

## MINUTES OF THE HUNTSVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010

7:00 p.m.

Huntsville Town Hall

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

<b>Citizens:</b>	Ralph Keopple	Janet Keopple	Teri Duran
	Joseph Truett	Majken Harris	Cpl. Nealy Adams
	Sgt. Chris Stettler	Dpt. Justin Kelley	Father Cummins
	Bill Wangsgard	Michaline Wangsgard	Steve Bruncker
	Shirley Engstrom	Lewis Johnson	Ron Gault
	Ken Albertson	Pat Albertson	Wayne Hadley
	Macey Truett	Angel Truett	Meagan Truett
	Amber Truett	Traci Barney	Leeann Duran
	Regan Sorensen	Dax Sorensen	Kylan Sorensen
	Kristin Johnson	Cheyenne Johnson	Cooper Johnson
	Levi Johnson	Tim Hansen	Bridget Jones
	Emily Barney	Ramona Clapperton	

CM Truett called the meeting to order and welcomed all the visitors. There is a quorum present tonight.

The pledge was led by Bill Wangsgard.

The prayer was led by Father Cummins.

Public comments: Residents attending meeting will be allotted three (3) minutes to address the Town Council regarding concerns or ideas. No action can or will be taken on any issues presented.

CM Truett explained that there is a new agenda format for the coming year. Typically public comment has been held to the end of the meetings, but the council will now address public comment at the front of the meeting so citizens don't have to sit through the entire meeting, with a three minute time period. A report from the Sheriff's Office will be on the agenda each meeting with information about the whole valley not just Huntsville Town exclusively. There will also be citizen comments at the end of the agenda, allowing for plenty of citizen input.

Approval of Bills for November 2009:

CM Ferre' made a motion to approve the bills for November 2009. CM Johnson seconded. All votes aye. Bills are approved.

Approval of Work Session minutes held November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009:

CM Ferre' made a motion to approve the minutes of the Work Session meeting held November 19<sup>th</sup>, as prepared. CM Johnson seconded. All votes aye. Minutes are approved.

Approval of Town Council minutes held December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009:

CM Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes of the Town Council meeting held December 3<sup>rd</sup>, as amended. CM Ferre' seconded. All votes aye. Minutes are approved.

Any unfinished Council Member business:

CM Truett asked if there was any unfinished business. There was none.

Comments from retiring Council Member's:

There was none.

Swearing in Ceremony for Newly Elected Council Members and Mayor:

Gail led the swearing in ceremony. All three newly elected officials were sworn in at the same time, CM Richard Sorensen, CM Alan Clapperton, and Mayor James Truett.

Comments from Newly Elected Council Member's:

Mayor Truett welcomed our new Council Member Alan Clapperton to the council. CM Clapperton expressed his thanks for all the residents who supported him in the election. He can't think of a better group of men to serve with. The Town was well served by the former council. He will make himself available to anyone needs to talk to him and serve the best he can.

CM Sorensen commented that back in October, at Meet the Candidate night, the question was asked how they would, if elected, unify the town. CM Sorensen responded with "to unify the town the council needs to be unified" steps have already begun toward this goal. There is a Town Winter Party planned for Jan 16<sup>th</sup>, at the skate rink with donuts and hot cocoa. CM Johnson commented on how nice the ice rink looks. CM Truett echoed this comment.

Mayor Truett is thrilled about being a part of this new council. He has had the privilege of working with six other council members over the past years, and this group of men is awesome. This council is enthusiastic and will lead by example. The new council assignments will be handed out tonight. Huntsville is and will be a neat place to live. The Planning Commission has some changes coming, and there will be an Appeals Authority appointed. This administration will be fun; if there are any disagreements, that's ok, we can leave the meeting and still be friends. Mayor Truett feels that it's important to reach out to Eden and Liberty as an entire valley. The council is going to get to know the county commissioners and will try to have a positive approach to things.

Citizen Comments:

John Posnien has been a town resident for 65 years. John presented Mayor Truett with a Shooting Star coin. The Shooting Star has been in Huntsville since 1879. The notoriety of what the town has done, and what the new Mayor will do, is quite tremendous. The coins were minted for John in 1990, only 2000 were made; they have been on Mt. Everest, and the space shuttle.

