

Sterling Town Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 16, 2008

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

Absent: Randall Cox

Sterling Town Residents Present: Glenn Goodrich; Sheila Bringhurst; Merna Peterson; W. Gary Peterson; Jim Housekeeper; Ernie Martinez

Non Sterling Residents present: Ben Fox

Minutes from the prior meeting were reviewed. Tim Denton made the motion to approve the minutes; Amber Jarvis seconded the Motion. All in favor. Motion approved.

Glenn Goodrich approached the Council regarding his property in the buffer zone that he wishes to build a subdivision on this property. Mr. Goodrich owns 3 water shares that he wishes to transfer into Sterling Water shares. Mr. Goodrich needs to annex this property in order to obtain Sterling water shares and in order to annex in (without creating a peninsula). There are issues with regards to losing the greenbelt status of this property if he is annexed into the City. If Mr. Goodrich builds homes on this property he will also lose the greenbelt status. If Mr. Goodrich builds the home directly abutting Sterling Town property lines then

Jeff Rasmussen approached the Town Council about the street in front of the Rasmussen home. There is a one foot drop off from the road to the easement and as people pull in the road is eroding away. Mr. Rasmussen would like to purchase gravel for the easement but would like the town to build up the easement so it is more level with the street before he makes the investment in gravel. Devin Blood made the Motion to look at areas throughout the town with similar problems and get these areas fixed as well as the area in front of the Rasmussen's property. Tim Denton seconded the Motion. All in favor. Motion approved.

The Mayor asked Mr. Rasmussen for an update from the P&Z committee. A public hearing will be scheduled soon regarding the John Mogle Subdivision. A discussion was held regarding the continuation of 100 East into the subdivision and what options Mr. Mogle has.

Michael Rasmussen has made a bid of \$200 for the Husqvarna Lawn Mower that the Town advertised for bids. The Council discussed the aspects of the lawn mower and the fact that it has not been used in over 2 summers and there is no room in the garage to store it. The backhoe needs to be stored and locked up. Michael would like to test drive the lawn mower before he makes his final decision on the matter. The Town will sell the lawn mower "as is". Amber Jarvis made the Motion to sell the lawn mower to the bidder for the bid of \$200 if he decides to purchase it. Devin Blood seconded the Motion. All in favor. Motion approved.

Sheriff Holman has asked for Sterling to make a yearly donation of \$2500. for paying for the County Detective. Mayor Bringhurst opposes this. Sterling paid \$2500 to the County for the

detective position last year. This equals approximately \$8 per capita in Sterling. The Sterling budget for 2008-2009 does not include money for this and at this time the Council does not believe the Town can afford it. When first presented to this Council this was presented as a one-time deal. Now the County is asking for payment again.

Ordinance establishing a time and place for holding regular council meetings was read. There are a lot of issues with regards to the Council trying to hold meetings on Fridays. The State has mandated that their schedules be Monday-Thursday and Fridays will now be a day off for most State Agencies. Furthermore, it has been difficult to coordinate with others wanting to be on the Council's agenda with meetings being held on Fridays. It has also been inconvenient for other Council members. Holding meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of each month is more convenient for the Council in general, as well as the public and others businesses and agencies. Amber Jarvis made Motion to accept ordinance 07-16-2008 as read. Seconded by Devin Blood. All in favor. Motion approved..

The Council discussed a proposed Ordinance establishing the proper demolition and disposition of construction waste/debris and the practice of people taking garbage, construction waste, etc. "out West" and dumping it. The Mayor explained several incidents in the County of this practice and citations that have been issued. The State Division of Solid & Hazardous Waste is cracking down on this practice and has provided statutes and guidelines addressing the issue. The Mayor asked Devin Blood to work on drafting an ordinance that adheres to the State guidelines.

The Council held a discussion regarding paying Derek Denton for the Town Maintenance position. It was suggested to pay Derek in advance for 3 months (\$3,000. For July/Sept/Oct 2008) to get him started so he can pay his employees that he will need to pay. Beginning Nov 1st, 2008, Derek will be paid monthly when the Town pays the rest of its employees and bills. Curtis Ludvigson was paid for 31 hours up to June 30th with the balance of 38 hours (July 1st thru July 15th) to be paid by Derek Denton out of the advance wages the Town is paying him.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

Tim Denton reported that the Fire Department would like to begin digging the septic tank. There is an issue with regards to a business Mr. Conover is trying to make a purchase with and a problem with them accepting the P.O. Michelle attempted to contact Kevin around July 1st to ensure that all was ok with the PO's she issued him and although she left a message with Ellen Conover asking that Kevin let Michelle know about any problems with purchasing and the PO's that have been issued she has never heard back from him. Tim asked that she try to coordinate with Kevin again on this issue.

Devin reported on the April water sample. All water reports and testing are completed and some are ahead of schedule. Randall has not reported back to Devin regarding the lid for the tank.

The Town has been waiting 2 months for Dick Jensen to dig the water line for David Puitt. The Council suggested the Mayor get a bid from someone else.

Amber reported on the preparations for Pioneer Day. Amber has arranged for the Coke wagon to

be delivered. If the Town purchases 15 cases of pop the wagon is free.

Mayor Bringham reported on the letter received from Town Attorney Kay McIff regarding Sterling Town vs. Buck Family Partnership. Jason Buck has offered \$8,000. to settle the suit and Mr. McIff recommends that the town accept this. Devin Blood made a motion to accept the settlement. Seconded by Tim Denton. All in favor. Motion approved.

The Mayor reported on a call from Marci Keck, mediator, with regards to the A.D.A. complaint filed by Ernest Martinez. The Mayor reported that the bids for the Town Hall remodel have come in at \$125,000. The Mayor is currently working on a presentation for a grant to remodel the Town hall.

BILLS PAID:

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Check #</u>
Sanpete News	\$13.50	3410
Petals, Paper & Pizazz	\$53.00	3411
IRS	\$571.03	3412
Denton Oil	\$228.94	3413
N.S. Disposal	\$28.32	3414
Main Auto	\$71.48	3415
Manti Telephone	\$64.26	3416
Rasmussen Ace Hardware	\$83.61	3417
Questar	\$248.70	3418
Lotsa Motsa Pizza	\$97.96	3419
Michelle Rasmussen [payroll \$329.68 & office supply reim. \$95.42]	\$425.10	3420
Peta Devries [payroll]	\$305.42	3421
ULGT inv# 1347108	\$3794.28	3422
Chemtech Ford Lab	\$25.00	3423
Amber Jarvis [reimbursement Pioneer Day]	\$93.49	3424
Devin Blood [payroll]	\$55.41	3425
Dale Jarvis [PO # 10133 reimbursement Pioneer Day]	\$330.52	3426
Cash For Pioneer Day	\$200.00	3427
Peta Devries [Pioneer Day Food]	\$500.00	3428
Sheila Bringham [Cell Phone]	\$95.66	3429
Derek Denton [pre-paid wages Aug/Sept/Oct 08]	\$3000.00	3430
Curtis Ludvigson [wages]	\$286.28	3431

Tim Denton made a Motion to pay the bills. Seconded by Devin Blood. All in favor. Motion approved.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.