

TOWN OF STOCKTON

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Minutes Town Council Meeting 04-14-2016

Mayor Whitney Called the Regular Meeting of Town Council to Order -7:p.m.
Town Clerk Fredda Root took Roll Call-

Mayor Mark Whitney-Present
Councilman Dave Durtschi-Present
Councilman Kendall Thomas-Present
Councilman Thomas Karjola-Present
Councilwoman Judy Bori-Present

Pledge of Allegiance led by: Chief Justin Huffman

Town Employees in Attendance:

Mark Bell Town Attorney	Johnny Thatcher Assistant Fire Chief
Justin Huffman Fire Chief	Judge Ron Powell
Crystal Anderson Treasurer	Travis Romney New Police Officer
Kathleen Memmott Fire Department	James Nay Reserve Police Officer

Other Attendees:

Steve Oblad	Megan Romney
Kyle Romney	Debbie Romney
Jennifer Romney	Ryan Taylor
Sherriff Paul Wimmer	Francie Aufdemorte Transcript Newspaper
Mary Taylor	Steve Howe Transcript Newspaper
Amanda Brown	

1. Public Comments

Amanda Brown from REACH spoke about the event they are holding in June, Amanda Brown brought Town of Stockton a plan for the Sod farm for the Jousting event that is being held in June 2016. REACH is cleaning up the sod farm on the weekends; there has been a fence installed around the old sod farm house, which will limit access. On the plan submitted it explains where all of the facilities are to be located.

A. Tooele County Sheriffs' Report-

Report given by Sherriff Wimmer-Total calls for Town of Stockton totaled (12) calls for the month of March. Nothing major to report for Town of Stockton.

2. Action Items

A. Approval Meeting Minutes March 10, 2016

Motion to Approve Minutes from 03-10-2016-Dave Durtschi
Seconded-Judy Bori
All in Favor
Motion Carried-

B. Financial Bill review for Bills over \$1,000.00 For March 2016 Hayes Godfrey Bell, P.C. Invoice #7885 \$1,513.77

Motion to Approve Payment-Kendall Thomas
Seconded-Dave Durtschi
All in Favor
Motion Carried

C. Sand Purchase Approval for Water Treatment Facility

Mayor Whitney is still negotiating the price for the Sand for the Water Treatment facility.

Chief Justin Huffman from the Stockton Volunteer Fire Department gave a talk about Tom Wilson, Tooele County Fire Warden. Mr. Wilson has taken a promotion and will be leaving the Tooele County position. Chief Huffman thanked Tom Wilson for all of the assistance he has given the Stockton Volunteer Fire Department. Chief Huffman, Assistant Fire Chief Johnny Thatcher and the Stockton Volunteer Fire Department gave Mr. Wilson a very nice plaque. Mr. Wilson gave a little speech thanking the Town of Stockton Fire Department for the recognition.

2. Ordinances & Resolutions; Policies & Procedure

Mayor Whitney talked about the fact that we lost our Police Chief Johnson, Mayor Whitney also talked about the process the Town of Stockton went thru to get the new Police Officer. Town of Stockton's new Police Officers name is Travis Romney. Councilman Karjola and Councilman Durtschi and Crystal Anderson treasurer talked with Mayor Whitney and made the decision to hire Mr. Romney as the new Officer for Town of Stockton. They had three qualified applicants.

Sherriff Wimmer talked about how surprised he was that Town of Stockton got so many qualified applicants for the Officer position. Sherriff Wimmer expected that when Town of Stockton lost their Chief of Police they would be calling him to set up a contract for Tooele Sheriffs to be covering for them. Sherriff Wimmer welcomed Travis Romney to the Town of Stockton's Police Department.

Motion to accept Travis Romney as new Town of Stockton Police Officer--David Durtschi
Seconded-Thomas Karjola
All in Favor
Motion Carried

Councilman Durtschi said the Committee was very impressed with the applicants they had to choose from for the position of Police Officer. Officer Romney has a lot of experience and the Town of Stockton is very positive about the choice they made for the new Officer. Officer Romney is very happy about working with a small town he loves the small town atmosphere.'

A. Police Officer Appointment-

Swearing in of Police Officer done by Judge Powell
Travis Romney Police Officer

B. Recognition Program-

Mayor Whitney talked about the recognition program Crystal Anderson Treasurer asked the Council for a volunteer from the council to be on the decision making committee. Mrs. Anderson said that they would be using a Town of Stockton coffee mug or a Town of Stockton jacket for the recognition.

Motion to accept policy 16-01-Kendall Thomas
Seconded-Thomas Karjola
All in Favor
Motion Carried

C. Snow Plow Policy

Mayor Whitney talked about the snow removal policy No decision was reached discussion will be moved to next Town Council Meeting.

D. Water Payment Delinquency Policy-Crystal Anderson Town Treasurer explained the new Water Payment Delinquency Policy. The Administration staff in the office has been calling all delinquent water accounts, there has been a very large amount of people in town who do not pay their water bills until staff calls them. Office calls approximately between 17 and 40 people every month. The new policy will allow the office after having to call someone 3 times for nonpayment to not call anymore and just shut off the water. Everyone will be notified of this change in the water bill and if you are a habitual offender the resident will receive a letter.