**New Council Member Business:**

**Disclosure Statement: (See Attachment #1)**

Mayor Truett went over the Disclosure Statement, which the Utah League of cities and Towns advised the council to get in place. Each Council Member will need to sign the Disclosure statements and get them to Gail to keep in the files.

**Discussion and/or action on Ordinance to establish 2010 meeting schedule:**

Mayor Truett asked the council if they are all in agreement with retaining the Thursday night schedule. **CM Clapperton made a motion to continue with the schedule of holding council meetings the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of Thursday of each month.** CM Ferre’ seconded. All votes aye. Motion does pass.

<b>Roll:</b>	Mayor Truett	<u>Yea</u>	CM Ferre’	<u>Yea</u>
	CM Sorensen	<u>Yea</u>	CM Clapperton	<u>Yea</u>
	CM Johnson	<u>Yea</u>		

**Council Member Department Assignments: (See Attachment #2)**

Mayor Truett went over the list of council member assignments. Mayor Truett will be over: general admin., financial, personnel, legal, public safety, history dept., Huntsville Waterworks board member, Huntsville beautification projects, liaison for W.C. Sheriff’s Dept., and liaison with W.C. School District. CM Ferre’ will be over: Mayor Pro-Tempe, liaison with Forest Service, tree committee, roads, snow removal, town cleanup, excavation permits, and culinary water department. CM Sorensen: town website, newsletter, public relations, landfill, special projects, parks department, sports and rec., equipment and truck maintenance, liaison with Ogden Valley Pathways, and Emergency Preparedness. CM Johnson: cemetery, town building official, building permits, business licenses, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, and Event Organizer. CM Clapperton: liaison for special district, liaison for Fire District board member, P & Z member, ordinance enforcement, zoning and ordinances, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks, TV translator & Mosquito abatement.

**Motion to adjourn Regular Council Meeting to hold Public Hearing:**

CM Ferre’ made a motion to adjourn the regular council meeting to hold the public hearing. CM Clapperton seconded. All votes aye. Motion does pass.

**Public Hearing to discuss proposed amendments to Title 9: Garbage and Title 10: Culinary Water Ordinances: (See Attachment # 3)** CM Sorensen went over the proposed resolution for garbage and water fees. When the original garbage service was set up, the intention was for every house in town to have and pay for garbage service. Recently, there has been a few requests for garbage cancelations. The question is where is their garbage ending up, more than likely in the park dumpsters or their neighbor’s garbage can. At the last council meeting the suggestion was made to combine both the water and garbage resolution so that they are tied together. The town has allowed citizens to put their water on standby if they are out of town for a few months. So, if you can put your water on standby there should also be an allowance to put your garbage on standby. CM Sorensen went over a few minor amendments to the current water resolution. If a residence has water services then the town will require them to have garbage service.

The water department may disallow voluntary disconnects and reconnects between Nov. 15 and March 15, if water meters are inaccessible due to snow or other obstructions. The ordinance does not include fees, these are set by resolution. CM Sorensen continued to explain the proposed resolution and changes. There will be a disconnection fee of \$75.00 and reconnection fee of \$75.00. Garbage service may only be placed in standby in conjunction with the disconnection of culinary water. Standby rates will not be in effect until appropriate garbage and recycling cans have been returned to Huntsville Town. There were no changes made to the standby fees that are currently in effect.

CM Ferre' asked Tim Hansen how he felt about this proposed resolution. Tim is the employee who does the water shut off's etc. Mayor Truett feels that if water is being used, so is the garbage. Lewis Johnson stated that the actual garbage contract was based on total usage. Residents shouldn't be allowed to opt out. The meeting was opened for comment. There was none.

Motion to adjourn Public Hearing and reconvene Regular Council Meeting:

CM Clapperton made a motion to close the public hearing and reconvene to the regular council meeting. CM Johnson seconded. All vote aye. Motion does pass.

Discussion and/or action on proposed amendments to Title 9: Garbage and Title 10: Culinary Water Ordinances: **CM Sorensen made a motion to adopt the amendments to Title 9 & Title 10 as proposed and further move that the proposed Resolution 2010-01-07 be adopted.** CM Clapperton seconded the motion. All votes aye. Motion does pass.

