction. Nobody has given them any limits on what they will be monitoring. Rex commented on the TMDL study done a few years ago, there were a lot of gaps in this study as they tried to pinpoint sources of ground water pollution. The study didn't take into consideration recreational use and how it contributes to the pollution. The report claimed pollutants came from wild animals, farm animals, fertilizer, or septic tanks. Dr. Sorensen explained the principle reason they are here is due to the assumptions made in the TMDL study, that ground water is influencing water quality in the reservoir. Weber County has granted permission for the other four wells. Mayor Truett suggested that Thomas makes sure to work with one of the council members to make sure no infrastructure lines are disturbed. John Posnien asked why Ogden City isn't more concerned about the reservoir; they are greatly impacted by the water quality. There are also wells around the dam that have been abandoned. The wells nearest the dam have been sealed and checked periodically. The data available doesn't suggest that there is any water quality issue. The study conducted by Lowe and Wallace indicated that the quality of water they sampled was extraordinary.

Mayor Truett asked how soon they plan to start the study. Bids are due tomorrow. If town denies they will study the other four, but they would prefer to include Huntsville Town. The Mayor asked Thomas to come back in a year and report on his findings. Rex would like to see this study done. Most of the studies are on assumptions of what they think is occurring. The town would understand how and where contamination is entering into the lake. The assumption was made that there was a problem with the water quality in the reservoir, that the water was atrophic. Dr. Sorensen has not been able to verify this; he knows that the reservoirs quality is extraordinary. For the vast majority of the year the concentration of the limiting nutrient is substantially below the state standard. Dr. Sorensen stated that the reservoir is a pristine, good quality body of water. **CM Sorensen made a motion to approve Thomas' well proposal.** CM Johnson seconded. The vote was unanimous. Motion does pass.

Roll Call:	Mayor Truett	<u>Yea</u>	CM Ferre'	<u>Excused</u>
	CM Sorensen	<u>Yea</u>	CM Johnson	<u>Yea</u>
	CM Clapperton	<u>Nay</u>		

Presentation of Eagle Scout Project: (Cason McKay)

Mayor Truett turned the time over the Cason McKay for his Eagle Scout proposal. Cason would like to make a map of the cemetery to help locate head stones. Cason is planning to build a 3 X 5 map of the cemetery with the location of each grave. There are plans to open a new section of the cemetery, perhaps there could be space left on the map to show the new section as well.

Mayor Truett recommended that Cason work with Cathy Stoker and CM Johnson on this project. Rustin mentioned that the model of the map was taken from the Peterson Cemetery. Rustin mentioned that there is a website that will post all cemetery plots on line for free; he will look into finding this information for the town.

Discussion and/or action on the proposed Resolution for Natural Hazard Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan: (See Attachment #3) Mayor Truett explained that this resolution is from the county and is for disaster mitigation in case of an emergency. The meeting was opened for public comment. **CM Clapperton made a motion to approve the resolution as presented.** CM Sorensen seconded. All votes aye. Motion does pass.

Roll Call:	Mayor Truett	<u>Yea</u>	CM Ferre'	<u>Excused</u>
	CM Sorensen	<u>Yea</u>	CM Johnson	<u>Yea</u>
	CM Clapperton	<u>Yea</u>		

Department Reports:

***Mayor Truett:**

Discussion and/or action on proposed Appointments:

Mayor Truett recommended the following appointments: Gail Ahlstrom, Town Clerk/Recorder, Ramona Clapperton, Treasurer, Diane Nelson, Building Permit Official, Jerald Engstrom, Town Attorney, Alan Clapperton, Fire District Board Member, Brett Allen TV Translator Board Member, and Kent Clawson, Mosquito Abatement Board Member. **CM Clapperton made a motion to accept the appointments as presented.** CM Johnson seconded. All votes aye.

Roll Call:	Mayor Truett	<u>Yea</u>	CM Ferre'	<u>Excused</u>
	CM Sorensen	<u>Yea</u>	CM Johnson	<u>Yea</u>
	CM Clapperton	<u>Yea</u>		

Mayor Truett recommended the following appointments to the Planning Commission: Ron Gault as Chairman, Doug Allen, Sandy Hunter, Suzanne Ferre', Jeff Holt, and Sandy Hunter with Rex Harris as the alternate member, and Gail Ahlstrom as secretary. Members of the Appeals Authority will be Jack Cox as chairman, Bruce Ahlstrom, and Steve Songer. **CM Clapperton made a motion to approve the appointments as presented.** CM Johnson second. All votes aye. Motion does pass.

