

**Sterling Town Council Meeting**  
**March 18, 2009**  
**7:00 p.m.**

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

Absent: None

Town Members Present: Sheila Bringhurst, Gary Peterson and Merna Peterson

Also Present: Ed Shaw. BOSS Engineering; Bill Peterson, Palisade Pals, Inc., Kim Hackwell  
Meeting brought to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Minutes from the prior meeting were reviewed.

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

Bill Peterson, Founder and President of Palisade Pals Corporation was present regarding a proposed transportation plan. See attachment. Palisade Pals in the past has provided a non-emergency medical transportation for Sanpete County until in 1998 and in 1999 it was given to a State contractor, and thus rural Utah has no transportation available for the elderly, disabled and low-income population. 2 months ago Palisade Pals was invited by UDOT to submit a grant to the US Dept of Transportation for public transportation for the elderly, disabled and low income persons of Sanpete and Sevier Counties. The elderly, disabled and low-income person account for 1/3 of Sanpete of County. There is a real need for this transportation in Sanpete and Sevier County. There are 2 types of programs: Non-Emergency Medical, grocery store runs, etc. The 2<sup>nd</sup> part is that Pals also hopes to eventually have scheduled public transportation bus runs from Richfield to Mt. Pleasant. They need 3 busses for this program. Palisade Pals cannot do this alone and Pals is going to the County Commission(s) and the Towns for help. For example if Pals picks up an individual and takes them to the U of U for medical appointments, it is an all-day trip and costs approximately \$299. They will ask a 10% donation from the riders/users who can afford to pay (approx. \$29). What Mr. Peterson is here tonight for is to inform the Council of what they are planning and in the future he will return to ask the Town for donations of approximately \$1 per person within each Town limit and they will request this amount yearly.

Ed Shaw, from BOSS Engineering, was present to provide the Forms for the funding and grants for the proposed Town Sewer project, for CIB and the Permanent Community Impact Fund Board. Mr. Shaw had copies for Michelle to complete for him and he will pick the forms up by Friday this week. The requests are for 30% loan and 70% grant with a 3% interest rate based upon \$28 per month from 145 connections for up to 40 years. If Palisade subdivision is joined in it will include more connections and the monthly payment will lower.

BOSS Engineering will also submit grants forms for a 4000 sq. ft. Community Building for the Town. The Town needs to acquire the land to build the building on. BOSS will prepare the plans for the building.

Tim made a Motion to approve the request for CIB funds and funds from the Permanent Community Impact Fund Board. Motion seconded by Randall. All in favor. Motion approved.

Brian Fowles was present to discuss the position for the Town Maintenance position and what duties he

can perform and what duties the Town expects to be completed. Mr. Fowles was concerned about the statement on the Announcement that “these duties will include, but may not be limited to the following”. Mr. Fowles needs his agreement with the Town to be very specific due to his limited time. After discussion the Town and Mr. Fowles agreed to the following:

Maintenance (mow, water, fertilize, and general grooming) of Sterling Town Park and Sterling Town Cemetery. Fowles Family Mowing will use their own machinery and fuel for mowing and maintenance of the Park and Cemetery and the Town will reimburse Fowles Family Mowing for fuel used.

1. Remove and garbage decorations from Cemetery 10 days after Memorial Day
2. Snow Plowing of Town Roads using Town equipment and fuel
3. Mowing of side streets using Town equipment and fuel
4. Patch pot holes on Town Roads using Town supplies, materials and equipment
5. general janitorial of Town Hall at least monthly and/or prior to Town meetings and elections including vacuuming, sweeping and mopping as necessary and general cleaning of kitchen and restrooms. Vacuuming dead bugs out of ceiling lights as needed.
6. Timely Installation and removal of Christmas Decorations as directed by Mayor and Town Council
7. reading of water meters by the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month

Other specifics discussed were that:

- The Town of Sterling agrees to pay for parts for maintenance and repair of the Cemetery and Park sprinkling system(s) and Town equipment
- The Town of Sterling will be responsible for all other aspects of the Town Water System other than the reading of water meters.
- Fowles Family Mowing agrees to have a representative present at monthly Town Council Meetings to keep the Council apprised to any maintenance issues.
- Fowles Family Mowing will submit a bill monthly to the Town and payment will be made by the Town at Council meeting held each month.

Mr. Fowles informed the town that his company prides itself in doing a good job . His employees are all trained in the specifications that the L.D.S. church expects, which are very specific and detailed and Mr. Fowles goal is to have the town lawns looking as good as the Church lawns. Mr. Fowles would like the Town to give him some leeway in making decisions on watering, fertilizing and the height of the lawns, and the Mayor and Council agreed to this. The Mayor requested that Mr. Fowles or one of his representatives be present at Council meetings to be able to keep both sides apprised of town celebrations and funerals, etc. Mr. Fowles would also like for the Agreement to include that either party can terminate this agreement with 2 weeks notice.

Motion made by Devin for Fowles Family Mowing to accept the maintenance position. Seconded by Randall. All in favor. Motion approved.

Michelle will get an Agreement typed up for the Mayor and Mr. Fowles signatures.

**REPORT OF OFFICERS:**

WATER: Devin reported 487,000 gallons for February. Test results are all good. The 3 sites that are tested 140 South Main, 111 North Main, and 220 West Center.