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

Set date for Public Hearing on Resolution for Natural Hazard Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan:

**Mayor Truett made a motion to hold the public hearing on the proposed Resolution for the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, on January 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** CM Sorensen seconded. All votes aye. Motion does pass.

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

Discussion and/or action on Inter-Local Agreement for Animal Shelter Services:

Mayor Truett explained that this item needs to be tabled until corrections can be made to reflect the correct dates. CM Sorensen reported that he spoke with Chad Ferrin today about holding a rabies clinic and animal registration in the valley. The county used to do this and it would sure be nice for the residents if they would do it again. Chad told CM Sorensen that currently they don't have the means to do this, but he would look into it further and get back to him.

Set date for Closed Door Session with Town Council to discuss appointments:

**CM Truett made a motion to set a date for a closed session to discuss appointment to Planning Commission and Appeals Authority for tonight directly following the open house.** CM Sorensen seconded. All votes aye. Motion does pass.

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

Discussion and/or action on purchase of Snow Blower:

CM Sorensen reported that the town has a new tractor with several attachments. Over the last several years the town has had to hire outside contractors to clear snow off our roads and the cemetery. In 2006-07 the town spent \$715.00 for snow removal at the cemetery and around town, in 2007-08 \$3993.00, in 2008-09 \$1235.00, for a total of \$5943.00. The town owns one snow blower to be used in four locations, the park, the bathrooms, the cemetery and the town hall. A tractor mounted snow blower, would cost \$3,300.00 and has multiple uses; it would pay for itself in 1-3 years depending on the snowfall. The snow blower has a 7-foot wide blade. Ron asked if it would do a faster job, so there would also be a cost savings with hourly wages. John Posnien asked who would have access to this machine; this will need to be monitored. CM Ferre' commented that the machine will last a lot longer if there are fewer users. **CM Sorensen made a motion to approve the purchase of a tractor mounted snow blower for up to \$3,500.00, to be funded by both the general and road funds, with proper training for who is authorized to use it.** CM Clapperton seconded. All votes aye. Motion does pass.

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

Discussion and/or action to accept the grant for a Waste water study:

Mayor Truett tabled this item until the council can hold a work session with Rex Harris.

New Business:

CM Sorensen stated that the town purchased a new projector and screen last fall. There was a problem hiding the rope and pulleys so they wouldn't get vandalized. CM Sorensen had a box built to house the ropes, but squirrels still got to the ropes. CM Sorensen mentioned that there were issues with garage door at the park and at the town sheds. The door at the town sheds will need to be replaced soon. Mayor Truett stated that the town shops are a big eye sore. Jeannie Wendell asked CM Sorensen for pictures of people utilizing the ice rink, there was a big group of skaters enjoying the ice this afternoon. CM Sorensen would like to see the residents come out and use the ice rink.

Citizen Comments:

The meeting was opened up for comment. Janet Keopple expressed her love for Huntsville she has lived here her whole life, 80 years.

Mr. Engstrom commented that he attended an all day seminar on ordinances. The council needs to be familiar with the ordinances and to follow them.

Mr. Engstrom updated the council on the current lawsuit from the little girl who broke her arm in the playground on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Her current medical bills are \$8,000; the town's insurance company will handle this lawsuit.

The standard depth requirement for bark in a playground is 6 inches deep. When the bark depth was measured there was only one inch. Mr. Engstrom suggested that there needs to be signs in the playground that state “children play at their own risk”. He gave a sample of the required verbiage needed to protect the town. The same signage should be placed at the ice skating rink. Another issue discussed at the conference was the attempt for cities to limit the size of new homes. The town would run the risk of taking property without proper compensation with a potential lawsuit. Limiting the size of homes potentially destroys the value of the property. Mayor Truett challenged the council to be aware and think defensively with their assignments.

Adjournment of meeting:

CM Clapperton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. CM Johnson seconded. All votes aye. Motion does pass.

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 8:15 p.m.**

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Gail Ahlstrom, Clerk/Recorder

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James Truett, Mayor

**Open house for the Newly Elected Council Members and Mayor:**