

MINUTES OF THE HUNTSVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, August 4th, 2011

7:00 p.m.

Huntsville Town Hall

Present: Mayor James A. Truett
Council Member Max Ferre’
Council Member Laurie Allen
Council Member Alan Clapperton
Council Member Richard Sorensen (Via Conference Call)
Legal Council Jerald Engstrom

Excused: Clerk/Recorder, Gail Ahlstrom

Citizens: Sgt. Ryon Hadley LuDean Robson Rex Harris
Terry Thompson

Mayor Truett called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance. There is a quorum present tonight. Mayor Truett mentioned that the council held two meeting earlier tonight one with Linda Wangsgard from the Ogden Valley Library Board and the other meeting with Shane Erickson and Nate Boswell in regard to Assisted Living facilities.

The pledge was led by Sgt. Ryon Hadley.

Opening Ceremony was led by CM Ferre’.

***Mayor Truett:**

Set date for Nominating Conventions:

Mayor Truett mentioned that traditionally the town has held two nominating conventions on different nights. Mayor Truett would like to propose the idea of holding both nominating conventions on the same night at the same time, but in different rooms. He feels that this would make things more transparent and open. Mayor Truett asked the council how they felt. CM Ferre’ agreed that this would be a good idea. CM Clapperton mentioned that the town could change the way it holds elections and people who are interested in running for a council seat would have to actually file for candidacy, but the deadlines for making the change for this year have passed. CM Allen and CM Sorensen also liked the idea. **CM Allen made a motion to hold both nominating conventions on September 20th at 7:00 p.m. at the Ogden Valley Library. CM Ferre’ seconded. All votes aye. Motion passed.**

Roll Call:	Mayor Truett	<u>Yea</u>	CM Ferre’	<u>Yea</u>
	CM Sorensen	<u>Yea</u>	CM Allen	<u>Yea</u>
	CM Clapperton	<u>Yea</u>		

WACOG Outing:

Mayor Truett reported that WACOG will be holding their baseball outing again this year at the Raptor's Field in Ogden, on August 25th from 5-7:00 p.m. All council members and their spouses are invited to attend. A dinner will be provided prior to the game. It will cost the town \$20.00 per person. They need an RSVP as soon as possible.

Fast Pass update:

Mayor Truett reported that "Fast Pass" is coming to the Huntsville Park on August 16th. They will be at the park from 12-2:00 p.m. It's a group of about 53 exotic cars that tour through Utah and make stops along the way. The town will provide a lunch for 130 people, which will be catered by the Huntsville Barbeque Company. They will be making a donation to Huntsville at that time. They have provided posters for the town to place throughout the town and the valley. CM Sorensen suggested having people stand at the entrance to the town with posters welcoming them to our community. Mayor Truett would like to block off 7400 E. between 200 S. and 300 S. Mayor Truett would like the council to be there to help serve food.

Weber County Fair update:

Mayor Truett mentioned that he received two passes to the Weber County Fair, August 10-13th. He gave the passes to CM Allen.

Mayor reports:

Mayor Truett mentioned that he received a nice letter from Scott Anderson, President of Zion's Bank. Mayor Truett read the letter, which thanked the Mayor for inviting him and his associate Sherm to come up for a meeting to discuss the various issues the town is currently facing. Scott thanked the town for its business and expressed his love for Huntsville, and offered to be a resource for the town.

Mayor Truett reported that he, Lewis Johnson, and Gail Ahlstrom went to a meeting in Salt Lake with the State Water Board. This meeting was set up after the town received a non-compliance letter from the State in regards to the town's culinary water treatment plant. The State is very concerned about the shortage of filter bags for the treatment plant. Representatives from Sunrise and Waterworks Engineering were also there. There was discussion about the bag situation and where the town is with trying to fix this problem. The town has been approved for a \$30,000, 0% interest loan to be paid back in 5 years. Mayor Truett said that Sunrise Engineering is requesting \$25,000 for their planning study on the distribution end of the water system and Waterworks needs \$20,000 for their planning study of the treatment plant. Kenneth Wilde is the construction assistant manager for Utah Department of Environmental Quality (UDEQ) and can approve loans up to \$40,000, he can go to the board to request the additional amount needed for these projects. When construction starts, the town can roll that planning loan into the construction loan amount. There is a possibility that 2/3rd of the construction costs could come in the form of a grant.

