

## MINUTES OF THE HUNTSVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011

7:00 p.m.

Huntsville Town Hall

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

**Excused:** Council Member Alan Clapperton

<b>Citizens:</b>	Peter McNeil	Kolon Nyron	Matt Matysik
	Tanner Jenkins	Dave Carver	Greg Farley
	Porter Peterson	Daniel Mortensen	Kylen Scott
	Tanner Burrows	Cole Noel	Gunner Poulson
	Wesley Rowe	Wyatt Rowe	Dustin Poulson
	Jodi Bailey WCSO	Brandon Bills	Ron Gault
	Ben Matysik	Tyler Nelson	Jason Peterson
	Jeff Burton	Reuben Erickson	Stuart Nunn
	Ben Maxwell	Bryson Farley	Brayden Layton
	Peter Tanner	Jenny Songer	

Mayor Truett called the meeting to order and welcomed all the visitors. Boy Scouts from Troops 30 and 238 are present. There is a quorum present tonight.

The pledge was led by Boy Scout Troop 238.

Opening Ceremony was led by Boy Scout Cole Noel.

### Public Comments:

**Greg Farley** mentioned that he spoke with the council a few months ago about holding a barbeque competition in the park. There is still some coordination that needs to take place with this event. Greg is here tonight to present another event. He met with the manager of Brenn Hill and other local artists. They have access to a new stage and they would love to put an event on in the park on Aug 4 & 5, set up on the 4<sup>th</sup> and performances on the 5<sup>th</sup>. Greg asked if the park would be available on those dates. The music would be country western. Brenn loves the Huntsville setting and the park and would love to put on a concert here. This event would have multiple artists performing. They plan to place the stage close to the tennis courts facing west. They plan to sell tickets for this event and attract about 750 -1000 people. Mayor Truett expressed his concern about parking, maybe they could utilize the school parking.

The church parking lot would also be available. CM Johnson thought it sounds like a fun idea, but the town will need more details, like how much tickets will cost and what portion of that would be donated back to the town. The concert would go from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

**Jody Bailey with WCSO** mentioned that she is having inmates come to work in the town every Friday for the next two months. Jodi asked the council if they had any projects in mind that they could do. Mayor Truett thanked Jodi for what the inmates have done in just two days. They trimmed trees along First Street and raked debris out from underneath the trees. They also worked in the cemetery. They worked with Steve Bruncker to haul trimmings to the landfill. The council gave Jodi some ideas: the bowery's could use re-varnishing, the fencing around the landfill still needs to be repaired, there are widows in town that could use some help, there needs to be fencing done around Hawkins Spring, there are a couple of street signs that need some attention, and pinecones need to be raked in the park. CM Sorensen also expressed his gratitude to Jodi.

Jeff Burton: Update on pending annexations:

Jeff Burton mentioned that he lives north of town and hopefully that will change to; he lives in town. Jeff was asked to come give a report on where they are with their annexation preparations. Jeff stated that he and Linda are anxious to proceed and be annexed into town. Jeff has prepared a letter to take to some of his neighbors about the cost sharing benefit to them if they annex at the same time, they could share recording, engineering, publication, and filing fees. Jeff will approach his neighbors and get them to write a check for their share of the fees. Checks will be made out to Huntsville Town. There have been some questions about water rights recently, which are currently holding up the process. The hope is to have this issue resolved in a few days. CM Johnson has contacted Bill White, a water rights attorney, who owns a home in Huntsville; he is willing to come to Huntsville next Tuesday evening for a meeting. Mayor Truett thanked Jeff for taking the lead on this annexation petition.

Mayor Truett explained that Huntsville Town is looking at annexation so the town can control what is going on around us. In the past the town has been more reactive to things going on around us than pro-active. Jeff Burton and CM Johnson have been working with several property owners that are North, East, and South of the current town boundaries. They are all people who have expressed an interest in being annexed into the town. The town council is working with the developer of the property south of town in the river bottoms. The plan for this property is to have some commercial development, a hotel, and restaurant, some homes, and an additional park. This new park will be able to host larger events than the current park can handle. Access to this property will be off of Hwy 39. This development will be high end and a nice addition to the town. Mayor Truett mentioned that there might be additional properties interested in annexation. The Trapper's Crossing development has a build out of 26 homes, and has a waste water treatment facility and culinary water already and can handle 250 connections. The developer of Trapper's Crossing; Paul Laughton is working with developer Randy Day and is willing to pump sewage from Randy's development up to Trapper's Crossing. Paul expressed interest in annexing into town. Mayor Truett also got a call from Chris Wangsgards about annexing Chris'.

