

**MINUTES OF THE HUNTSVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Huntsville Town Hall**

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

<b>Citizens:</b>	Jeff Holt	Ron Gault	Bruce Ahlstrom
	Michael Ahlstrom	Sgt. Ryon Hadley	Tim Hansen
	Joseph Richardson	John Posnien	Megan Guidry
	Jesse Guidry	Jacob Tidwell	

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

The pledge was led by former Council Member Bruce Ahlstrom.

Citizens Comments:

Jeff updated the council on the negotiations relative to the school property. They are still working with the school district to try to secure this property. The flood plain maps that the school board was relying on to project the proposed trade were old and are in the process of being redone. The county engineer mentioned that updated maps will be available in April and he suspects there will be significant changes to the flood plain areas. Flood plain doesn't mean you can't build on a lot; you just need to be careful where you build. Jeff reported that there has been some reverse inquiry from the Monastery about getting access into this property through their property. It is still the council's intention to tie up the school property under the Town's ownership. Jeff mentioned that the P&Z is concerned about the fact that the demolition company tearing down the school is planning on filling in the hole with ground up cement and brick.

Mr. Engstrom spoke with an attorney who manages the largest law firm in Utah. He said it is definitely a toxic problem. The EPA will require current owners and previous owners to remove the brick and cement. The Town is getting mixed information. The State told Diane Nelson that they could leave the cement and brick as long as topsoil was placed on top of it. Mr. Engstrom was asked to call Drew Wilson, from the school district, to look into this further. The Town needs to be careful because we are still in negotiations with the school board. Jeff stated that he can't imagine the Town taking this land from them with this type of soil. There could be toxic waste issues, as well as major settling problems. The Mayor stated that the construction company did not solicit permits of any kind from the Town. The state controls demolition permits. The council thanked Jeff for all his efforts.

Eagle Scout Presentation: (Joseph Richardson)

Joseph presented his Eagle Scout project idea; he wants to build a map of the cemetery. Mayor Truett stated that Cason McKay had the same proposal last month. The council liked the project. CM Johnson suggested that this might be a bigger project than initially thought, and perhaps the two scouts could work together on it.

**Department Reports:**

**\*Mayor Truett:**

Discussion and/or action on proposed Resolution in support of 2010 Census: (See Attach. #1)

The Mayor reported that in December he and Gail met with the representatives from the 2010 Census. They plan to hire some town residents to help with the census reporting. This proposed Resolution is to support their efforts. **Mayor Truett made a motion to adopt the resolution as presented.** CM Johnson seconded. All votes aye. Motion does pass.

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

Discussion and/or action on proposal for Cell Tower:

Mayor Truett reported that he, Mr. Engstrom, and Ron Gault met with Sheriff Brad Slater this week in regards to the county renting the cell tower from the Town. Reed Richards the county attorney was there and Jan Zogmeister participated in the discussion via teleconference. The Mayor threw out the idea of having W.C. plow the town roads in exchange for the use of the cell tower. The comment was made that they have no decision making power for the roads department. So, the Mayor changed his tactics and started negotiating a price that was fair. Last time they were approached the monthly rental fee proposed was \$2,500 per month, which the county turned down. This time the proposed rental fee was \$1,500 per month. Reed Richards thought this would work. Mayor Truett explained that the \$1,500 per month would not be actual revenue coming into the town; it would be a reduction to the Town's bill to W.C. for police protection. The Town pays the county \$45,000 per year to have W.C. provide police protection. At \$1,500 per month for a year the Town would save \$18,000 per year. The power bill on the cell tower building runs between \$145 and \$278.00 per month. The Sheriff's department is interested in raising the tower another 20 feet. Sheriff Slater is very interested in this agreement. They also talked about the county being the facilitators to encourage other entities to piggy back off the tower. With any other entity using the tower there would be a 50/50 split between the county and the Town. The Mayor said he should have more information in a few weeks.

