

MINUTES OF THE HUNTSVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, February 18th, 7:00 p.m.

Meeting held on Zoom with an anchor location at Town Hall, 7309 East 200 South, Huntsville.

Name	Title	Status
James A. Truett	Mayor	Present
Blake Bingham	Council Member	Present
Richard Sorensen	Council Member	Present on Zoom
Max Ferre'	Council Member	Present
Wendy McKay	Council Member	Present on Zoom
Beckki Endicott	Recorder	Present
William Morris	Legal Counsel	Excused

Citizens on Zoom: Liz Poulter, Lt. Butler, Lt. Hutchinson, Bonnie Hyde, Jack Walkenhorst, bmanuson

1-Mayor Truett called the meeting to order. There is a full quorum present at Town Hall. The remaining Council Members are on Zoom.

2-Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Truett.

3-Opening Ceremony – TCM Max Ferre'.

4-Public Comments – There were none.

5-Discussion and/or action on Town Council Meeting Minutes from February 4th, 2021. TCM Blake Bingham motioned to table the approval of the Minutes from February 4th, 2021. TCM Ferre' seconded the motion. All vote ayes. Motion is approved.

6-Sheriff's Report- Lt. Butler introduced Lt. Hutchinson who is taking over the east precinct. Lt. Hutchinson introduced himself. He has been serving over investigations at WC Sheriff. He is excited to be here in Huntsville. Lt. Butler stated he had already been over the numbers with Huntsville in the last meeting. Lt Butler announced he would be over the parking ticket hearings for Huntsville Town.

Action Items:

1-Discussion and update on the Winter's Gove Restoration Project. (See Attachment #1) Beckki received an update from Linda Laws on the grant money her organization received to restore the Winter Grove Trail Signs. Beckki stated they could read through the progress in the packet but she wanted to make sure the Council knew that the project was ongoing and that the designer for the signs will be the Songer Family. The pictures are in the packet. The renovation group hope to have the design updated and approved in March and have the signs installed in April. They are planning to host a grand re-opening in the later spring months.

2-Discussion and/or action on donation to Weber County for restrooms at Cemetery Point. Mayor Truett distributed a spreadsheet with the history of the tolls collected on 1st street over the last 10 years. (See Attachment #2) Mayor Truett stated there has been a steady increase at the toll booth over the years. Huntsville's agreements with the Forest Service vendors have been negotiated well over the years. Last year was a COVID year and Huntsville's distribution was \$108,000. Weber County has also started negotiating a fee that has resulted in \$30,000 for them the last two years. Commissioner Froerer wants to construct another restroom at the point. Mayor Truett stated Huntsville has not given back to Pineview in a long time. He would like to see some of the Cemetery Point money donated to the Weber County Restroom update. In past years, the distribution of funds has been used for the roads in Huntsville. Mayor Truett would like to give \$24,000 for a restroom at Cemetery Point. Huntsville would keep \$81,000 for our roads. TCM Ferre' asked if the vendor agreement required Huntsville to use this for the roads. Mayor Truett stated the new contract does not have any requirements for use of funds.

TCM Wendy McKay asked where they were putting the restroom. Mayor Truett replied that the location would be in Huntsville. He is assuming at Cemetery Point. Weber County has been working very closely with Sean Harwood and the Forest Service. Mayor Truett trusts the County to be working with the Forest Service on the restroom location. TCM McKay asked about who would be in charge of the upkeep after the restroom was built. Mayor Truett responded the Forest Service would be in charge of the upkeep.

TCM Ferre' does not feel bad about accepting the money from the Forest Service but agrees Cemetery Point needs another restroom. TCM Bingham asked about the status of the budget. He does not want to donate money if Huntsville's budget is suffering. He would also like to propose that the money donated be earmarked specifically for the restroom. He is concerned WC might want to use the funds for other projects. TCM McKay is concerned about adding an additional restroom because the ones that are there are not kept and cleaned very well. She would also like to see the \$24,000 designated. TCM Sorensen commented he is trying to figure out where they would put an additional restroom. He stated there are three restrooms already at the Point. He believes if there is a need that we should support the County.

