

STERLING TOWN MEETING

DATE: April 18, 2008

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

Sterling Town Hall

MINUTES

ATTENDING: Mayor, Garry Bringhurst; Council Members: Devin Blood, Randall Cox; Treasurer, Peta Devries; Clerk/Recorder, Michelle Rasmussen

ABSENT: Tim Denton; Amber Jarvis

STERLING TOWN RESIDENTS IN ATTENDANCE: Sheila Bringhurst, Gene Bolles; Carol Bolles; Mary Hansen; Larry Hansen; Nick Lyon; Jim Housekeeper; Jeff Rasmussen; Kevin Conover

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Nancy Jensen; Don Hill; Brenan Jackson; Ty Northrop

Meeting called to order by Mayor Bringhurst at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes from the prior Town meeting were reviewed. Some clarifications were made to the prior months minutes and the minutes were amended to reflect the clarifications. Randall Cox made the motion to accept the minutes as Amended, and Devin Blood seconded the Motion. All in favor. Motion approved.

Sterling Town Budget Hearing meeting minutes from April 4, 2008, were reviewed. Some clarifications were made to the minutes and the minutes were amended to reflect the clarifications. Devin Blood made the motion to accept the minutes as amended, and Randall Cox seconded the Motion. All in favor. Motion approved.

Jeff Rasmussen, Planning and Zoning Chairman, appeared on behalf of the Planning Commission to report on the Public Hearing that was held on April 2, 2008, with regards to the Subdivision Ordinance. Mr. Rasmussen reported that no opposition to the Ordinance was received at the hearing and the Planning Commission recommends that the Town adopt the Subdivision Ordinance. Devin Blood made the Motion to approve Subdivision Ordinance Number 04-18-2008 and Randall Cox seconded the Motion. All in favor. Motion approved.

Garry reported on a Fire Protection Agreement that was received from the County that deals with Fire Protection outside the City limits. The Town will receive \$3867.21 for the use of the Fire Department's protection for the year. Mayor Bringhurst requested approval from the Council Members to sign the Agreement. Devin and Randall both approved the Fire Protection Agreement.

Don Hill, South Sanpete School Board Superintendent, made a presentation regarding the Bond Election for building of new schools. The presentation was 3-pronged #1 to discuss the critical building needs of the District; #2 to discuss the Bond election to be held on June 24, 2008; and #3 to ask Sterling to sign a resolution to support the District in the Bond. The District anticipates needing two new Elementary Schools to replace the 50 year old schools in Gunnison and Ephraim and will need to add onto Manti Elementary with 4 classrooms and restrooms. The District anticipates \$25 million for 20 years. Mr. Hill's hand-outs and information are attached to supplement the minutes.

Larry Hansen approached the Council regarding some dog problems they are having in their neighborhood and would like to see the Town implement a working dog ordinance. Mr. Hansen has obtained several ordinances from other Towns in the County. Mr. and Mrs. Hansen clarified that they are not interested in an ordinance that doesn't make it possible for people to have their animals in town, but

they would like make it so that everybody can enjoy their own property without having their neighbor's dog barking every time they walk out side, not having to pick up their garbage every morning, being attacked while you try to walk around town, etc. A recommendation was made to form a committee to look into writing an appropriate dog ordinance for Sterling and the Mayor asked Mr. and Mrs. Hansen if they would head up the committee and suggestions for other Town members who may be interested in helping were Curt Ludvigson and Ken Ryan. Nick Lyon also volunteered to help.

Nick Lyon had Fire Department business to discuss. Nick reported that the Fire District approved the purchase of a new truck for the Town and a truck was purchased. The old Dodge is going to be sold. Septic tank, Sheetrock and plumbing is next on the agenda for the Fire Dept building. Garry again asked for a set of drawings and Nick said he would ask the Chief for them again. Sterling is trying to get another brush truck. That Council asked for a status update on the purchase of the fireworks. Nick reported he obtained the PO but he doesn't know what the Chief has done with it. Issues with regards to the drain field for the septic tank for the Fire building were discussed.

