



TOWN OF STOCKTON

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TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: April 13, 2017

TIME: 7:00 pm

Called to Order by Mayor Mark Whitney at 7:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Councilwoman, Judy Bori

Councilman, Thomas Karjola

Mayor, Mark Whitney

Councilman, David Durtschi

Councilman, Kendall Thomas-excused

1. Public Comments

A. Kim Allred-Chief Romney gave an award to Kim Allred. On March 30, 2017, he saw a male that was carrying a bucket and walking down a street. Kim approached him and asked what he was doing and the man said he was waiting for a ride. Kim was suspicious and called the police. The male was caught and he had a bagful of jewelry and other items that he had stolen from a home. We are all grateful for Kim looking out for his neighbors.

B. Kent Baker wanted to know why so many street lights were out. We have called Rocky Mountain Power to fix them. They put in a service work order and will get to it eventually.

C. Tooele County Sheriff's Report – There were not any significant incidents for January-March. They did come out to Grant Street about someone entering a house illegally.

2. Action Items

A. Veterans Memorial Park-Funding Request – The committee came to address us. Those present included Nando Meli, John Rydalch, Ken Edwards, Kent Baker, and Jack Hollien. Clarence Allred now has permission to finish the lighting. The Fallen Soldier is being put on a base, which has been ordered. Also, there will be three monument stones with names of Veterans. They need more money and wondered if the town could give \$13,000, because a \$2,000 donation was given to them.. They want to put in a three foot split rail fence. They will

bring in an itemized list of things that still need to be done. Mayor Whitney told them to bring in receipts and invoices. These charges will come out of the additional Irrigation Revenue.

B. Approval of Town Council Meeting Minutes dated: March 16, 2017
Motion to Accept Minutes of March 16, 2017 with corrections-Councilman, Thomas Karjola
Seconded-Councilwoman. Judy Bori
Unanimous Approval
Motion Passed

C. Approval of Town Council Meeting Minutes dated: March 27, 2017
Motion to Accept Minutes of March 27, 2017-Councilman, David Durtschi
Seconded- Councilman, Thomas Karjola
Unanimous Approval
Motion Passed

D. Check Register Review for month of March
Motion to accept the check register for March-Councilman, Thomas Karjola
Seconded-Councilman, David Durtschi
Unanimous Approval
Motion Passed

E. Financial Bill Review for Bills over \$1,000.00 for the month of March
Hayes Godfrey Bell bill for \$1,637.50
Motion to approve the invoice #8315 for \$1637.50, dated 3/31/2017 for Hayes Godfrey Bell-Councilman, David Durtschi
Seconded-Councilman, Thomas Karjola
Unanimous Approval
Motion passed

Apparatus Equipment and Services bill for \$2,274.93
Motion to approve invoice #11653 for \$2,274.93, dated 3/15/2017 for Apparatus Equipment and Services-Councilman, Thomas Karjola
Seconded-Councilwoman, Judy Bori
Unanimous Approval
Motion passed

F. Tooele County Fire Protection Cooperative Agreement-Mark Bell, our Attorney spoke with Bucky Whitehouse of the Tooele County Emergency Services. He should approve agreement as written, because we need to be a part of this. Mark Bell mentioned that the wording is not as good as it should be and sometimes it is vague language. The Fire Department is on top of the way we respond to county and other agencies. They are in Tier 3 as Fire Responders and Hazmat. They are trying to move to a Tier 2. In Tier 2, they have to be self-sufficient, and they are not there yet. If there is an incident, they can help isolate, get people out of the way, and then call Tier 1 Fire Department for assistance. They can do EMT medical help, but they need support from the county to assist with actions required out of their purview. The County should

have responsibility for the South end of Tooele County. Councilman, Thomas Karjola wondered what we have to do to get to Tier 2. Chief, Justin Huffman said they need 10 Hazmat suits. The suits expire in 5 years. Councilman, Thomas Karjola wondered if the Tooele Army Depot Fire Department is a part of this. TEAD is governed by Army and Federal Regulations. When we had the catastrophic fire, every fire department responded including Salt Lake. The County Commissioners have to be asked by Mayor Mark Whitney to go to Tier 2. Councilwoman, Judy Bori asked if the dispatch fees go up, will we get more money. They said it is not related to this agreement. In Tier 3, we get \$6,000 each year. Tier 2 gets \$8,000 a year.

Motion to Sign Agreement-Councilman, Thomas Karjola

Seconded-Councilwoman Judy Bori

Unanimous Approval

Motion Passed

G. Planning Commission Member appointment-Robyn Robbins-Marlene Thomas introduced Robyn Robbins to the Council and said she has been very involved and has been coming to a lot of meetings. The Commission appreciates her and supports her.

