



## TOWN OF STOCKTON

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### TOWN COUNCIL WORK MEETING MINUTES March 27, 2017- 1PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Mark Whitney, Mayor  
Judy Bori-Councilwoman  
Kendall Thomas-Councilman  
Thomas Karjola-Councilman  
David Durtschi-Councilman

#### 1. Discussion Items

a. Irrigation Water Sales-Water debt pay down must come from the Water Enterprise Fund. The town has 3 enterprise funds; culinary water, sewer and garbage. Thomas Karjola wondered if we could use some money for a study. The mayor responded saying we will try and use a portion for the technical study, but is not sure if we can. Auditors may tell us we cannot. We have approximately \$249,000 debt with the water department from over many many years. If Kennecott is up there a long time, we will set up a contract. We need to make sure we all decide on how to spend the irrigation sales revenue wisely. The mayor recommends building a new town shop behind the fire station. The new town shop needs to be about ½ the size of the Fire Department. The shop will be 40x80 with overhead doors. It costs about \$40,000 for the concrete, plumbing and electrical. Another \$100,000 to \$125,000 for the rest. David uses the Fire Department to park the garbage truck in for the winter. All of the towns equipment is outside, where the weather is affecting the equipment. We are looking for ideas on what to use it for. Judy Bori indicated she would like to think about what to do with it. It was discussed if it was worth it to build a shop to preserve equipment. It was agreed that yes it is worth the cost. Kendall Thomas suggested we make a plan of what our needs are in 5-10 years. In another meeting, we will prioritize what we need. We can weed through stuff then. The biggest priority is the water treatment filtration plant. Water enterprise will be a loan to pay over 30-40 years.

b. Health Care-Last year when the office looked into this, it cost the town about \$12,500 per person to have insurance. The employees share would be about \$1,200 out of pocket per month. We are hoping to get a quote from the Utah Government Trust for municipalities. The only full

time employees are Travis Romney and David Wright. If we get into a pool, it may be cheaper. If we gave an employee, a subsidy, they probably would take the insurance. Travis Romney says he pays \$2,000 a year for Molina for him and his wife. The children are on CHIPS. He is considered on the poverty level so he is eligible for government subsidies. David is on his wife's healthcare. We will look again at the plans, when the rates come in.

c. Sod Farm-The farm is 200 acres and the irrigation pipes are deteriorating. Should we sell off the equipment, which still works? We need to decide what to do with the land. Joe Johnston suggested we plant fruit or nut trees. Another idea was to lease the farm out, but it was been neglected, and we would have to put a lot of money into it to restore things. We need to find out how much of an asset it is. The property should probably be kept. Thomas Karjola wants to know what the benefits of selling it are. It is now zoned A-4. Kendall Thomas thinks it is a real asset and we can't sell irrigation water. Thomas Karjola said if the real estate prices go up, a big contractor might want to build a big subdivision. If we keep it we need a master plan and a strategic plan.

1. Grounds where we could have rodeos or concerts. The negative aspects are there would be lights on and more noise and increased traffic.

2. Soccer fields or a multiuse field for other special events. We could buffer the sound with some trees closest to the neighborhood. Judy Bori would hate to see the land dormant. Grantsville is remodeling, so they may have bleachers for sell.

3. A storage unit for RVs, boats, etc. Steve Oblad said that we would be liable for a fire. etc. We would need fencing to protect the equipment stored there.

4. Lease sod farm out. How would we get the word out to the public?. A market study should be done, but we have no resources to do that. Tooele County has an economic development person, but he is expensive to hire. Kendall Thomas knows him well and will ask him to come talk to him, and he will report back to council. This topic should be continued to be talked about.

d. County contracts-Dispatch may go away. We might have special service district for dispatch. There will be at least one more year of dispatch fees. The special service district may go. We are having to pay a lot for dispatch and it will continue to go up. The volunteer fire department might be charged in the future for dispatch. Approximately 75% of the calls are out of town limits, south Tooele County. Approximately the other 25% of calls are in town. The county provides this year approximately \$8,000 The wildfires make us money. When a member goes to school it is \$250. They have to sign a contract to stay for one year. There is a \$26,000 budget. We need to invite the fire department and other personnel to a meeting to get ideas for strategic planning for 5-10 years. When we had the big fire, everyone from all the towns around us came to help us. We need to know how to get South Rim to help us. They are an entity and part of the county.

e. Water rates-We all agree that water rates need to be increased to get the water department whole. We have \$250,000 loan that we need to be paying back to the town general fund, (doing a 30 year contract to pay ourselves back). Increases definitely need to be made. Public Hearings will be necessary. Presently the base rate is \$32 for 10,000 gallons. Kendall asked when an answer will come back from the state. The mayor was unsure. Judy Bori wondered where the late fees go. Late fees go into each of the funds separately. A special notice will be sent out when the

public meeting will be scheduled. We are just waiting for the State. We are hoping to adopt these new rates by June but it may take longer. Then we can get the rates people use in the summer.

f. Department Discussions

1. Police Department needs part-time officer, but we need to know how to fund it. budget discussions are coming up. Mark Whitney will have different scenarios, but also how to fund it long term. We need to do a strategic plan, so the date of the next meeting will probably be in April after we see what budget is. Next council meeting on April 13, we will pick a date

2. Fire Department has the money they need.

g. Elected Officials Compensation-We should not vote on our own pay raise. Maybe we could have a cost of living each year. This should also include Police Department and Fire Department. We could look at other cities or towns and see if their ordinances are online and then discuss it. It was asked if we could post it in the water bill.

2. Update General Plan-No discussion

3. Unfinished Business-No discussion

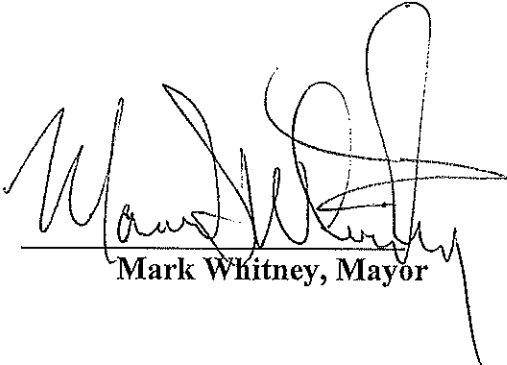
4. Adjourn:

Motion to Adjourn-Judy Bori


Seconded-David Durtschi

All in Favor

Motion Passed



**Mark Whitney, Mayor**



**Diana Marks, Town Clerk**

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