Misc. Business:

Notice for Bids for the Husqvarna Hydrostatic 16 Lawn mower was discussed. Garry read the Notice. Minimum bid is \$200 and clarified that preference would be given to Sterling Town residents.

Yearly Consumer Confidence Report for the Town Water was discussed. Needs to be sent to the all the Rural Water users of Sterling. Devin made changes to the report.

Devin reported on the radium water test. Sterling is extremely low.

Quarterly Report is submitted. No discrepancies were noted.

March Water Usage 966,000 gallons.

Chemtech-Ford is working really well for the testing.

Mrs. Wall outside Town limits. Lives at the rentals of the Palisade Lodge. She was referred to Devin and Devin gave her a testing kit and instructions on how to do the test.

Roads: Discussed the damage into the North entrance of the Church parking lot. The Church should be contacted for these repairs.

200 South in front of Mogle's house needs some repair work done. And chip sealing needs to be done throughout the Town.

Maintenance person: 2005,2006, 2007 the Town paid an average of \$681.27 a month over twelve months. Lawns, roads, snow removal, etc.

Concerns regarding absenteeism of Town Board members was discussed. The lack of participation from consistently absent members and the lack of information being provided from those members and their respective responsibilities is putting a strain on the other members of the Town Board . There is also the concern of the lack of diversification in the Motions and voting.

Peta discussed the \$5000 from Brent Funk donation received earlier in the year and a portion of this money was earmarked for new Santa Suits. Peta reported the information she found out from different vendors. Costume Super Center has a ½ off sale and Peta will order 2 of the \$500 suits + wigs and beards \$100. PO # 10119

Peta suggested that the Town look into getting a Debit card from Zions bank for ordering over the internet.

Discussion was held regarding 2 new homes being built in town (Dave Puitt and Blacks?) Regarding

impact fees, etc.

Garry read to the Council the April 2008 bills as follows:

Rural Development FHA Loan	\$241.00
UT League of Cities and Towns Membership Fees	\$95.98
City Web Systems Ending Bill	\$17.91
Andy Cox Electric (installation of Exit Signs-PAID PO#10114	\$635.00
Kevin Conover Reimbursement - Fire Electrical PO# 10115	\$1465.00
Central Utah Public Health, Water System	\$40.00
Manti Telephone (Fire \$42.45 Town \$68.08)	\$110.53
Sanpete News Publications	\$35.10
Rocky Mountain Power (March & April 2008 Well \$186.35, Street \$974.64)	\$1160.99
I.R.S.	\$577.15
UT Assoc. Public Treasurers (Peta Membership) PAID	\$65.00
Southwest Plumbing Supply	\$86.48
Rasmussen Ace Hardware - Cemetery PO# 10117	\$107.54
Denton Oil (Fire Dept Fuel and Stamps)	\$69.49
Jensen Excavating [water hookup @ Mogle's, Repairs on 100 West]	\$1148.18
No. Sanpete Disposal	\$27.60
Michelle Rasmussen [Hrs. 39.25 - Wages \$362.46 - Reimburse \$11.46]	\$373.92
Liz Ransom [Hrs. 19.5]	\$182.51
Peta Devries [Hrs. _____ Wages \$339.39]	\$339.39
Devin Blood [wages \$69.26 reimbursement \$16.25]	\$85.51

Randall Cox made the Motion to approve payment of the bills and Devin Blood seconded the Motion. All in favor. Motion approved.

Michelle reported on an inquiry from the Attorney General's Office regarding complaints from Ernie Martinez regarding the Executive Session held by the Council in Dec 2007 and the GRAMA request requirements. Michelle has provided all the information the AG's office has asked for and we are waiting for their response.

Randall Cox made the Motion to adjourn. Devin Blood seconded the Motion. All in favor. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.