Roll Call:	Mayor Truett	<u>Yea</u>	CM Ferre'	<u>Excused</u>
	CM Sorensen	<u>Yea</u>	CM Johnson	<u>Yea</u>
	CM Clapperton	<u>Yea</u>		

Sheriff's Department report:

Sgt. Ryon Hadley gave a report on what is going on in the Ogden Valley, which also impacts Huntsville. This is a slow time of the year in Huntsville. In December there were 20 police calls in Huntsville. Sgt. Hadley gave a breakdown on what types of calls these were. There were three calls on suspicious vehicles; two cases for assistance to the public, one 911 cell phone call, two suspicious circumstances, one traffic accident, one case of found property, one case of damaged property, one 911 hang up call.

There were two medical calls in town, one keep the peace, one welfare check. One home alarm check and one custodial interference call. Sgt. Hadley stated that the Ogden Valley is unique; the valley is impacted seasonally by the recreation that go on here, skiing, boating, and camping. This time of year there is a lot of attention at the ski resorts, there is usually a lot of thefts there. With Wolf Mountain having the most theft and Snowbasin has the least. With all people there coming here there becomes traffic and alcohol problems. There have been some burglaries taking place in the Ogden Canyon. Sgt. Hadley reported that they estimated 30,000 people attended the three day Dew Tour at Snow Basin, on the main day there were 14,000 people. This is the first year of a three year contract. Sgt. Hadley stated that they didn't have near the problems that they were anticipating with crowds that big. The required bus shuttles helped with traffic issues. The new Valley Elementary School is trying to hire a full time crossing guard. And finally, there was a suicide in December at Cemetery Point, it was a person from Davis County. Mayor Truett thanked Sgt. Hadley for taking time to come inform the council on what is going on in the valley.

Discussion and/or action on Inter-Local Agreement with W.C. for Animal Shelter Services: (See Attachment #4) Mayor Truett explained that this agreement is a contract extension with the county for animal control services. Mr. Engstrom stated that he reviewed the agreement and gave his approval. CM Sorensen commented that the town contracts with the county for sheriff services and animal services, he would like to propose going into a negotiation phase when this contract expires in June 2010. CM Sorensen would like to see if the town could negotiate a percentage of the revenue from fines and forfeitures at the animal shelter, like we receive from the sheriff's department. **CM Clapperton made a motion to approve the Inter-Local Agreement.** CM Sorensen seconded. All votes aye.

Roll Call:	Mayor Truett	<u>Yea</u>	CM Ferre'	<u>Excused</u>
	CM Sorensen	<u>Yea</u>	CM Johnson	<u>Yea</u>
	CM Clapperton	<u>Yea</u>		

Discussion and/or action on setting departmental expenditure amount: Mayor Truett went through the bill paying procedure recommendations from Ramona. For all reimbursement payments, you must submit receipt or invoice to get reimbursed. Currently the limit for departmental expenditures is \$1,000 or less without needing council approval. Mayor Truett would like to get a better control on what is going. He would like to lower the limit to \$500.00. The town has charge accounts at several locations. When turning in Ramona is asking that receipts specify what fund this is to come out of and what department the expense was for, and to get the receipts turned in as soon as possible. **CM Sorensen made a motion to approve the bill paying procedures as presented.** CM Clapperton seconded. All votes aye. Motion does pass.

Roll Call:	Mayor Truett	<u>Yea</u>	CM Ferre'	<u>Excused</u>
	CM Sorensen	<u>Yea</u>	CM Johnson	<u>Yea</u>
	CM Clapperton	<u>Yea</u>		

Discussion and/or action on changing name on Town's Checking Account: Mayor Truett explained that the signature names need to be changed on the three checking accounts at the Bank of Utah. James C. McKay will be removed. The new signature added to the accounts will be Max Ferre'. James Truett, Gail Ahlstrom and Ramona Clapperton will remain.

All checks require two signatures. The signatures on the Safety Deposit Box also need to be changed, James C. McKay and Rex Harris will be removed, and James Truett and Max Ferre' will be added. Gail Ahlstrom and Ramona Clapperton will remain.

Department Reports:

Mayor Truett reported that he and Ramona wrote a letter to mail out to the 12 companies that the town has an account with. The letter thanked each vendor for the service they have provided to the town over the years and asked each vendor to consider some type of discount on purchases for the town, due to the slow economy. So far, the town has received three responses back, and is hoping to get more.

