

MINUTES OF THE HUNTSVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, December 15th, 2011

8:30 p.m.

Huntsville Town Hall

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

Citizens: Greg Roylance Lonny Bailey Lt. Kevin Burns
Sgt. Ryon Hadley Ron Gault Giselle Loveland
Steve Johnson Mark Goodson Dan Scarborough (Roper Building)

Mayor Truett called the meeting to order and welcomed all the visitors.

Pledge was led by Steve Johnson.

Opening Ceremony was led by Lonny Bailey.

Discussion and/or action on expenditure for water tank replacement part and labor:

CM Clapperton mentioned that the part that regulates that water level at the treatment plant is broken and needs to be replaced. **CM Clapperton made a motion to authorize the expenditure of up to \$2,100 to purchase the part and pay for the labor.** 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>		

Huntsville Irrigation update:

CM Sorensen reported that he met with Rex Mumford from the Huntsville Irrigation Co. last week at the landfill. They are planning on piping their irrigation system over the next three or four years. They need to have access to the town's landfill and have a diversion point near the landfill. What they need will be minimal as far as encroachment into the landfill area. They talked about letting the town use some of their water to water trees at the landfill. Rex said they would give the town a 4-inch pipe connection that water could be pumped out of.

Discussion and/or action on two business license requests:

Mark Goodson (Art studio) and Giselle Loveland (Dance Studio)

Mark Goodson said he has a private painting studio in the building just east of the Shooting Star. He is here tonight to request a business license. Giselle Loveland stated that she had a ballet school in Logan for 10 years. She would also like to request a business license to have a ballet school in the same building that Mark is in. She has been advertising in the Ogden Valley News with plans to open in January. Classes will be held from 4:00-8:30 p.m. The council is glad to have people in the building. The council approved both business license requests.

Sheriff's report:

Sgt. Hadley reported that the Ogden Valley is definitely between seasons, things are quiet right now. In November there were 11 calls for service: 8 of which generated police reports, 1 criminal mischief, 1 ungovernable juvenile, 1 theft, 1 civil dispute, 1 suspicious incident, 1 traffic offence, 2 medical assists. 3 traffic citations were written within town limits. Within two hours of opening ski season there were two thefts.

Discussion and/or action on new proposal for town maintenance sheds: (See Attachment #1)

Mayor Truett said that the council held a work session tonight and the new maintenance shed were discussed. The construction bid has already been awarded to Roper Buildings at a previous council meeting. Mayor Truett asked the council members to give their input on the proposed drawings for the shed. CM Allen likes the drawings; she said the council needs to be careful about the costs of making the shed look like a personal barn. She is concerned that too much money is being put into a shed, just because a couple of citizens don't want the sheds across the street from them. She expressed her concerned that the town is going to be in over its head, there is still septic, electrical, and concrete that needs to be done. CM Clapperton agreed with CM Allen, no matter what is built, not everyone is going to like it. CM Clapperton cautioned the council to not get too deep into paying for the cosmetics of the building. He likes the drawings as well, but wouldn't want to make the building any smaller. Dan suggested that the council really looks at the size of the building and decide what the town's needs really are, adding onto the building later will be a lot more money. Mayor Truett asked Lonny and Greg for their opinion. The building will be 50 X 70 feet, with three drive through bays and six garage doors, everything will be stored inside the shed. There was extensive discussion about the insulation, heating, and size of the building. It would cost \$10,000 to add the additional 10-foot back onto the building. CM Ferre' is concerned that if the town ever gets more equipment will there be room to store it in the shed, or will there have to be an addition. Dan stated that there is really only one place to add onto the building and that would be off the back. Dan stressed if the council wants a bigger shed they should do it now. CM Sorensen said no matter what size the building is, it's never big enough. Lonny suggested getting the bigger building now, and do the finish work as the town can afford to do it.

Mayor Truett went over the numbers, the town allotted \$120,000 for the shed, \$16,000 for the salt and sand shed \$15,000 for electrical, \$10,000 for heating, and \$5,000 for asphalt for a total of \$166,000, that is the amount of the loan from Zion's Bank. If you take the \$120,000 add in the cost of the carriage doors, and add the cost of the extra 10-feet to the size of the building, and to make the suggested upgrades to the cosmetics of the building, that brings the total construction cost to \$144,000.

