



## TOWN OF STOCKTON

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### TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**DATE: May 11, 2017**

**TIME: 7:00 pm**

Meeting commenced at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Mark Whitney, Mayor-Present

Kendall Thomas-Councilman-Present

Thomas Karjola-Councilman-Present

Judy Bori-Councilwoman-Present

David Durtschi-Councilman-Present

#### **1. Public Comments:**

Tooele County Sheriff's Report-Had seven assists during the month of April 2017. It was not as busy as usual. Tooele County will be getting 50-60 inmates from Salt Lake County, which will offset costs.

Motion was made to go into a Public Hearing-Councilman Thomas

Seconded-Councilman Durtschi

Unanimous Approval

Motion Passed

#### **Public Hearing**

1. Proposed Water Rate-We are increasing the Town of Stockton culinary water rate by \$18, to be broken down into a three year period. Beginning with the June 2017 billing cycle, water rates will increase by \$8; and a \$5 increase will incur in 2018 and 2019.

2. In 2012 we replaced cast iron pipes with a loan of \$375K and only added a \$10 bond fee to each bill per month. This rate increase is necessary to continue maintenance on our system and

to prove solvency for the \$1M that we borrowed from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

3. The water rate increase results in a proposed \$95.50 for a basic Utility Bill (<10,000 gallons of culinary water used (\$25); sewer (\$43.50); bond (\$10); meter service (\$5); and garbage can (\$12 per can).

4. There are different tiers for water usage rates (see below) and only have a couple dozen people hit the 21,000 gallons-used tier. Several Council members wanted another tier to try and help people who use so much water to conserve. Suggestion was made for master gardeners to provide training, however, it was noted that this training was held in the past with minimal attendance.

<b>ADDITIONAL WATER USAGE CHARGE</b>			
	Gallons Used		
Base	0	10,000	\$25.00
Tier 1	10,000	14,000	\$2.00
Tier 2	14,000	18,000	\$2.20
Tier 3	18,000	21,000	\$2.50
Tier 4	21,000	9,999,999	\$2.75

5. We are currently awaiting results from Sunrise Engineering for the Treatment Feasibility Study they conducted. A work meeting on May 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. has been set up for Sunrise Engineering to present this study to us.

Motion to go from a public hearing to a general meeting-Councilman Durtschi  
 Seconded-Councilman Karjola  
 Unanimous Approval  
 Motion Passed

**General Town Council Meeting**

2. Action Items:

a. Approval of Town Council Meeting Minutes dated, April 13, 2017.

Motion to approve minutes from April 13, 2017-Councilman Durtschi  
 Seconded-Councilman Karjola  
 Unanimous  
 Motion Passed

b. Check Register Review for month of April-There were a few questions about the check register. Councilman Karjola asked about the check to Creative Product Source that has a second check written, because address was wrong on first check. If it was their fault for the address change, we should not have to pay the \$4.22 charge. Also, questioned was the check to the State of Utah Trust Lands for a \$50 additional fee because amount was raised.

c. Fuelman Bills for the month of April-no issue

d. Financial Bill Review for Bills over \$1,000.00 for the month of April

Motion to approve Invoice 8352, 4/30/17, \$2,262.50-Godfrey, Hayes and Bell-Councilwoman Bori.

Seconded-Councilman Durtschi

Unanimous

Motion Passed

3. Ordinances and Resolutions/ Policies and Procedures Motion to adopt Resolution 2017-05-13-Water Rate Change

a. Councilman Karjola questioned how extensive the coverage was getting notice to the public regarding the proposal. *It was in the Tooele Transcript Bulletin, posted at the Post Office, posted on the Town Hall Bulletin Board, put in the April 2017 Utility Bill, and placed on both the State and Town websites. In addition, there were posts made on facebook.* Councilwoman Bori wondered if we should put it on the marquee and wait a month; *however, it was noted that even putting it in the Utility Bill again does not guarantee that residents will read it.* How much more coverage could we get without going door to door? Have we looked into raising the rates for the people who live outside of the Stockton boundaries? Also, the rates for the deposits for new sewer and water accounts was raised. Councilman Karjola wanted to table the vote; Councilwoman seconded. *The rates have to go up and it doesn't matter when we do it.* A vote was taken: Mayor Whitney, Councilman Thomas, Councilman Durtschi – aye; Councilman Karjola, Councilwoman Bori – nay.