Mayor Truett reported that Ramona closed out the checking account for the J.P. Court. The amount of \$5,470.37, will be rolled into the General Fund. The town received fines and forfeitures from the court for October \$1,079.44 for November \$2,133.99 and \$1,910.01 for December, for a total of \$5,123.44. The October fines were the last fines from the Huntsville Court, November and December were fines from Weber County.

Mayor Truett reported that Ramona had a meeting with Jason Watterson from the Utah Local Govn. Trust, last week. Jason made the following recommended on issues needing to be addressed by the Town: more wood chips in playground, handicapped parking sign in front of Town Hall, handicapped bars in the restrooms at Town Hall, fire extinguisher needs to be checked, Jason also suggested that the town run DMV checks on all drivers of the snow plows and limit any DUI's that are found to 3 yrs or more.

Mayor Truett reported that he has received a couple of complaints about the snowplowing.

Mayor Truett would like to send our letters to town residents for 50 year wedding anniversaries, 80 year birthdays, and condolences. He would like to get the council more involved with the residents.

***Council Member Ferr': (Excused)**

Report on Culinary Water: (Lewis Johnson & Dee Jette): (See Attachment #5 & #6)

Lewis Johnson approached the council to give them an update on the needs at the culinary water plant. There are some big money issues that ought to be considered with the water plant. Lewis introduced Dee Jette and stated that she is the reason the plant has been so successful, Dee also works with the Davis County culinary water. Lewis stated that the plant has been in operation for about 10 years. There haven't been many complaints about the water system and that is a compliment. There are two big issues that need attention, one is the filtration system, and currently they are using a redundant system filled with sand. To make the state happy they also use a bag system. Lewis stated that they are able to clean the water with the sand filter, and use the bags as a back up. When the plant first started a whole set of bags would be plugged up and ruined in three days. The currently set of bags have been in use for two years. Lewis reported that the state has passed new rules. The plant has a system with 20 filters and they have been able to run the plant with 10. The plant is running at less than 200 gallons per minute. There are 10 filter bags left. The filter bags are no longer being produced. If things go right the bags could last another year or two. In the process of testing a pilot plant they can hopefully approve a different manufacturer's bag. Dee stated that there are some large expenses coming up in regards to the water plant. The filter bags are huge and need to be planned for.

Dee feels that the council needs to understand the plant to understand the needs and how critical they needs are. Mayor Truett would like the council to take a field trip and tour the plant. A real pressing issue is the particle counters which do monitoring at three locations in the plant, when the water comes into the plant, after the water has gone through the sand filter, and a final time when the water goes out of the bags and into the tanks. These instruments are very expensive, and all three monitors are starting to fail. The particle counters save the money that is spent on them, by helping to save the filter bags. It will cost \$11,460.00 for three particle counters. Dee stated that it is critical that they have the counters before the run off this spring. There are additional costs for installation and calibration.

Lewis stated that they also do turbidity readings on the water, so there are two separate indicators on the cleanliness of the water. The turbidity readers are working fine. One monitor tests the clarity of the water and the other tests the particles in the water. Lewis brought up a couple more items that need attention. It is a general recommended that an inspection of the water tank takes place every five years, and it has been 10 years since an inspection was done. Lewis is fairly confident that there isn't a silt build up inside the tank. But it would be good to inspect the tank for cracks. Lewis got a bid for \$3,000.00 from a company that does these inspections. The tank is made of cement. Divers have to be certified. The tank is powered by a solar panel that runs a battery, the battery is about 4 years old, and should be replaced the cost is about \$200.

Lewis expressed his opinion that the town's relationship with the Monastery is very valuable. He would like to see the town formally approach the Monastery and offer the town's plant services to the Monastery. Lewis would like to get this in writing that the Monastery can hook up to the town water system and the town will clean their water. The town wouldn't be able to pay for the piping or infra-structure, but it would be a nice gesture. Mayor Truett and CM Sorensen agreed. The town would have to establish the agreement with the Monastery, and if the property ever changed hands the water lines would revert back to Huntsville Town. Lewis brought up the property rights the town has on the old church farm, there was a collection area and Lewis would like to see the fence reestablished around it. The water from this source is not currently being integrated into the town's water system. Mayor Truett asked Dee if she would prepare a prioritized list for the council of items needed at the plant. Dee mentioned that there is another critical piece of equipment that is needed, and that is a chlorine monitor, it should cost about \$500.00. The council gave Dee permission to order this part. The council set a field trip for January 15th at 6:00 p.m.

