

Sterling Town Council Meeting
January 21, 2009
7:00 p.m.

Present: Garry Bringhurst, Mayor; Council Members: Devin Blood, Tim Denton, and Amber Jarvis; Treasurer, Peta Devries; and Recorder, Michelle Rasmussen

Absent: Randall Cox, Council Member

Town Members Present: Sheila Bringhurst, Gary Peterson, Merna Peterson, Henry Clayton, Mariah Clayton

Also Present: Kenny Jensen, Jensen Excavating

Meeting brought to order at 7:05 p.m.

The Minutes from the prior meeting were reviewed.

Devin made a Motion to approve the minutes. Amber Seconded the Motion. All in favor. Motion approved.

Peaceful Valley Trust Agreement

Devin reviewed the Water Transfer Agreement with Peaceful Valley Trust. Essentially P.V.T. will transfer 1 irrigation water share, equivalent to 2 acre feet of water, which will be equivalent to 3 culinary water hookups; P.V.T. will pay the irrigation assessment on the share; P.V.T. will pay the town \$1,000 for the water transfer fee; the 3 connections will alleviate the 3 temporary shares; this will give P.V.T. a total of 4 culinary water hook-ups which they will pay for monthly as dictated by the ordinance; when water meters are attached to the 3 additional hookups in the future the charge of \$1280 each will be paid by P.V.T. The \$2000 impact fee is covered by P.V.T. transferring the water to the Town. The Mayor explained the difference between the impact fees and the water meter hookup fees and responsibilities of the Town and the property owners. Kenny Jensen brought up that it should be for a 3/4" standard connection per meter. Devin made changes to the agreement to reflect the 3/4" standard connection and the parties who were present signed the agreement. Mayor Bringhurst clarified that the Agreement as it is currently written has not been seen or approved by Mr. McIff the Town Attorney and he will need to sign off on it before it can be finalized. Devin made a Motion that the Town accept the agreement with Peaceful Valley Trust as written [contingent upon Kay McIff's approval]. Seconded by Tim. All in favor. Motion approved.

Report of Officers

Devin reported that the water usage for December was 768,000 gallons. Devin is working on the Water Usage Survey report which is due on March 1st. The State says that Sterling is delinquent on a sample and Devin has provided all the copies to show that all of the samples have been taken care of and he's waiting to hear back.

Devin is caught up on all of his certification credits and he doesn't believe he needs to attend the Water Conference this year and given his job this is not the best time for him to take off work to go. Garry will plan on attending the conference.

Tim reported on the septic tank installation of the Fire Department. The Board of Health fee is \$350 includes the inspection and the permit. Discussion was held regarding Kevin Conover's bill for \$1600. and the lack of details on the bill for Kevin's labor on the septic tank. Michelle expressed concern for the lack of PO#'s from the Fire Department and the lack of details regarding purchases and billings from the Fire Department. Michelle reminded the Council that these are some of the very issues which caused the Town to fail it's audit last year with the State Auditor and something needs to improve in this area or the Town will risk failing it's audit again.

Tim asked about why the back-hoe is not being used and why we're hiring out for digging. The Mayor indicated the problem is with not having an operator available to use it. The back-hoe is being used for several projects around Town, even for hanging and taking down Christmas lights.

The Mayor said the back-hoe is perfect for the Town for it's present needs. The Mayor requested that anyone who has issue with the Town's back-hoe can come to the Town meetings and they will be informed as to why the Council chooses to do things the way they do. Kenny Jensen commented that by law you are to have 3 people present when operating the back-hoe—so if the Town back-hoe and Town employee digs then the Town has to hire 2 other people to work with him. Case in point: during the digging of Lee Christensen's grave last week by Jensen Excavating, the ground started to collapse with a man in the hole and if there had not been a 3rd person present that saw what was happening and alerted the back hoe operator, someone could have been seriously injured.

Merna Peterson brought up once more that Kevin Conover still hasn't returned her many phone calls regarding her ISO issues which still have not been resolved. Tim agreed to look into this.

Tim brought up that there are still bad feelings in the Town that need to be worked out in order for things to run smoothly.

Amber did not have anything to report. There was a lack of Santa Clauses available to pass out candy on Christmas Eve, but thankfully the Mayor was able to find others who stepped up and helped. There was a mis-communication on who would call to remind the Santa's, but everything worked out in the end and most people were very happy and appreciative of this fun Sterling tradition.

Randall was not present to report on roads though a discussion was held regarding bids for crack sealing the roads.

Devin brought up the Town Maintenance position and what the Town is getting for the \$1000. a month we're paying Derek Denton. Devin has had several inquires from Town people wondering what the position entails and he was also thinking about this himself when he was sitting in the back-hoe taking down the Christmas lights recently. Derek is currently working out of town 3 days of week and it's going to be even more difficult for him to keep up with the work that needs to be done. Garry will talk with Derek about how he feels he's going to be able to keep up with

the job. Garry also mentioned that recently when Lee Christensen passed away and his grave needed to be dug, Garry was under the understanding that Derek was out-of-town, so he called Kenny Jensen. Garry is very appreciative that Jensen's were able to help out.

Misc.

Michelle passed out copies of the letter she received from Boss Engineering regarding Sterling's proposal for the Economic Stimulus Package and made the request for Council members and Town members to contact Senator's Bennett and Hatch to ask that they remember Sterling's proposals (Sewer System and renewable energy source).

Michelle reported on the current business licenses for the Town. The only ones not paid for are R&R Monogram, which Garry says should be coming soon; Annette's Preschool (no longer in business, so not needed); and Hansen Auto.

Tim requested a PO# for Chief Supply for something to do with the hand-held radios for the Fire Department which will be approximately \$400.

<u>BILLS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>CHECK #</u>
IRS	\$595.45	3565
Questar	\$256.00	3566
U.L.G.T.	\$408.00	3567
Rocky Mountain Power (Jan)	\$655.39	3568
Denton Oil	\$66.23	3569
Manti Telephone	\$69.71	3570
Rocky Mountain Power (Dec.)	\$63.90	3571
KMTI	\$80.00	3572
Sanpete Diesel	\$495.63	3573
Rasmussen Ace Hardware	\$38.40	3574
Southwest Plumbing	\$15.23	3575
Valley Builders	\$14.33	3576
Gunnison Market	\$52.07	3577
North Sanpete Disposal	\$26.40	3578
Chemtech Ford	\$25.00	3580
Kevin Conover	\$1950.00	3581
Kenny Jensen Excavating	\$2570.00	3582
Devin Blood	\$152.05	3583
Michelle Rasmussen	\$296.45	3584
Levi Conover	\$40.22	3585
Sheila Bringham	\$117.65	3586
Andy Cox Electrical	\$650.00	3588
Peta Devries	\$429.42	3589

Tim made a Motion to pass the bills as presented, with the addition that if there's additional money owed Kevin, that also be approved. Seconded by Devin. All in favor. Motion approved.

Adjourned at 8:40 (tape ended just before the Motion to adjourn was made).