

MINUTES OF THE HUNTSVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, December 1st, 2011

7:00 p.m.

Huntsville Town Hall

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

Excused: Council Member Richard Sorensen (Via conference call)
Council Member Laurie Allen

Citizens: Jack Davis Bill Wangsgard Kyle Layton
Serena Stewart Dave Robinson Sgt. Fonua
Sgt. Kevin Burns Sgt. Zetel Ron Gault

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

The pledge was led by Sgt. Fonua.

The opening ceremony was led by Bill Wangsgard.

Public Comments:

There was none.

Sgt. Fonua of the National Guard: Presentation on Community Covenants: (See Attachment #1)

Sgt. Fonua explained that the Community Covenant Program is an initiative created in 2008 by the United States Army, designed to reach out to all military service members. The intent of the program is to encourage cities and towns across the country to formally commit their support to service members and their families. Sgt. Fonua said they are here tonight to work with communities and to let people know about some of the resources that the military has. There are 13 facilities throughout the State that offer educational, medical or counseling services to service members. The town was encouraged to create a resolution formally declaring its commitment to supporting service members and their families. The purpose behind the covenant is to lead to increased awareness and support for military service members, and to increase patriotism and devotion to community and country. Sgt. Fonua asked if someone from the council could be a liaison with the National Guard so there is a sharing of information. Mayor Truett said it would be an honor to support the military. During WWII Huntsville Town had more people serving in the military per capita than any other town in the nation. Mayor Truett asked CM Clapperton to be the liaison.

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 passed.

Roll: Jack Davis	Bill Wangsgard	Kyle Layton
Serena Stewart	Dave Robinson	Sgt. Fonua
Sgt. Kevin Burns	Sgt. Zetel	Ron Gault

Public Hearing on Revised Huntsville Town Capital Investment Plan 2012:

Mayor Truett reported that the council revised the Town's Capital Investment Plan in a work session and identified the needs of the town in each department, such as: Culinary Water, Landfill, Equipment, Buildings, Roads, Parks, and Cemetery.

Public Hearing on potential projects to be applied for in the CDBG 2012 Small Cities Program:

Mayor Truett mentioned that town's culinary water plant is in desperate need of upgrades, and was listed as the Town's number one priority in the Capital Investment Plan. CM Clapperton reported on the meeting with Waterworks Engineering, he explained that the issue the town has is that the treatment plant is bordering on the edge of being a non-complying system with the State as far as filtration goes. The town has a very good treatment plant but the State isn't giving any log credit for part of the filtration system, which is the sand filter. The problem is that the company that made the bags for the current filtering system has gone out of business and we can no longer get the replacement bags. The current filtration bag system will have to be changed out for a new one, or we will have to switch over to an Ultra Violet (UV) system. Right now the council is working with Waterworks Engineering to get exact costs. Waterworks will go to the State and try to convince them that the sand filtration system is working and adequate. The town's water system is one of the best in the State but it is falling behind, not in water quality but in State requirements.

Mayor Truett opened the public hearing for the CDBG program and stated that this hearing is being called to consider potential projects for which funding may be applied under the 2012 Community Development Block Grant Program. It was explained that the grant money must be spent on projects benefiting primarily low and moderate-income persons. The Wasatch Front Regional Council, in which Huntsville Town is a member, is expecting to receive approximately \$900,000.00 in this new program year. All eligible activities that can be accomplished under this program are identified in the CDBG Application Guide and interested persons can review it at anytime. Mayor Truett mentioned that an eligible activities would be the replacement of the filtration system at the culinary water treatment plant, the replacement of electronic water meters and electronic readers, and replacement of old water lines.

Also eligible are loan programs for private businesses which would then hire low income persons and the program can also pay for housing rehabilitation for low income homeowners or for persons owning rental housing for lower income persons. Mayor Truett indicated that Huntsville Town has received CDBG grants in 2005 for \$218,000 for the replacement of old water lines, in 2008 for \$90,949 and 2009 for \$27,381 for the replacement of old water lines, and in 2011 the town received a grant for \$261,000 for land acquisition. The city has handed out its Capital Investment Plan as part of the regional "Consolidated Plan".

This list shows which projects the city has identified as being needed in the community. Mayor Truett asked that anyone with questions, comments or suggestions during this hearing please identify themselves by name before they speak. There was no public comment.

Motion to adjourn Public Hearing to Re-Convene to Regular Council meeting:

CM Ferre' made a motion to adjourn the public hearing to re-convene to the regular council meeting. CM Clapperton seconded.

***Mayor Truett:**

Discussion and/or action on proposed Capital Investment Plan:

CM Clapperton made a motion to adopt the proposed Capital Investment Plan as discussed in the work session. 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>Excused</u>
	CM Clapperton	<u>Yea</u>		

Discussion and/or action on potential project for which funding may be applied for under the CDBG Small Cities Program Year 2012:

CM Ferre' made a motion to apply for a CDBG grant to replace the filtration system at the culinary water plant. CM Clapperton 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>Excused</u>
	CM Clapperton	<u>Yea</u>		

Discussion and/or action on park bowery reservation form:

Mayor Truett mentioned there were a couple amendments made to the park bowery reservation form. One was that if the bowery reservation was for over 150 people they must to talk to the town council. Two, No Loud music: which includes live bands and loud speakers, unless approved by town council. Mayor Truett said this form limits the number of people able to be under one reservation, if the reservation is for over 150 people, who would include marathons, triathlons, and biking events, they will need to come before the town council to get approval for their event. Gail will work with CM Sorensen on preparing a "Special Event Form".