Liz Poulter commented she heard the restrooms at Cemetery Point were in terrible shape because the Chevron has been referring people to them.

TCM Blake Bingham motioned to approve the donation of \$24,000 to Weber County for a restroom facility conditioned upon the location of the restroom being in the municipal boundary of Huntsville Town or Cemetery Point. TCM Max Ferre seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote. All votes aye. Motion passes. Votes are reflected below.

VOTES	AYE	NAY	RECUSED	EXCUSED
Mayor Truett	X			
CM Wendy McKay	X			
CM Blake Bingham	X			
CM Max Ferre'	X			
CM Richard Sorensen	X			

3-Discussion and/or action on Veteran’s Memorial Wall. Mayor Truett would like to create a Veteran’s Wall in the Huntsville Cemetery to honor Veteran’s in the entire Upper Valley. He has talked to a number of people that could serve on a committee to raise the money and construct the monument. Right now, he is picturing a wall that could surround the existing monument at the Cemetery. Mayor Truett is having an email created for the site. The monument wall would be funded by donations and constructed by the end of the year. Mayor Truett would like TCM Ferre’ to be in charge of the project.

TCM Ferre’ stated the existing monument is not very visible. He is supportive of adding a wall and thinks it would make the existing monument stand out.

TCM Bingham is supportive of the idea but asked about the funding. Mayor Truett stated the funds would come from donations that would be solicited by the committee that TCM Ferre’ forms. TCM Bingham’s that there be criteria formed in order to choose the veterans that will be selected to be on the wall. He explained there are many levels of service and those criteria would have to be decided in advance. Examples of criteria might be to be born in the Upper Valley or to have lived here for so many years.

TCM McKay is concerned with the height of the wall. She stated she would like to see a half circle instead of a full circle. She would also like the name to be changed to Ogden Valley Veteran’s Memorial Wall.

TCM Bingham motioned to approve the Mayor’s formation of a committee to pursue the Veteran’s Memorial Wall. TCM Ferre’ seconded the motion. All votes Aye. Motion passes.

VOTES	AYE	NAY	RECUSED	EXCUSED
Mayor Truett	X			
CM Wendy McKay	X			
CM Blake Bingham	X			
CM Max Ferre’	X			
CM Richard Sorensen	X			

4-Discussion and/or action on support for resolution opposing House Bill 98. (See Attachment #3) TCM Blake Bingham stated that HB 98 would allow people building in Huntsville to bypass the Town’s plan review and inspection done in Huntsville Town. They would still be required to go through plan review and inspections by qualified inspectors, but they could opt out of the Town’s process. They would also still have to give us the fees. TCM Blake Bingham stated the developers in the state of Utah are voicing frustration in delays of building permits. This bill could result in residents going around the city processes. The City of West Haven has drafted a letter to Governor Cox opposing the bill encouraging him to act against the bill if it passes. The City of West Haven has asked Huntsville to throw its support to their group. They would also put Huntsville Town’s Council names on their letter to Governor Cox.

TCM McKay agreed that she doesn't like the power being taken away from the cities and towns. She would like to see Huntsville support this opposition.

TCM Max Ferre' motioned that Huntsville join with West Haven in opposing HB98. TCM McKay seconded the motion. All votes aye. Motion passes.

VOTES	AYE	NAY	RECUSED	EXCUSED
Mayor Truett	X			
CM Wendy McKay	X			
CM Blake Bingham	X			
CM Max Ferre'	X			
CM Richard Sorensen	X			

Beckki will reach out to West Haven to see how they would like us to respond.

5-Discussion on Fiber Optic Survey Results. Mayor Truett explained he had Ramona sent out a survey asking residents if they would support fiber optic in our Town. We have had 45 responses in the last two weeks. 38 responded they support fiber optic. Two surveys did not support fiber optic. Five responses stated they did not know.

Mayor Truett stated there have been several companies approach him about fiber optic; All West, Utopia, Freedom Broadband and Utah Broadband. Mayor Truett is going to find a way for us to meet with all the companies, whether by Town Council Meetings or Work Sessions.