WACOG update:

Mayor Truett said the WACOG meetings have been quite interesting. Mayor Godfrey from Ogden City is proposing an additional sales tax for the improvement of roads. 60% of this tax will go to the Circular, which is three old trolley cars hooked up to a track that would run from Lincoln Ave. up 36<sup>th</sup> street to Weber State University. The proposed tax will help fund this project. Most of the Mayors in the county were against this proposed tax.

Department reports:

Mayor Truett reported that the Town did not receive any RAMP grant funding this year. The Town has been fortunate in the past to received RAMP grant funding. The Town will get the Municipal grant of \$5,000, which comes to the Town every year. This grant is based on population. This is money that the council decides how to spend, and then gets reimbursed by the county. The council has talked about putting up old-fashioned streetlights around the corners of the Town Park, something that would match the new street signs. The Mayor already got a couple of bids for doing the electrical work on this project. Mayor Truett would like to use the \$5,000 to purchase the lights, and have this done before the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Mayor Truett mentioned that he spoke with Mayor Godfrey after the WACOG meeting. At some of the meetings the Mayors attend they talk about grant opportunities and their communities needs. Mayor Truett stated that one of the Town's greatest needs is a new Town shed. The Town doesn't have the ability to pay for a new shed. Mayor Truett asked Mayor Godfrey if he would be willing to sit down with him, Ron Gault, and Gail to talk about grant possibilities. Mayor Truett will set up a meeting in March or April.

Mayor Truett reported that Jason Davis, from UDOT will be here on March 11 @ 4:00 p.m. for an update from Weber County. To talk about road projects and the Town's needs. Whoever would like to attend is welcome.

Mayor Truett reported that at the WACOG meeting representatives from Weber Morgan Health Department were asking if the No Smoking signs have been placed in the parks. The Health Department is offering the signs and posts free of charge. Mayor Truett would like to see the Town take advantage of this program. If the signs are posted then the Sheriff Department can actually write citations. The fine is \$25.00.

The Mayor Truett mentioned that the light at the park is on a timer that anyone can walk over and turn on. He asked CM Sorensen if he could get a lock box on this timer that turns the light off at 10:00 p.m. The park closes at 10:00 p.m. so the lights should shut off. John Posnien commented that there is an ordinance in place to enforce the curfew. CM Sorensen will look into this.

Mayor Truett reported that the W.C. received a fire and emergency grant for a system upgrade at each fire station that will improve their response times.

Mayor Truett mentioned that he was able to rescue a few school desks from the elementary school; they are free to whoever would like one.

Mayor Truett stated that the Town's Capital Improvement Plan needs to be updated. This plan is basically a wish list from each department on projects or equipment, with estimated costs, for the next five years. The Mayor asked the council to think about their departments and put together a list of projections they need or would like. Gail stated that the projects have to be listed in the Capital Improvement Plan specifically to be able to apply for a CDBG grant.

Mayor Truett thanked Ramona and Gail for their continued service and dedication to the Town. The Mayor appreciates all their extra help as he is settling into his job as mayor.

Set date for Public Hearing on adoption of Ordinance to Rezone of Cory Thompson's property.

Mayor Truett asked if the council didn't already hold a public hearing on this. Gail answered, yes, but the council did not adopt the re-zone by ordinance. Gail tried to record the re-zone with the county recorder's office, and they wouldn't record it without an ordinance. Gail stated that an ordinance has to be adopted in a public hearing format. That is why the council needs to hold another public hearing on this issue. This is just a formality to get the paperwork in proper order. **Mayor Truett made a motion to set a public hearing to adopt an ordinance on the re-zone of Cory Thompson's property for April 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** CM Ferre' seconded. Motion did pass.

