

**Sterling Town Council Meeting**  
**April 15, 2009**  
**7:00 p.m.**

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

Absent: Tim Denton

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

Also Present:

Meeting brought to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Minutes from the prior meeting were reviewed.

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

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Maintenance Agreement with Fowles Family Mowing. Randall made the Motion approve the Maintenance Agreement with Fowles Family Mowing and the Town. Amber seconded the Motion. All in favor. Motion approved. The Council discussed snow plowing requirements and the Mayor recommended that snow plowing be done when accumulation is 3" or more.

Mr. Fowles submitted a check for \$30 to purchase a business license, along with a bill for his contracted services for March 15 through April 15, 2009 for \$1,000. and he was paid.

Myrna Peterson asked again about the status of the ISO insurance information as she still has not gotten what she needs for her insurance company. Mrs. Peterson has not heard from Kevin Conover, Fire Chief, though she has left him several messages regarding the information she needs. The Mayor reported that he provided all of the maps and other information to Mr. Conover, but the Council has not received an update.

**Report of Officers**

The Mayor asked Gary and Myrna Peterson about helping out during the Pioneer Day Festivities and they indicated they would be willing to volunteer. Amber reported that she has been contacted by Shauna Sargent with Sanpete County Travel & Tourism office who asked about our Pioneer Day festivities and Amber faxed the information she had to her. Amber asked about the purchase of fireworks since they are generally ordered in January of each year. Peta reminded the Council that currently there is only \$1,000. set forth in the budget for fireworks. The Council at this time was reluctant to increase the amount due to the shortfalls in the current budget. Amber will contact Kevin Conover regarding the purchase of the fireworks.

Purchase of land for building a new Town Hall was discussed. The Mayor has looked into

acquiring grants to build a new Town Hall, which are available, however the land has to be purchased before a grant to build a building will be awarded. The Council discussed several options of property along Main Street. Those that are for sell are well out of the Town's budget.

Garry and Randall talked about purchase of the lid and ladder for the 200,000 gallon water tank. Randall is looking into this and will have bids for the next meeting.

Garry was contacted buy Rural Water that we are in violation of the nitrate tests for the water supply. Devin reported that this is incorrect. The appropriate tests were completed and he has copies. Garry received confirmation from Patti Fauver from Rural Water that in fact Sterling is in compliance and it will be noted in our Consumer Compliance Report (CCR). The Mayor also indicated that the Town needs an Asst. Water Master as the Town needs another person certified in this capacity, so interested persons can contact the Mayor. Devin is doing an outstanding job, he is very thorough and organized and the Town is very lucky to have him.

The Mayor informed the council that the flag poles at the cemetery are in need of painting. Ryan Palmer has experience in this kind of work and has offered to do the work in exchange for their water bill. The Town will need to purchase the supplies. Mr. Palmer offered to do all the labor, but the Mayor feels he should be paid for a portion of the work also. The Council asked the Mr. Palmer submit a bid and then a decision can be made on what portion is done in trade, etc.

The Mayor reported on the Law Enforcement Torch Run which will happen on May 8<sup>th</sup> to raise awareness for the Special Olympics. The Mayor encouraged Council Members and Town Members to make donations for the silent auction. For more information you can contact Devin Blood or Forrest McNeill at 435-835-7551. Sanpete County has a Special Olympics Team and most of the money raised in this area goes towards supporting the Team.

Transfer of 2 Culinary Water Shares from Keith Kelch and D&R Storage [Dale and Randall Cox] was discussed. Randall asked that the Town bill D&R Storage the \$32 a month for the water connections. There are 2 old meters on the piece of property and the Town will supply the new meters and supplies and D&R Storage will do the labor to install the meters.

ROADS: Randall reported that he still needs to get some cold mix ordered. The Mayor asked that Randall start getting bids to get the road patches taken care of as soon as things start getting warmer.

Michelle discussed that she will be routinely emailing Notices and information to Council Members and asked that they start checking their email regularly.

## **BUDGET REVIEW**

A budget hearing will be held at 6:30 before the next Town Council meeting on May 20, 2009. The meeting will be to adjust the current years budget and approve the coming years budget. Peta reported that the Auditor(s) pointed out that it is illegal for any Town officer (either elected or appointed) to hire themselves to do Town Construction Projects. Specifically the \$1600 bill

from Kevin Conover for his labor on the Fire Department Building was noted by the Auditors and the Auditors have informed us that this is a violation of budget laws. The Town Council has notified the Fire Department several times that they need to obtain bids for construction projects, however, Mr. Conover elected to do the work himself and bill the Town for his labor. It may have saved the Town money, but it is unethical. Labor for construction projects can be donated by Town Officers, but otherwise the Town Council should review 2-3 different bids. Randall made a Motion for Michelle to send out a Memo to all Town Officers informing them of the above information.

<u>BILLS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>CHECK #</u>
Sanpete Diesel	271.74	3637
IRS	577.15	3638
Devin Blood - Wages	86.58	3639
Rocky Mtn Power	529.08	3640
UGT	95.98	3641
Fowles Family Mowing	1000.00	3642
Manti Telephone	99.71	3643
Valley Builders [PO #10149]	302.73	3644
Rasmussen Ace Hardware	17.49	3645
Denton Oil	77.65	3646
Hermansen's mill	252.77	3647
Commercial Business Radio [PO# 10150]	828.00	3648
Harmon's hardware	13.08	3649
Sheila Bringhurst (Mayor Cell Phone)	110.73	3650
Eco Life	85.00	3651
Michelle Rasmussen [wages]	229.96	3652
Chem-Tech Ford	15.00	3653
Dave Embly (Repair Meter Reader)	450.00	3654
N.S. Disposal	25.92	3655
Kenny Jensen Construction (Roads)	3398.60	3656
Rural Development	241.00	3657
Questar	86.00	3658
Peta Devries	249.35	3659
US Post Office	15.00	3660

Amber made a Motion to pay the bills as presented. Seconded by Devin. All in favor. Motion approved.

Randall made a Motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Amber. All in favor. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.