TCM Wendy McKay asked if the residents would be assessed \$30 a month if there is competition between companies. Mayor Truett said that residents would have a choice. There are plans that take fiber optic under ground 100%. There are plans that take fiber optic and run them along the power lines. TCM McKay would like to see all the lines underground.

Mayor Truett explained that years ago some of the sections of Town were wired underground by Quest. Not all the Town has the cable. TCM Blake Bingham would like to see what all the options are. He is wanting to know what is being asked of the Town. Mayor Truett stated that the cost of running the wire would be the company's responsibility. There should not be a cost to the Town.

6-Discussion on update to Capital Project List. (See Attachment #4) Mayor Truett stated he would like to see this list updated again this year. Mayor Truett went through all the items on the list. Some of the projects have been completed. Beckki sent a PDF. She will send it out as a editable document. Mayor Truett would like each Town Council Member to update the list. CDBG and other grants like to have this document as part of their grant.

TCM Blake Bingham asked if the Council was looking for other ways to fund the rest of the proposed Community Center. TCM McKay stated the TC needs to start looking for ways to fund the rest of the building. The proposed budget for the building is 1.2 million. TCM Blake Bingham wondered if part of the water budget could be used for the municipal part of the

building since the utility billing and work is being performed there. TCM Wendy McKay expanded the idea of using RAMP to fund the museum part of the building. TCM Wendy McKay asked the rest of the Council Members what kind of project she should be looking at for the Outdoor Recreation Grant. Mayor Truett suggested a sound system or playground equipment would be a good idea. TCM Blake Bingham wondered if a workout circuit trail would be beneficial at the park. TCM Max Ferre' asked if trees and shrubs could be included on the soccer field east of the hotel. The TC agreed this would be a great idea. TCM McKay stated the trees could not be a part of the Outdoor Recreation Grant. The TC liked the idea of a workout circuit, and outdoor lighting. TCM Wendy McKay will continue to work on the grant.

7-Update on Fireworks. Beckki was asked by Ramona to ask the TC about what to do about the fireworks order. Brian Clapperton has not heard from Cherry Creek. The Clapperton's are worried that we will lose the discount that Huntsville has with Fireworks West if we do not order soon. TCM Richard Sorensen has not heard from Cherry Creek either and they promised they would get a bid to us right away. Beckki also relayed the concerned that Bryan is associated with Fireworks West with regards to licensing. This lessens the cost to the Town. TCM Richard Sorensen said he would talk to Ramona and try to get a hold of Cherry Creek.

COUNCIL MEMBER PRESENTATIONS:

- 1) **TCM Blake Bingham:** TCM Bingham reported on HB 82. This bill has been passed in the house and is going to the Senate. He is giving everyone the heads up that this bill tells municipalities that it cannot prevent homeowners from renting rooms inside their homes.
- 2) Beckki added that Huntsville Town collected \$2,000 in donations for the ice rink this year. The ice rink is now closed for the season.
- 3) Mayor Truett would like to have a training soon from Weber Fire for the AED that was ordered for Town Hall.

CLOSING ITEMS:

1. Citizen Comments: There were none.
2. Adjournment of Meeting. **TCM Ferre' motioned to adjourn.** TCM Bingham seconded the motion. All votes Aye. Motion passes.

Meeting is adjourned at 8:21 p.m.


Beckki Endicott, Recorder

Winter's Grove Nature Trails Update for USFS, RAMP, Huntsville Town 1/10/2021

*To: David Ashby, USFS Recreation Manager, Logan Ranger District;
Zach Maughan, USFS Ogden Ranger District; Huntsville Town
RAMP*

It's hard to believe we have reached 2021! Our sign replacement project for Winter's Grove has been slowly rolling along and we are excited to report on our progress.

After meeting with our sign designer (Brandi Bosworth from the Ogden Nature Center has volunteered to assist us) we agreed to change direction on the artwork portion of the signs and instead of using stock photos search for a local artist to create the backdrops. We were aware this would take longer than anticipated but would be worth the delay.

We were excited when the Songer family of Huntsville came on board to create our original artwork. They have used the trail for generations and were happy to work within our budget constraints. The draft artwork was completed by the first part of November and has been turned over to our designer (see attachment).