Mr. Engstrom is checking into the annexation of Forest Service property. There is a section of land which is owned by the Forest Service that is needed in order to be contiguous with the town and Trapper's Crossing. According to W.C. Surveyor the town can annex this property because they are tax exempt.

Dave Carver: Big Foot Show II presentation: (See Attachment #1)

Dave Carver mentioned that he is working on breakfast with Big Foot. Parking is still a concern and needs to be addressed. The Big Foot show will be marketed on the internet through viral marketing. When one person signs up, they can get a discount by providing email addresses. The price would include the whole show including the breakfast. The idea is that each person that signs up would bring additional people with them. One concern is the price for local people, if they purchase their tickets early and provide email addresses that will help keep the cost down. There will be a Big Foot Show at the W.C. Fair on August 11<sup>th</sup> which is included as part of admission. The head quarters for the show will be at Huntsville Barbeque; this is where you will get the best price for the show. Dave is looking for people to do posters, flyers, and help with graphics. They need volunteers for crowd control, managing tables and chairs and parking. The whole event will be videotaped. They plan to use Huntsville Barbeque staff for a few hours during the breakfast, since they already have food handler permits. They need sponsors, 50% of money raised by sponsors will be donated to Huntsville, 40% to salesman, and 10% back to the show. The show will cost at least \$50,000 to put on. If they don't have a certain number of people and a certain amount of money in the bank they will cancel the event. The registration page should be done by this weekend. Mayor Truett suggested assigning a council member to work specifically with Dave on this event.

**\*Mayor Truett:**

Huntsville Justice Court update:

Mayor Truett reported that he spoke with Mayor Richie, from Roy City about the J.P. Court here in Huntsville Town. Any tickets written in Liberty, Eden, Ogden Canyon, Huntsville, and unincorporated Huntsville will come to Huntsville to fight or pay their tickets. This court will be an extension of the Roy court. The court should be ready to go by Memorial Day weekend.

Sheriff Department budget:

Mayor Truett reported that he and CM Sorensen went to a meeting with Terry Thompson in regards to the Sheriff's department budgets. The Mayor had a copy of the proposed budget for next year; Huntsville's contract portion actually went down a little to \$28,590. This amount will go up about \$1,200 over the next few years.

Cell Tower update:

Mayor Truett reported that in that same meeting, he and CM Sorensen spoke with Kevin McCloud. Kevin asked if the town had found a renter for the cell tower. Kevin offered \$15,000 for the two buildings and \$1,000 and for the cell tower. The Sheriff's Department will be responsible to tear down and move the tower and the buildings. Verizon was paying the town \$750 per month. The Mayor wondered if the tower would be worth more in scrap metal. They want to move the buildings to their Eden site, including the generators. If the sale went through the town could use the money to facilitate an emergency response program in town.

CM Sorensen thought with all the advances in technology it would probably be a good idea to sell the tower before it becomes obsolete.

Overview of Council Member assignments:

Mayor Truett mentioned that CM Johnson is leaving town for a while and has turned in a letter of resignation. There is 8 months left on his council term. This position has been properly posted and 5 applications were turned in. CM Johnson has been over the cemetery, town building official, building permits, business license, town shop organizer, truck and equipment maintenance director, and the W.C. Art Council Liaison. The council held a closed session just prior to this meeting tonight and the decision wasn't an easy one. The council members felt that Laurie Allen would do a great job, she is a lifelong resident and is helping the planning commission create a data base. Laurie will be sworn in April 21<sup>st</sup>. Mayor Truett appreciates everyone who applied and hopes that they will continue to have interest in serving the town.

Upcoming Waste Water Meeting, April 20, 7:00 p.m. @ Ogden Valley Library:

Mayor Truett reminded the council about the waste water meeting coming up on April 20<sup>th</sup> at the Ogden Valley Library. The report is currently available for review on the town's website.

Update on Randy Day's field trip at the river bottoms:

Mayor Truett mentioned that Randy Day is the developer that bought the river bottoms property. Randy is anxious to work with the town to develop a new down town area. Randy is working with the developer of Trapper's Crossing, just south of the river bottoms. Stuart Nunn asked about the zoning on this property. Currently it is zoned RE-20. The town is looking to have a mixed zone of residential and commercial in the river bottoms. Stuart asked who will take liability when the property floods. This should be defined in the contract, the developer would be held liable. Mayor Truett stated that the town's desire for annexation isn't to have a bunch of developments, but to put a buffer around the town.