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

**\*Council Member Clapperton:**

Discussion and/or action on proposed contract with Huntsville Waterworks Corp.:

CM Clapperton mentioned that this item was a contract written by the Huntsville Waterworks Corp. Lewis Johnson, the secondary water president, asked if the Town would like to sign the contract that was drafted. CM Clapperton doesn't have a copy of that contract with him and would like to table this item. CM Ferre' mentioned that at one time there was discussion on separating the costs of the secondary water from the culinary water on the billing. When there is a delinquent bill it is impossible to know what bill hasn't been paid.

Department reports:

CM Clapperton had nothing more to report.

**\*Council Member Johnson:**

Approval for signatures on final contract documents with Sunrise Engineering for Waste Water Feasibility Study: CM Johnson stated that it was on the agenda tonight for the council to give approval for the final signatures on the contract documents for the waste water feasibility study. Mr. Engstrom commented that the county made some significant changes on their contract, and he would like more time to review these changes. This item will be tabled until further review is done.

Department reports:

CM Johnson reported that all but two business licenses have been renewed and paid for.

**\*Council Member Sorensen:**

Discussion and/or action for proposed improvements to Hair Stylist building:

CM Sorensen mentioned that the Town's hair stylist building has a leak in the roof and there is damage to the ceiling. The problem has been long going and has not been addressed. CM Sorensen stated that the roof has recently been fixed, but the interior ceiling still has water damage. The Mayor mentioned that there is a similar problem at the History Department. Eldon Robinson been doing work for the Town, needs the work, and will do a good job.

Mayor Truett mentioned that Doug Allen has been doing some wood work in the History Department, for free, maybe he would consider doing this drywall work as well. **CM Sorensen made a motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$500.00 for repairs on the drywall in the hair salon building, and the History Department, contingent on whether Doug Allen is willing to do the work for free.** All votes aye. Motion does pass.

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

Discussion and/or action on Grant writing incentive program and resolution: See Attachment # 2)  
CM Sorensen reported that last January, a year ago, the council approved the idea of a grant writing incentive program. However, a fee schedule was never adopted by resolution that is what is being presented tonight. CM Sorensen presented the proposed fee schedule. Last year the Town received a RAMP grant, after this incentive program was agreed upon. The Town received \$30,000, so in this case Ron Gault, who wrote the grant application, would get paid \$1,500. CM Sorensen read from the proposed resolution. The Mayor thinks this is a good idea. **CM Sorensen made a motion to approve this resolution as presented.** CM Clapperton seconded. All votes aye. Motion does pass.

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

Department reports:

CM Sorensen reported that in the last meeting there was discussion about a sander rack. He spoke with Mack Devries and Dave Morse and both agreed to do it. CM Sorensen will come back to the next meeting with a motion. He will put this item on the next agenda.

**\*Council Member Ferre':**

Department reports:

CM Ferre' mentioned that at one time it was mentioned about reinstating the prayer at the start of council meetings. He spoke with David Church at the league and he said if you do have prayer there needs to be a policy set up. Mayor Truett said that the WACOG meetings open with a prayer. CM Clapperton said the Fire District also opens with prayer, but on the agenda it is listed as open ceremony. CM Ferre' will present this at next meeting.

New Business:

Mayor Truett asked CM Ferre' if he has heard anything about the stimulation funding from UDOT. CM Ferre' replied that Rex was going to get a bid package in place so if the stimulus money does come through for the Town we will be ready to go. The Mayor reported that UDOT hasn't received the letter from the Town yet, he is concerned about this. Gail was asked to follow up on this.

Mayor Truett reported that since the new policy for the collection of delinquent water bills was adopted, the town sent out certified letters on these accounts and two big bills have been paid.

Citizens Comments:

John Posnien commented that even though he is not of the prominent faith. He has really enjoyed having the church bells chiming again. He feels they are a nice thing for the town.

Approval of Town Council Minutes for meeting held February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010:

CM Sorensen made a motion to approve the minutes of the Town Council meeting held February 18<sup>th</sup>, as amended. CM Ferre' 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 8:35 p.m.**

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Gail Ahlstrom, Clerk/Recorder

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James A. Truett, Mayor