In addition to the above we did the following:

- ✓ Regular trail visits and trash removal.
- ✓ Currently working with the Ogden Nature Center education specialists to complete text for three signs (wetlands, birds, trees/plants).
- ✓ Made agreement with the Trails Foundation of Northern Utah to host a QR code on their website. We will add the code to each sign and visitors can use the code to get additional information about the area. It allows us to keep the sign text brief while giving visitors the option to find out more information. We will also be able to make audio files available for the blind and others with disabilities.
- ✓ The way finding trail signs ordered by USFS for HWY 39 and Huntsville have arrived and will be put into place as weather conditions permit.
- ✓ USFS will removed the Jefferson Hunt entry kiosk that was worn and not repairable. The old Winter's Grove sign that is unreadable will also be removed.
- ✓ We will be adding bird boxes in several locations along the trail. David is supplying the box design plans and Broads will ask the boy scouts to participate as a service project.

Updated Timeline:

January/February

- Artwork finalized
- Text edited, reviewed, and finalized

March

- Design completed and approved

April

- Approved files sent to sign company

Sign installation and grand re-opening subject to weather and COVID 19 restrictions.

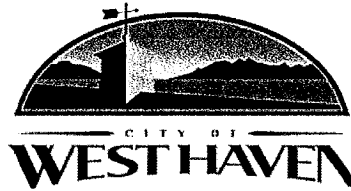
Huntsville Town 1st Street Toll

Year	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
# of vehicles	18,062	21,225	22,866	27,894	22,299	28,216	26,999	25,188	25,342	28,801	37,450
Amount charged per vehicle	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 2.80	\$ 2.80
Utah Recreation payments											\$ 67,740
American Land & Leisure payments	\$ 18,062	\$ 21,225	\$ 22,866	\$ 25,000	\$ 20,661	\$ 84,649	\$ 81,997	\$ 75,564	\$ 76,026	\$ 67,740	\$ 104,862
Toll Booth revenue	\$ 18,062	\$ 21,225	\$ 22,866	\$ 27,894	\$ 66,898	\$ 84,649	\$ 81,997	\$ 75,564	\$ 76,026	\$ 67,740	\$ 104,862

MAYOR – Sharon Bolos

CITY MANAGER – Matthew Jensen

CITY RECORDER – Emily Green



COUNCIL MEMBERS

Carrie Call
Kim Dixon
Randy Hunter
Nina Morse
Rob Vanderwood

February 17, 2021

Governor Spencer J. Cox
350 N State Street, Suite 200
P.O. Box 142220
Salt Lake City, UT 84114-2220

Dear Governor Cox,

RE: HB 98 – Local Government Building Regulations

As a united City Council, we reach out to express our concerns and objections with House Bill 98 – Local Government Building Regulations. As you know, this bill would allow developers to bypass municipality building inspections. The bill is purportedly justified due to reports of undue delays in municipalities performing inspections. We hold that this is a misrepresentation of how the majority of Utah cities, ours included, that have worked diligently during the past decade to handle the incredible growth rates that Utah has experienced. West Haven City has invested the time, staff, and resources to respond in an appropriate and responsible timeframe.

More importantly, municipalities perform this duty as a public safeguard for our residents and businesses. Building inspections confirm the safety of buildings as they are constructed under real world situations that are not anticipated in the original architectural and engineering drawings. Practically every inspection finds at least a handful of issues that are against code – namely construction errors and fire/safety issues. These inspections are essential in maintaining public and personal safety for individuals, families, and businesses throughout the State and should not be lightly discarded.

We strongly encourage you to act against HB 98 as it encroaches upon a municipality's ability to provide essential public safety measures to residents and businesses in favor of a conceived efficiency for developers. Please support our municipalities as we strive to protect our residents.