Ron suggested that the town needs an additional zone. The town currently has a C-1 zone, but will need to have a larger commercial zone, without a fixed size. That way the town would be able to tailor development to the land. Ron will work on the wording for this new zone. Randy has a desire to work with the town to build what the town residents want. Randy is quite excited about the idea of a hotel on the property and a nice restaurant. The idea is to have a village type concept, with shops that would cater to the valley environment, cluster housing, and a lot of open space. Stuart expressed his concern about the feel of the town itself, are we going to lose what the town has always been about. The town needs more infra structure to survive.

Discussion on Water Treatment Plant applicants:

Mayor Truett reported that he has received 8 applications for the water treatment plant operator position. CM Clapperton and Dee Jette will narrow the applicants down to three and then hold some interviews.

Discussion and/or action on bid for electrical work at treatment plant:

Mayor Truett reported that Brad Layton, with Lynn Woodward Electric gave the town a bid to do some electrical and lighting upgrades at the treatment plant. The total bid is \$2,541. There is a Rocky Mountain Incentive program where the town would get a rebate of \$445 to upgrade the lighting. The current lighting is old un-efficient and obsolete. The rebate is only good for a few more weeks.

**CM Ferre’ made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$2,541 for electrical and lighting upgrades at the water treatment plant.** CM Johnson seconded. All votes aye. Motion passed.

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

Department reports:

Mayor Truett stated that he sent Rex Harris to St. George to attend a mandatory meeting. In order for the State to issue a grant to the town for a waste water treatment facility, someone from the town had to attend this meeting. We don’t know if the town will need a waste water facility, but just in case Rex went to attend the meeting for the town.

Mayor Truett thanked Stuart for his comments, it gives the council a chance to explain why the council is making the decisions it is. Any kind of change makes people nervous.

**\*Council Member Ferre’:**

Info on Bountiful Baskets: (See Attachment #3)

CM Ferre’ mentioned that Bountiful Baskets is coming to Huntsville. Bountiful Baskets is an all-volunteer food cooperation that provides quality local produce at great prices. Typically those who participate receive \$50.00 worth of quality produce for \$16.50 a week. Volunteers sort the produce and you have a 20 minute window of time to come pick their baskets up. Orders are made and paid for online a few days prior to the delivery day. The first pick up will be April 16<sup>th</sup> at the Huntsville Fire Station. Mike Engstrom is asking permission to put non-recyclable garbage in the town dumpsters. They also sell other products like bread and granola. Pick up is at 7:00 a.m. Produce will vary with what is in season. **CM Ferre’ made a motion that the town allows Bountiful Baskets to put their left over waxed boxes in the town dumpsters.** CM Sorensen seconded. All votes aye. Motion passed.

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

4<sup>th</sup> of July update: (See Attachment #4)

CM Ferre’ reported that he almost has everything organized for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. He is thrilled with all the volunteers. The council reviewed the schedule. Mike Engstrom has agreed to take on the breakfast. Zack Buttars and his brothers will bring Kent Wangsgards grills up and return them. Colleen Burton and Red Erickson will be doing the Fun Run. Doug Allen is in charge of the flag rising and the patriotic program. Karen Klein will be doing the parade. Kathy Johansen is in charge of the booths. CM Ferre’ is implementing a video contest to go along with the speech contest. They will be 3-5 minute videos submitted from the valley zip code area. The judges will pick the top 3 videos which will be shown prior to the Patriotic Program. There will be cash prizes awarded. The American Legion will be doing the hamburger stand.

#### Update on Ogden Valley Library:

Jenny Songer updated the council about the Ogden Valley Library. Jenny spoke with Linda Wangsgard the Ogden Valley director about the library closing. A big concern about the library is that the number of visitors is down, especially since school has moved to Eden. In March they had about 6,000 visitors. They get this number from an electronic sensor over the front doorway. The North Ogden Library is getting over 26,000 a month. Eden and Liberty residents are going to the North Ogden Library, they are trying to boycott the Huntsville Library in hopes that the county will move the library over to Eden. The reality is that if the Huntsville Library doesn't get the numbers up, it will be closed but not moved. There will be no library in the Ogden Valley at all.