***Council Alan Clapperton:**

Update on TV Translator: (Brett Allen) (See Attachment #7)

CM Clapperton turned the time over to Brett Allen for an update on the TV Translator Board. Brett explained that the Translator Board manages the over the air translator sight on Powder Mountain. The big push lately was to change from analog to digital TV. They receive 6 analog channels and 17 digital channels. They currently receive the channels by microwave. They have ended up including a second sight on Mt. Ogden as a relay sight and are running three micro waves with three stations each. Each microwave costs \$15,000, plus the cost of renting the property makes the whole project cost about \$200,000. Brett stated that over the TV stations are still the best source for emergency broadcasting. They would like to have more channels but currently have what they are licensed for. They are a special service district and their fee has gone up from \$12 to \$24. Everyone in the Ogden Valley and Ogden Canyon are assessed this fee. There are still a few dead spots. Brett is the chairman of the translator board this year.

Brett reported that the TV Translator Board has logged 3000 hours of volunteer time within the past year. Mayor Truett thanked Brett for his report and for all he does for the town.

***Council Member Johnson:**

Discussion and/or action to accept the grant for a Waste Water Feasibility Study: (Rex Harris)
See Attachment #8) CM Johnson turned the time over to Rex Harris who presented a resolution on the water feasibility study. Rex explained that the town applied for grant money to do a waste water feasibility study. The state awarded the grant to the town and encouraged the town to hire a consultant and review the proposed contract with the state. The resolution basically states that the town is comfortable with the contract. CM Johnson stated that it is obvious after the presentation tonight that other people are showing interest in doing studies about Huntsville and the surrounding area. It would be in the town's best interest to move ahead with a study, so the town will be prepared to know what to do. The study will include the greater Huntsville area. Huntsville is partnering with the county on this study. The proposed resolution is for the town to accept the 20% portion of the grant money. CM Clapperton stated that he found three areas in the contract that he had concerns over. Rex stated that this resolution is just about the town accepting the grant money. There will still be time to tweak the contract. The town's portion of the grant is \$33,500.00. CM Sorensen complimented Rex on doing such a great job with the negotiations on this project. Rex clarified that if a sewer system ever comes to fruition, whoever takes out the loan to move forward with the project will be responsible to repay the grant money. A third party can't bind you in an agreement. **CM Johnson made a motion to move ahead on the resolution.** CM Sorensen seconded. All votes aye. Motion does pass.

Roll Call:	Mayor Truett	<u>Yea</u>	CM Ferre'	<u>Excused</u>
	CM Sorensen	<u>Yea</u>	CM Johnson	<u>Yea</u>
	CM Clapperton	<u>Yea</u>		

Department Reports:

CM Johnson presented a business license application for an off-site shuttle service to transport people to and from the airport. He will call Jason Scholte and get more info.

***Council Member Sorensen:**

Department reports:

CM Sorensen reported that the Bott Co. came to take out the Mary Hammond Memorial from the old school property before demolition of the school takes place. It turned out that the concrete around the base of the monument is 3 X 5 feet thick, and has sunken over the years. They figured that the concrete probably weighs over 10,800 lbs. Lonny Bailey dug trenches around the monument and they plan to saw cut the concrete and pull the monument out with a crane. The monument will be placed in the town park in the spring.

CM Sorensen reported that Ramona fell and hit her head at the ice skating party last week and ended up with a goose egg. CM Sorensen reported that the snow blower is ordered and should be here soon. JR Johansen has his art displayed at the Ogden Valley Library.

CM Sorensen mentioned that he got a call from Diana Mason with the animal shelter. She is willing to organize a rabies clinic for the Ogden Valley. They will come up on March 6, 2:30- 4:00 p.m. CM Clapperton got the fire chief to give approval to hold the clinic at the Huntsville Fire Station.

New Business:
There was none.

Citizens Comments:
There was none.

Approval of Town Council Minutes for meeting held January 7th, 2010:
CM Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes of the Town Council meeting held January 7th, as prepared. CM Clapperton seconded. All votes aye. Minutes are approved.

Approval of Work Session held January 14th, 2010:
CM Sorensen made a motion to approve the minutes of the Work Session held January 14th, as prepared. CM Clapperton seconded. All votes aye. Minutes are approved.

Mayor Truett mentioned that all item on the agenda have been addressed. CM Clapperton made a motion to adjourn. CM Johnson seconded. All votes aye.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Gail Ahlstrom, Clerk/Recorder

James A. Truett, Mayor