Department reports:

Mayor Truett mentioned that the Performing Art Center is moving in to the building next door to the Shooting Star. It has been in the Ogden Valley News that they are opening on January 9th, they have not sought out a business license from the town. Mayor Truett would like CM Allen to make contact with them to see that this is taken care of.

Kyle Layton said he wants to do a small engine repair business. It will basically be a mobile business; he will pick up small machines from people's homes and then return them. Kyle will repair lawn mowers and snow blowers at his grandmother's home. All repairs will take place inside the garage. **CM Clapperton made a motion to approve the business license request.** CM Ferre' seconded. All votes aye.

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

Mayor Truett asked the council member's to look at their department assignments and let him know if they would like to change any of their assignments for the coming year.

***Council Member Ferre':**

Department reports:

CM Ferre' had nothing to report.

***Council Member Allen: (Excused)**

Discussion and/or action on expenditure for dump trailer for cemetery:

Mayor Truett reported for CM Allen who is not here tonight. The Mayor mentioned that there currently is no way to remove dirt from a grave site when it is dug. For the past few years Cory Thompson has allowed the town to use his truck at the cemetery, but Cory has sold his truck. In lieu of trying to find a used truck that would sit outside in the weather, the council thought they would look at a dump bed trailer. The trailer they looked at is a 14 foot trailer with a 5 ton capacity, it has ramps, and the back of the bed opens two different ways. Mayor Truett thought this would be a great option for the cemetery; it could be utilized for other projects as well. Big Bubba is willing to sell the trailer at cost, to the town for \$7,200. Mayor Truett wants to be cautious about spending the town's money, but thought this trailer would last longer than an old used truck that the town can afford. **Mayor Truett made a motion to approve the purchase of this 14 foot dump bed trailer.** CM Clapperton 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>Excused</u>
	CM Clapperton	<u>Yea</u>		

***Council Member Clapperton:**

Discussion and/or action on purchase of computer for water treatment plant:

CM Clapperton mentioned that the water plant needs a new computer; he has gotten a bid for \$1,200. **CM Clapperton made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$1,200.00 to purchase a new computer for the water treatment plant.** CM Ferre' seconded. All votes aye. Motion passed.

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

***Council Member Sorensen:**

CM Sorensen had no items to discuss.

Citizens Comments:

Bill Wangsgard asked about the Capital Improvement Plan, he would like to get a copy of the updated plan. Gail will mail him a copy.

New Business:

Dave Robinson asked the council what the council is planning with the school property. Mayor Truett explained that he has been talking with Jeff Hyde about building a Gardner's Village on the southwest corner of the property, with old looking craft shops, cobble stone pathways, possibly a restaurant, all this would add to the atmosphere of the town. Jeff has remodeled the Huntsville Barbeque building, the Rendezvous Lodge, and the Dentist's Office; he has a real talent with his decorating and remodeling ideas. The town sheds will be located on the property as well. All equipment will be housed inside the shed and it will be landscaped. There has also been talk for an assisted living center, as well as an additional multi-use soccer field. The town council fought for that property for 2 1/2 years and plan to have anything there be first class. Jack asked how many rooms the assisted living facility would have. Mayor Truett replied 15-20 rooms.

Dave Robinson expressed his disapproval for the location of the sheds. Why not build the sheds where the old ones are right now. Dave asked how much the town is going to owe for this. Will the grant pay for this, or will there be individual investors. Mayor Truett explained that the \$261,000 CDBG grant was for land acquisition and town sheds, the grant requirement is that the town has 5 years to build sheds on the land purchased with the grant money. The council decided to use the grant money to help purchase the school property. The town had to take out a loan for the additional \$65,000 to pay for the land. The council realized that sheds would have to be built on the property within 5 years. So, the town borrowed additional money to pay for the construction of the new maintenance sheds. Dave asked the council; why not make the shed look like a 100 year old barn that would fit with the Gardner's Village atmosphere better than a steel building. The town will need to sale off a portion of the property to help pay down the loan. None of these ideas have been finalized.

Mayor Truett reported that he met with Linda Wangsgard with the Ogden Valley Library earlier this week about the libraries parking issues. Linda is trying to come up with creative ideas to keep the numbers of attendance at the library up; she is trying to market the library as a conference and seminar center. The town wants to help. Parking is a very big issue for them. The town sheds are on the west side of the library, and the sheds will be torn down and then the property will hopefully be sold or leased to the library for additional parking area.

Jack Davis replied that he's glad Dave came tonight. Jack has done a lot of restoration on his homes, and property to keep them looking original. Jack likes the idea of having the sheds look like an old barn as well. Jack mentioned that his daughter Jennifer Sorensen is willing to help come up with some designs and landscaping ideas for the new sheds to help keep the old town atmosphere. Mayor Truett mentioned that if the planning commission, Dave Robinson, or Jennifer Sorensen can come up with a plan for the sheds that looks better than what has already been proposed then the council will be willing to look at them. Any new plans will need to be looked at soon.

Approval of Town Council minutes for meeting held November 17th, 2011:

CM Ferre' made a motion to approve the minutes of the Town Council meeting held November 17th, as prepared. CM Clapperton seconded. Minutes were approved.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Gail Ahlstrom, Clerk/Recorder

James A. Truett, Mayor