Town of Stockton Policy
Utility Delinquent Accounts
16-3
Effective April 15, 2016

1. Utility customers for Water, Sewage and Garbage pick-up with the Town of Stockton risk having their water turned off when they have become delinquent by two months. When the Water is turned off a \$50.00 fee is charged to turn it back on.
2. It has been our policy to send a notification in the current month bill, as well as give individuals who are subject to shut off, a telephone call the day prior to the actual shut off day to them the opportunity to either pay immediately or make arrangements through contractual agreement for payment.

3. It has become evident that the same individuals are using this courtesy service as a reminder that their Utility Bill has come due and wait until the last possible moment to pay the delinquent portion of their bill. Therefore, the Town of Stockton is incorporating the following policy beginning with the April 2016 billing cycle.

Utility Bills will be prepared and sent via the United States Postal Service prior to the end of the current month for the following month due date.

Individuals who are delinquent by two months will receive a notification in their Utility Bill identifying the amount and date that payment must be made to avoid shut off.

Telephone calls will be made the day prior to shut off as a courtesy, once a customer has been called three consecutive months, this service will no longer be afforded to them. If they are delinquent and no attempts to pay, their water will be shut off.

Shut off will occur for any unpaid delinquent accounts by 10:00a.m. on the date identified in the notification of delinquency sent with their Utility Bill.

4. This change has become necessary as it is taking a great deal of administrative time to make and follow up on these calls. Residents and account holders need to take responsibility for their service and pay in full and on time.

Motion to accept Policy 16-3-Thomas Karjola
Seconded-David Durtschi
All in Favor
Motion Carried

5. Reports of Municipal Officers, Departments and Committees

A. Mayor Report:-Town Cleanup will be April 22 and 23, behind the fire station, the Town of Stockton will supply dumpsters for this event.

B. Report Town Council: Nothing new to Report

C. Parks: Mr. Wright is getting the sod farm ready for the upcoming Jousting event in June and Mr. Wright has put up a fence around the old sod farm house. Mr. Wright has disked up the sod farm for the town garden.

D. Roads: Nothing new to report

E. Garbage Report: David Wright ordered new trash cans, Mr. Wright got a really good deal on the cans, instead of having to pay \$150.00 for each trash can, Mr. Wight got them for \$50.00 each.

F. Police Report:

G Fire Department: Chief Huffman gave report: Everything is still pretty quiet and nothing is going on with the Fire Department. The Fire Department was called out for a car roll over and fire. The accident had two seriously injured people, one was air lifted and the other one was sent in an ambulance.

H. Water Department: They aren't going to go up to the intake valve to fix it yet due to the weather.

I. Sewer: Everything is working well.

J. Planning Commission: Planning Commission is going thru Codification that came back from Sterling Codifiers. Mark Bell Town of Stockton attorney is going over the code 10.

Planning Commission approved a Kennel to be put in on the Melinda Vierigs property for Lulu's Little Aussies.

Attorney: Mark Bell

A. Training: Utah Open and Public Meetings Act
Mark Bell explained this to the Council

B. Codification, including Land Use Development Code prepared by Sterling codifiers
Discussion and possible decision to approve ordinance, including amendments,
work in process Mark Bell said that the land use code is 20 years behind the times

C. SEP Stockton. Consideration and possible decision on settlement of dispute and he is working on it.

Mark Bell Town of Stockton Attorney has received a settlement agreement from SEP Stockton, Mr. Bell recommends the town of Stockton approve this settlement agreement.

Motion to accept SEP Stockton Agreement and to allow Mayor Whitney to sign it-Judy Bori
Seconded-David Durtschi

All in Favor
Motion Carried

D. Other pending legal matters- Nothing new to report

6. New Business-

A. Work Meeting-2016-2017 Budget Discussion 04-15-2016 at 11:00am
The meeting is to discuss the 2016-2017 Budget for the Town of Stockton.

7. Unfinished Business-Code Enforcement by Committee

8. Closed Meeting- executive session pursuant to one or more provisions of the Open and Public Meetings Act:

- a. Discussion of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual;
- b. Strategy session to discuss collective bargaining;
- c. Strategy session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation;
- d. Strategy session to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property including water rights or water shares;
- e. Strategy session to discuss the sale of real property, including water rights or shares;
- f. Discussion regarding deployment of security personnel, devices, or systems;
- g. Investigative proceedings regarding allegations of criminal misconduct; and/or
- h. Discussion of protected procurement issues, including protected trade secrets.

9. Adjourn: 8:05p.m.

Motion to Adjourn Town Council Meeting –Kendall Thomas
Seconded-Thomas Karjola

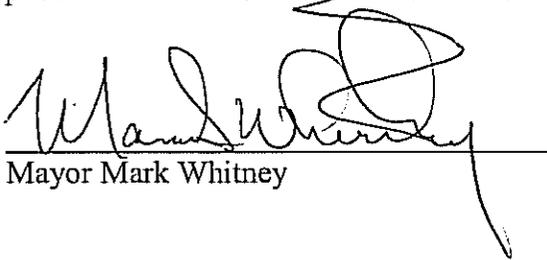
All in Favor-
Motion Carried-

**Final action may be taken in relation to any topic listed on the agenda,
including without limitation, adoption, rejection, amendment,
addition of conditions, and variation of options discussed.**

04-14-2016

By Fredda Root, Town Clerk

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Mayor Mark Whitney



Town Clerk Fredda Root