The biggest issue right now is trying to get the town qualified as a low-income community. The State qualifies a community as low-income by using a different formula than the CDBG ranking and rating staff. CDBG looks at income per household plus the number of people living in the home.

The State just looks at the household income and compares it to the median income for the area zip code. When the State first reviewed Gail's CDBG documentation which qualified the town as a low-income community, they told us that we wouldn't qualify. But after the meeting, they agreed to take a second look at our documentation and request to see if we can qualify by looking at Huntsville Town water user incomes only. The State seemed very interested in helping the town come into compliance whether it's by loans or grants. We should be hearing back from them within the week to see if we qualify for grants. The State is going to recommend that the town raise water rates so there is proof that the town can generate revenue to pay back loan payments.

Lewis Johnson told the Mayor that during the heavy rains last week, the amount of culinary water Mayor Truett utilized during those two days was dramatically less than what was previously being used. This tells us, people are using culinary water to water their lawns and gardens. This is why it is so important to get water meters in town replaced. The town could then read the meters and charge for overages, which would bring in revenue. The Mayor would like to know who, in town, is not hooked up to secondary water. CM Clapperton will look into this.

***Council Member Ferre':**

Department Reports:

CM Ferre' mentioned that his wife Suzanne put an article in the Valley News about the dedication ceremony of the new Veteran's Monument.

CM Ferre' mentioned that roads on 7300 E., 7000 E. and the alley next to the Shooting Star will be repaired.

***Council Allen:**

Department Reports:

CM Allen asked if the town hasn't received payment from Wes Welch for his business license yet. Mayor Truett said he just got an email from Gail today stating that he has not paid his fees.

***Council Member Sorensen: (Via Conference Call)**

Department Reports:

CM Sorensen had nothing to report.

***Council Member Clapperton:**

Department Reports:

CM Clapperton reported that the natural fuel line for the treatment plant was finished up today. The meter and orface were installed today. Ramona will call the propane company and have them come remove their tank and give the town a credit for the remaining propane in the tank. For the next five years the town will receive a \$650 credit for anyone who connects to this fuel line. So far there have been three people hook onto the line.

CM Clapperton mentioned that he prepared the wording for the two agreements talked about in our last council meeting. One for the agreement between Huntsville Waterworks Corp and Huntsville Town for the purchase of the new tractor, in the amount of \$18,500, the second agreement was between Huntsville Town and Huntsville Irrigation Co. and their request to use

the town's landfill as a staging area for their piping project. Gail prepared both documents on town letterhead and they just need the Mayor's signature.

Lonny Bailey called the Mayor and told him that he has been working a lot of overtime with his full time job and doesn't have time to dig graves anymore. He asked the Mayor to find someone else who could do this. The Mayor spoke with Dave Pilkington and he knows how to drive a backhoe. Lonny will train Dave on how to do this. Dave will take care of digging the graves now. CM Allen will follow through on this.

Citizens Comments:

There were none.

New Business:

There was none.

Approval of Bills for May, 2011:

CM Clapperton made a motion to approve the bills for May, 2011, as prepared.
CM Ferre' seconded. All votes aye. Bills were approved.

Approval of Bills for June, 2011:

CM Clapperton made a motion to approve the bills for May, 2011, as prepared.
CM Ferre' seconded. All votes aye. Bills were approved.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Gail Ahlstrom, Clerk/Recorder

James A. Truett, Mayor