

Sterling Town Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 17, 2008
7:00 P.M.

ATTENDING: Mayor Garry Bringhurst; Council members Devin Blood, Randall Cox, Amber Jarvis; Peta Devries, Treasurer

Absent: Tim Denton, Council Member; Michelle Rasmussen, Clerk/Recorder

Sterling Town Residents Present: Gary Peterson; Merna Peterson; Ernie Martinez; Gary Van Horn

Non Sterling Residents present: Henry Clayton and wife.

Meeting brought to order at approximately 7:04 p.m.

Devin Blood made a motion to approve the minutes from 08/20/08. Amber Jarvis seconded the Motion. All in favor. Motion approved.

Henry Clayton reported to the Council about their water situation that's been going on for several years. The deadline for Mr. Clayton to remedy their situation violating the Town Water Ordinance is approaching on September 30, 2008. Mr. Clayton asked for the Town to provide him a letter on the guidelines/expectations for transferring water to the Town. The Mayor indicated that the procedures have been explained several times. The Mayor reminded Mr. Clayton that the water he purchases must have a point of diversion that can be used by the Sterling Town Well. Mr. Clayton indicated that they have located a share of culinary water to purchase but does not know how to go about having the water transferred to the Town and wondered if they could just pay the Town and then have the Town purchase the water. The Council thought this could be a viable option but asked who Mr. Clayton was getting the water share from. Mr. Clayton would not provide that information. The Council agreed to send a letter to Mr. Clayton outlining the procedures and information on transferring water. Mr. Clayton agreed to be at the next Town meeting on October 15, 2008, to finalize this matter. The Council agreed to extend the deadline for an additional 30 days.

Gary Van Horn had several questions for the Council regarding the new Subdivision being built on the South end of Town. The Council clarified that the developer will be covering the expenses on all the infrastructure of the subdivision including irrigation lines, culinary water lines, gas lines, as well as the Town's engineering bills. Mr. Van Horn asked if the culinary water system is adequate to handle the impact of the new subdivision and fire protection. The Mayor explained some specifics of the systems and phases of the subdivision. Mr. Martinez asked about the roads into the subdivision and the Council explained the requirements and situation with 100 East and how it will enter the subdivision and that the powerline there will need to be moved to accommodate 100 East. The Highway 89 entrance into the subdivision is included in phase 2 of the subdivision so it will be awhile before that is completed.

Merna Peterson asked if the Town's Fire Protection status has been updated because her insurance says it has not changed. She was informed that many insurance companies changed the status (Allstate, Farmers, etc.) and some have credited their customers in the Town. She was advised to notify her insurance company of the change.

Report of the Officers:

Amber had nothing to report. The Mayor gave Amber the assignment to put together the Christmas activities (Santa's, peanuts and candy, etc.); and the lights on the highway.

The brackets on the street lights need to be raised so they are uniform.

Randall explained the time line for repairs to the line across Center Street that it needs to settle until next Spring before it can be repaired. Repairs also need to be made on East 200 So., 100 East, and West 100 South. Potholes need to be repaired. Hot mix is hard to come by since nobody has the oil to make it. Randall will get with Derrick to arrange the repairs. Derrick has still not submitted his employment

application and it needs to be turned in for his employment record. Randall needs road base or something else to put in front of the Denton's home. This is not a Town street—it is a private lane. However, because of the easement for the water lines the Town maintains the road.

Devin reported on the Water. 1,394,000 gallons used last month which is average. Sample last month met well within the State requirements. Nothing is pending at this time.

Devin reported that Curt Ludvigson contacted him that he was unable to be at the meeting tonight. Devin recommended that Curt and the Council meet together to work out the issues with the cemetery plots and getting the cemetery maps from Curt.

Devin also has a rough draft of protocol for use of the Town backhoe as well as the preliminary drafting of a construction/demolition waste disposal ordinance. He will have them available at the next meeting.

Amber asked about her water bill and how she knows if she has an overage. Her bill was twice as much as usual. It was recommended that she turn off all her water in the house, including the ice-maker, swamp cooler, etc. and then go out and look at her meter to see if it's still running.

Peta reported that letters of disconnection were sent to water customers with excessive arrearage. Palmer's paid their bill in full. Travis Christensen has made a \$20, and two \$50 payments and has promised to have the balance paid in full. Also the receipt was received from UFRA for the fire re-certifications, reimbursement for the Coke Truck from July 24th, and the bid for painting of the back-hoe arm that was bare metal was received from Ryan Palmer for \$184.89 and the work was completed.

Garry reported that the loop on 200 South was completed but all the bills have not been finalized. The fire hydrant in that area could not be repaired, so it had to be replaced with a new fire hydrant. It was placed within the Town easement so that 200 South Road through to Otten Lane can be developed in the future. The water was turned off in that area to be able to work on the lines. Customers were notified prior to the shut off, but the work unfortunately took longer than anticipated because it took over 6 hours for the lines to drain since that is a low spot in the system and work on the lines could not be started until the lines were completely drained.

Peta reported that Lexis-Nexis sent a bill for the law books/updates for the Town. The Utah Code as well as updates are available online and it's not necessary for the Town to keep paying for these hard copies of the books and updates so the Council requested that the books/updates be returned.

Peta read the bills as follows:

Rural Development \$241
Scholzen -\$
Manti Telephone - \$28.61
Main Auto -
North Sanpete Disposal -
Dick Jensen Excavating -
Ryan's Paint Shop - \$184.89
Rock Mtn Power -
Questar \$154. + \$102.
UT Div. Finance - \$5,000.
Michelle Rasmussen Wages - \$124.
Peta Devries Wages -
Sign Central -
Chemtech Ford - \$12.50
Rock Mt. Power - \$290.08
Sheila Bringhurst - \$117.67
Devin Blood reimbursement for mailing water samples -

Amber made a motion to pay the bills. Seconded by Randall. All in Favor. Motion approved.

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

Meeting adjourned.