Sincerely,

Sharon Bolos
Mayor

Randy Hunter
Council Member

Rob Vanderwood
Council Member

Carrie Call
Council Member

Kim Dixon
Council Member

Nina Morse
Council Member

Northern Utah City Council Members Align in Opposition of HB98

West Haven, Utah – City council members across Northern Utah are coming out in opposition of a bill they say is an extreme overreach of the state legislature. HB98, sponsored by Rep. Ray Ward (R-Bountiful), would allow housing developers to opt out of using city building inspectors in favor of using a building inspector they prefer. Additionally, the bill would allow developers to opt out of plan reviews, often used as a tool by planning commissions and city councils to determine if the building meets certain requirements for zoning, lot sizes, setbacks, easements and other criteria. Once again, developers would be allowed to use a preferred building inspector to conduct the plan review. City council members across the state believe that Rep. Ray Ward, who is also the executive officer of the Wasatch Home Builders Association, isn't looking out for the best interest of communities and the residents that live in them, but rather developers who are under pressure to build homes as fast as they can and for top dollar.

“Once again, our state legislature is demanding requirements of municipalities under the guise of moderate-income housing, knowing full well it cannot and will not guarantee affordability,” said Council Member Hayley Alberts, South Weber. “This bill will greatly diminish local control and lower the standards of structures built. As CEO of the Northern Wasatch Home Builders Association, it is clear who Rep. Ray is truly representing, and it is not his constituents.”

The bill also seeks to remove residential building design elements like exterior materials, roof pitch and mitigation of noise and light pollution, further removing a municipality's authority over building standards within its own borders. Many believe that this bill is in response to the affordable housing crisis Utah is currently experiencing and also a perceived notion that permits and inspections are taking too long for builders, when in fact, most cities have been able to keep up with the demand of increased residential growth and have responded to the needs of builders within a three-day timeframe. Many even have contracted inspectors on standby, should the need arise.

Each year, legislative members draft bills that force municipalities to create more opportunities for affordable housing. Often, these opportunities turn into a cluster of high-density developments that still do not meet affordable housing criteria and city councils are left to balance state laws with their own general plan with little resources from the state.

“You can't legislate affordability; governments will mess it up every time. Builders are only in it for the money, not the cause.” Council Member Wayne Winsor, South Weber.

Rob Vanderwood, a council member from West Haven City believes the impact of this bill will be felt in insurance increases passed on to the homeowner. “It is such an opportunity for dwelling protection to be increased to compensate for the unchecked potential violations and corner-cutting that could take place. The owners will pay for the increased claims cost, not the developers or builders.”

Many cities are in the midst of drafting and adopting resolutions in opposition. To date, XXXX City, XXXX City and XXXX City have each adopted a resolution in opposition of the bill and asking legislators to stand down. Also, an alliance of city council members from across the state is building in opposition to the bill. Each of these elected officials feel they have a responsibility to the residents and future residents of their respective cities to maintain safe building regulations that are overseen by the city, not the developers.

The elected officials that individually oppose this bill are:

List all names here

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FY2021 FY2022 FY2023 FY2024 FY2025 FY2026 FY2027

Culinary Water

Refurbish Multimedia Filters	\$ 33,000					
Update Water Temperature Monitoring Equipment	\$ 1,850					
Install Remote Notification System	\$ 6,000					
Improve Chlorine Injection System	\$ 16,000			\$ 16,000		
Phase II: Well to Tank Line	\$ 125,000			\$ 125,000		

Buildings

New Huntsville Town Hall Expansion	\$ 200,000					
History digitalization match	\$ 7,500					

Parks

Upgrade playground equipment	\$ 40,000					
Dark Sky iniiviative lighting around park	\$ 15,000					

Cemetery

Mini backhoe	\$ 70,000					
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Green Waste Facility (Landfill)

Fencing	\$ 5,000					
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Equipment

Computer upgrades/\$2,500 every other year	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500			\$ 2,500	
Financial/accounting software purchase	\$ 11,613					

Roads

Road maintenance 7000 E-100 S to 200 S	\$ 19,515	\$ 19,515				
Road maintenance 7700 E-100 S to 200 S	\$ 20,723					
Road maintenance 7700 E to 7600 E on 300 S	\$ 23,731					
Road maintenance 7200 E-200 S to 300 S	\$ 11,540					

Totals \$ 613,972 \$ 333,457 \$ 115,000 \$ 22,015 \$ - \$ 143,500 \$ - \$