The number of patrons has dropped about 2,000 visitors per month. The problem is that the county over projected the growth in the valley, and the elementary moved. Linda Wangsgard thinks that in the next 3-5 years, if use of the library hasn't doubled there is a very high probable that it will close. Jenny was going to write an article for the Ogden Valley Newspaper so people would be aware of what's going on, but Linda doesn't want this to get back to the directors over the libraries that Ogden Valley numbers are down and scare tactics are being used to get people to use the library. Plain City and Farr West really need libraries. Linda said parking especially in the winter time is a big issue for them. Linda wants to start promoting big gatherings to hold seminars there, but parking is an issue. As soon as parking is secured they will start advertising to businesses and groups to hold their events and meetings there. They built the library meaning to have the parking in the back; there is a book drop and doors already on the west side. Mayor Truett mentioned that if the town got a CDBG grant to help purchase property for new town sheds then the town could sell the property that the town sheds are currently on to the library for extra parking. There is also the possibility of having parking on the school property. Jenny stated that someone is already interested in purchasing the library for a church. The town donated the land for the library as well as for the school, and now the school wants the town to buy the property back. The town needs to be careful to not make the same mistake again. If the library could get land now, they would be able to pave the parking lot, but could not buy it; they are looking for someone to donate property to them. A lot of the library building itself was donated. Mayor Truett asked Jenny if she would be willing to be a go between for the library and the town. Jenny said she would be happy too. CM Ferre' suggested having Jenny and two other people go to the school board to ask them if they would donate some property to the library for extra parking. Mayor Truett thanked Jenny for the update and asked her to keep the council informed.

The library either needs to increase their foot traffic, or increase revenue through the renting of their conference rooms. CM Sorensen commented that North Ogden's numbers are four times what Huntsville's are, they should take population numbers into account. Jenny replied that Farr West and Plain City do have higher populations and they don't have a library.

#### Discussion on Grand Marshall Candidates:

CM Ferre' said he would like some suggestions about the Grand Marshall for the parade.

**CM Sorensen made a motion to have John and Heidi Posnien be the Grand Marshall's of this year's parade.** Mayor Truett seconded. All votes aye. Motion passed.

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

Update on First Street and pot holes:

CM Ferre' reported that First Street has been cleaned and striped.

Mayor Truett spoke with Doug Larsen at the WACOG meeting last night, Doug is with the county and on the board over road projects. Mayor Truett told him that the town was approved for a grant from the Joint Highway Committee, but the grant doesn't fund until 2015. By that time the grant money might only pay for half of First Street to be repaved due to price of oil. Doug said he will check into this, he was going to check on getting the town a guaranteed loan.

Department Reports:

CM Ferre' reported that there have been some problems with the back hoe. People are not checking it out, they are leaving it dirty, and the gas tank empty. There isn't really a place to wash town vehicles. The town has a pressure washer. People who use town equipment and get it dirty, need to have a place to clean it. The backhoe was left on empty and Lonny Bailey went to use it late at night to dig a grave. Lonny was upset. There should be a check list prior to taking a vehicle out of the town shops, it should have information like who used the equipment, for how long, where it was used, and how full the gas tank was. It should always be left on half full.

CM Ferre' reported that most of the pot holes on First Street have been filled; there are pot holes on different streets that still need to be done. There are at least three roads that need a slurry seal, they are cracked beyond repairs.

**\*Council Member Johnson:**

Discussion and/or action on proposed amendment to Title 10.9.: (See Attachment #5):

**CM Johnson made a motion to tabled this item until further info can be gathered on water rights.** Mayor Truett seconded. All votes aye. Motion passed.

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

**\*Council Member Sorensen:**

Discussion and/or action on Resolution to secure the transfer of surplus Federal Property: (See Attachment #6) CM Sorensen reported that a couple of years ago CM Ferre' laid the ground work for the town to be able to pick up surplus property from the state. That agreement expired the end of January. CM Sorensen has reapplied to renew this agreement, and put his name down as the responsible party. They require a resolution as part of the application process. CM Sorensen read from the proposed resolution. **CM Sorensen made a motion adopt the resolution as presented.** CM Johnson seconded. All votes aye. Motion passed.

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

Department Reports:

CM Sorensen reported that the green waste facility will open this Saturday.

**\*Council Member Clapperton: (Excused)**

Citizens Comments:

There was none.

New Business:

Mayor Truett mentioned that they are demolishing Leon Ross' home. CM Sorensen received two calls from two different contractors asking if they could take debris to the landfill, the answer was no.

Approval of Town Council Minutes for meeting held March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011:

CM Sorensen made a motion to approve the minutes of the Town Council meeting held March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011, as prepared. CM Ferre' seconded. Minutes were approved.

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

**Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.**

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Gail Ahlstrom, Clerk/Recorder

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James A. Truett, Mayor