Motion to approve Water Rate Change-Councilman Thomas

Seconded-Councilman Durtschi

Councilman Karjola abstained from approval

Motion Passed

4. Reports of Municipal Officers, Departments and Committees

a. Mayor Report

(1) Parks-Request to rent have begun for the year and David Wright is pressure washing the pavilion to prepare. We received a complaint that it was dirty last year. Jo Campbell will be cleaning it this year and she makes sure it is clean after every rental.

(2) There is a shortage of ball fields to play on in Tooele County so looking at utilizing the ball field. We may need to consider some sort of insurance in case someone gets hurt while playing. We submitted application and received a grant to obtain new appliances at the park concession stand. We also got the grant for new appliances at the park concession stand.

(3) The Recreation Committee gave \$7500 to Veterans' Memorial Park.

(4) Sod Farm-people are starting to plant plots there.

(5) Roads-David Wright now has a dump truck.

(6) Garbage-We are still looking at a welder for fixing the plastic garbage cans.

(7) Water-The Boy Scouts out of Tooele got a tour last night of the plant with David Wright and Mayor Mark Whitney.

(8) Sewer-Opening of the manholes to the sewer will be started next week. Once a year they pop the manholes for preventative maintenance.

b. Town Council Report: Councilman Durtschi; Councilman Thomas; Councilman Karjola; Councilwoman Bori.

Councilman Durtschi does mosquito abatement and wanted to know if anyone in the audience had mosquito problems. Nando Meli and Steve Oblad have had problems.

c. Police Report – Travis Romney, Chief of Police- monthly status reports of statistics attached. There were 38 cases in April. The Chief said the relationship with the Deputy Sheriff's office is great. He couldn't function with a lot of the calls if he didn't have their support.

d. Fire Department – Justin Huffman, Fire Chief/Jonathan Thatcher, Assistant Fire Chief Chief Huffman said they had six fires and two medical calls. Councilman Thomas commended the Fire Department for the way they represent the Town. He also said how nice they look in their uniforms. Chief Huffman said they are having trouble with Utah County going to some of their calls on the fires-it cuts down on their payments. They got called out 40 minutes later than Utah County for a fire that was on Tooele County property. Everyone thanked them for their good work.

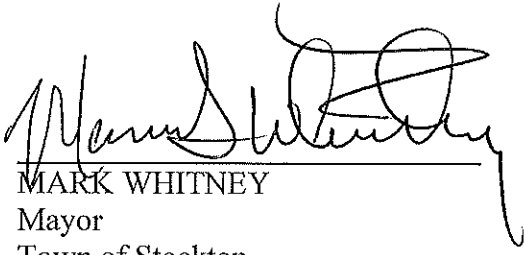
e. Planning Commission – Marlene Thomas, Chair of the Planning Commission, informed everyone that the Planning Commission Board is fully staffed now. Robyn Robbins was sworn in at the last meeting. All members will be attending the May 20<sup>th</sup> - Land Use 101 Class. To preclude miscommunication on building permits, members of the Planning Commission and the Town Clerk are in process of developing processes and procedures that meet the needs of the town and adhere to regulatory and statutory guidelines. Catherine Chase is building a new garage and the plans were forwarded to Sunrise Engineering for approval.

f. Attorney – Mr. Bell, Stockton Town Attorney was excused.

5. Unfinished Business-Chief, Justin Huffman ask what happened to the document they had mailed to the Wildland Fire Agency. Mayor Mark Whitney will check on status.

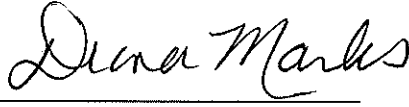
6. Adjourn:

Motion to Adjourn-Councilman Durtschi  
Seconded-Councilman Karjola  
Unanimous Approval  
Motion Passed



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MARK WHITNEY  
Mayor  
Town of Stockton



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Town Clerk  
Town of Stockton

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