Kenny Jensen will be digging the grave for the funeral this week and will be using his own backhoe (or the Town's backhoe) and his truck to take the overburden away for \$200. The Mortuary charges the family \$300 for opening and closing the graves, so the cost is paid for by the family, not by the Town. ROADS: Randall needs some more cold mix and he will contact Dale Nielsen in Manti to find out where he can get some. Randall will find out how much and report back. Crack sealing is all done and was done for \$4000.

The Mayor got the most current water system maps. A copy was given to Tim to give to Kevin for our insurance issues.

Mayor reported on the Rural Water Conference which was very successful. The Mayor located a company that will pull an 8" line through a 4" pipe. The Town has 2 crossings on Main Street that need to be opened up to 8". This company will be getting the information to the Mayor.

The Town needs to get another person certified for water sampling which will help the Town in getting grants, etc. A class is coming up in September.

The Mayor found a place to buy plastic/colored markers (whiskers) for meters and shut-off valves. Blue for water meters and red are for shut off valves. There are very few people who know where the shut off valves are and if there is a problem most people don't know where to turn the valves off at. They are approximately .3 a piece.

The Mayor asked if Randall ever got a lid for the tank. Randall still needs to measure for this. The Mayor asked that this get done this Summer.

The Mayor would like to have a review of the Budget next month. The Town received a letter today from Richard Moon, State Auditor, that we need to send in information regarding our 2007-2008 budget overages. Peta reported that she will contact Kimball & Roberts and find out where the overages are. It was believed that this was from the Fire Department issues last year. The Mayor would like Peta to review the current budget and report to the Council in April.

Street lights have been coming out of the Roads budget and we may need to bring a Safety budget and pay the lights out of that. The Mayor would like the Street light from where the old Gunnison Reservoir Road was to where the new road comes into the Hwy. UDOT and/or Rocky Mtn Power will move the light, but they want to know who's going to pay for it. It is outside City limits, so Garry is going to approach the County Commission, Palisade State Park and UDOT and let them hash it out.

### **Unfinished Business:**

Michael Rasmussen approached the Council to report on the progress of his Eagle Project. Michael has raised \$190 for the building of the Snow Canyon Kiosk. Michael estimates that he can build the Kiosk for approximately \$350, plus Valley Builders will give him materials at cost and Curtis Anderson, Ace Hardware in Gunnison will donate the stain for the Kiosk Michael asked that the Town to donate up-to \$150. to cover the rest of the supplies he will need. The Mayor asked that Michael keep a list of all his donators so a plaque can be put on the Kiosk at the end. It was decided that Michael purchase the supplies at Valley Builders and pay for it with the cash he has and then bill the Town for what is over and above. Michael was given a PO# 10149 for purchase of the supplies. Randall volunteered to help

Michael dig the holes for the Kiosk with the back-hoe and said for Michael to let him know which Saturday he needed him.

The Mayor reminded the Council that the Water issue with regards to Henry Clayton and Peaceful Valley Trust still needs to be resolved since Mr. Mciff rejected the prior Agreement. The Mayor, 2 members of the Council, Mr. Clayton and Mr. Mciff need to meet to resolve the issue.

The Mayor discussed the issue of the Town needing a new Town Hall and it really should be on Main Street, so Council members need to be thinking about any property that can be purchased for building of a new town hall.

Peta reported on some issues with our Sales Tax. She reported to the State on what purchases the town made that were tax free and the State sent the Town a bill for \$1300. And the Town now has to report this information quarterly.

Garry approached the Council about purchasing 6 radio read water meters that the Town can get for \$150. each (\$900 total) from Dave Embly. This is about 1/2 price. Mr. Embly agreed to take 2 payments.

Randall made a Motion to purchase the 6 radio read water meters for \$900. in 2 payments. Tim seconded the Motion. All in favor. Motion approved.

**BILLS**

Rural Development	\$241.00	3614
U.L.G.T.	\$148.16	3616
Ut. Div. Of Finance	\$5228.00	3617
UT State Tax Comm.	\$1370.01	3618
N.S.D.	\$25.92	3624
Manti Telephone	\$70.70	3620
Brotherson Excavating	\$297.69	3622
Rasmussen Excavating	\$4000.00	3623
Scholzen	\$38.36	3625
Questar	\$215.00	3627
Rocky Mtn Power	\$647.25	3626
Denton Oil	\$90.64	3621
Devin Blood (wages & reimb)	\$99.27	3630
Michelle Rasmussen (wages)	\$177.32	3629
Peta Devries (wages)	\$207.79	3628
Garry Bringhurst (reimb)	\$438.75	3632
Sheila Bringhurst (reimb)	\$110.84	3634
Kenny Jensen Construction (1/2)	\$3398.60	3633
Chemtech Ford	\$12.50	3635
Dave Embly (1/2)	\$450.00	3636

The Mayor asked how the water bills are. Travis Otten’s bill is over \$202; Dana Knight owes \$20; Butcher’s owe \$30; Ron St. John owes \$54.; Travis Christensen owes \$22; Rob Finn’s owes \$90. The Mayor asked for input from the Council on how far they want to let bills get delinquent. The Council agreed that 2 months delinquency and the Mayor should make a personal visit. The Mayor asked for Peta to have a print-out of all delinquent account available for the Council to review at each months meeting. This will not only help the Town but will help the Water users to not get so far behind.

Tim made a Motion to pay the bills. Randall Seconded the Motion. All in favor. Motion approved.

Randall made the Motion to adjourn. Tim seconded the Motion. All in favor. Motion approved.