Dan said it will be a few more weeks before they have the engineered drawings done and ready for review by the Planning Commission.

Mayor Truett made a motion to amend the previous motion to allot \$124,000 and increase the expenditure to \$144,000 for the construction of the 50 X 80 foot maintenance shed with the upgrades presented tonight. CM Sorensen 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>		

Discussion and/or action on truck and trailer issue at cemetery:

CM Allen said Lonny Bailey and Greg Roylance wanted to express their concerns about the new dump trailer they are supposed to use at the cemetery. Lonny said the town has two dump trucks, the grey truck is ideal for the cemetery. The dump trailer is not going to work. It will be extremely difficult to drive a truck and a trailer around and between the headstones. If things stay the way they are now, someone else is going to have to help dig the graves, one person to drive the backhoe to the cemetery, and the other to drive the truck down too. This will double the cost of digging a grave. Lonny said every headstone is a different size and shape, so every grave that is dug presents a new set of challenges. If they keep the dump trailer there is 18 feet of truck plus 20 feet of trailer, to maneuver around the headstones, this could be a disaster. Lonny is also concerned about the weight of a loaded trailer, especially in April and May, there is 20,000 pounds of dirt in each grave that needs to be hauled away and then returned to the gravesite. Backhoe's have flotation tires and doesn't usually leave ruts. The dump trailer tires are skinny and will leave deep ruts. Lonny asked if the town really needs two snowplows. The grey truck has a quick attach plow that is 12 feet wide and could be detached easily. CM Sorensen suggested that the grey truck could be stored at the town sheds during the winter and when a grave needs to be dug they could take off the plow and drive it to the cemetery. In the summer the gray truck could be left at the cemetery. Mayor Truett doesn't want a vehicle sitting out in the weather all winter. With the trailer, digging a grave turns into a two man project. Lonny and Greg both agreed that they would like to utilize the grey truck. The council agreed to this arrangement as long as the plow blade can be taken off easily. They also agreed to keep the dump trailer, the town got a great deal on it and there will be a lot of uses for it.

CM Allen said the signage for the cemetery gate needs to be changed. The information on the website says the cemetery gate will be open on Memorial Day and for funerals. The current sign says the gate will be opened Tuesday and Thursday, Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. There is no reason for the cemetery to be open that late. There is a walk through gate that is always unlocked. The gates are left open during the winter. The new sign will say open from Memorial Day thru Labor Day, Thursday, Saturdays, and Sundays, from 8:00 a.m. to dusk, winter hours by appointment. An additional sign pointing to the walk-in gate will also be made.

Review of Large Group Reservation Request Form: (See Attachment # 2)

CM Sorensen said he and Gail put together a large group reservation request form. There have been numerous groups asking to use the town park for their large events and there needs to be a form for Gail to hand to them. Items added to the form were the basic questions that were asked by the council with each request. No price was included on the form, different events will impact the park differently and the fee will be determined with each individual request. The council reviewed the form and approved it.

New Business:

Mayor Truett reported that he got a call from Jay Curtis this week. Jay asked how much money the town needed to complete the Huntsville Veteran's Memorial. Jay said he had a donor lined up that could possibly help. His name is Robert Graham with the George Eccles Foundation. Mayor Truett will write a letter to Mr. Graham requesting \$6,000 to complete the project. This will help pay for plaque and pathway.

CM Ferre' reported that he attended the W.C. Animal Shelter meeting this week. They had set a fee for the town of \$735 annually, they budgeted \$1,779. During January to November there have been only 85 animals, which is way lower than what they estimated. Because of this shortfall they are going to implement a onetime additional charge of .60 cents per person to the town.

CM Ferre' reported that the town received a refund check from AL&L in the amount of \$1,453.00. They returned money that they withheld from their annual payment to the town. AL&L withheld taxes on their payment. Ramona wrote them a letter stating that the town is tax exempt.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Gail Ahlstrom, Clerk/Recorder

James A. Truett, Mayor