Motion to appoint Robyn Robbins to the Stockton Planning Commission- Councilman, Judy Bori

Seconded-Councilman, David Durtschi

Unanimous Approval

Motion Passed

H. Water rate increase discussion/action-The State of Utah sent a memo stating that Stockton has experienced three years of unsustainable water rates, which means that they could demand immediate and full payment on the million dollars that we borrowed for the "Well" and we could end up in default of the loan. Councilman Durtschi asked when was that last time we raised water rates? We raised rates in 2012 during the sewer installations. The old treatment plant will be paid for in 2019. Discussion pursued between Council members - Can we spread out the increase for a few years rather than the \$17 all at once? Mayor Whitney sent a letter to see if we could raise it \$5.00, and then reevaluate after we get Sunrise Engineering's feasibility study. This would show the State due diligence. We cannot take money from the sewer fund. During the last eight years, we have been trying to repair, replace and fix the old system. Should we raise rates every year or every three years? A \$5 raise every year for three years would be great. However, this could all change after the study with Sunrise comes in. It could change the repair and maintenance budget. Councilwoman Bori asked if we are \$249,000 in debt, would this raise cover that debt. Mayor Whitney said no, we can't pay back that amount until it reaches \$17 a household. The households that use more will pay more. Mayor Whitney has a good relationship with the State of Utah, and we need to know how serious they are; he will visit them soon. Most of our money is now is going to a dilapidated system. Mark Bell, Stockton Attorney, suggested we may want to talk to a financial advisor. They may know other towns' rates and have studies that could tell us how much we need to raise the rates. We need to see how much the rate study would cost. We need a public hearing next month. We will have to show where money has been going. Sunrise is doing the final review right now. In two weeks, we could have a special meeting to hear their recommendations.

Motion to have a Public Hearing in May-Council, Thomas Karjola

Seconded-Councilman, David Durtschi

Unanimous approval
Motion passed

3. Ordinances and Resolutions/ Policies and Procedures-None

4. Reports of Municipal Officers, Departments and Committees

A. Mayor Report

- (1) Parks-The irrigation water is on and ready for summer.
- (2) Sod Farm
- (3) Roads-Recommend crack seal and next year overlay
- (4) Garbage-We need new cans. A lot of lids are broken. We only have 6 left.
- (5) Water-Kennecott will be using water in about a month. That will bring some revenue in.
- (6) Sewer-Inspections will start soon.

It was brought up that we should thank David Wright and his crew for picking up a lot of the cans that had blown over today from the high winds.

B. Town Council Report: Nothing to report

C. Police Report – Travis Romney, Chief of Police-Three thousand dollars of jewelry and items were recovered from the burglary. We had a call from a residence that their son was being violent in the home and was on meth. Chief Romney responded and had to call in three officers from Tooele. We need a part time officer and Chief Romney has asked other cities how they got another officer. Mantua, which is up north between Logan and Brigham City gave him some ideas.

If dispatch is not going to Special Services district, we will be hurt. We will have to have money from the general fund. It was brought up that we may have to look at property taxes. Our rate is .028 and Mantua's is .09.

D. Fire Department – Justin Huffman, Fire Chief/Jonathan Thatcher, Assistant Fire Chief-They had five medicals and three rescues. One call responding to a person not breathing, and she was resuscitated. They helped two infants and Jonathan read a letter from a grandfather thanking the Fire Department for saving their infant grandchild. They had their first brush fire in Faust a month ago which burned 10 acres. There was also one rollover accident.

There is a Tooele County Fire School April 28-30 at the Tooele Army Depot.

The Fire Department have always put money aside in savings. They need \$30,000, but are holding off for a grant that is a \$15,000 matching fund. Hopefully, they will get the grant. They find out June 1 and it must be spent by October 31, 2017.

The Fire Department is in need of a UTV so they can go up canyons to calls. There are times they can't get to their patients. Tooele has search and rescue because they have a UTV. They serve Kennecott when they are drilling and they cover 5 mile pass. Their jurisdiction is from the County Jail, and up Highway 36, and up Silver into the canyons. They are not asking for

additional money but, are asking to spend their own money. Kennecott gave them \$2,000 and they have two grants from Homeland Security. Homeland Security grants can be used on anything, like the tank for the fire truck, but their preference is the UTV. They need the UTV for better search and rescue. It was suggested we table this until the budget work meeting on April 28, 2017. Thomas Karjola offered to go with them in his various vehicles and see what their needs are before buying the side by side Mule, which can also transport patients.

Motion for Mayor Whitney to approve \$15,000-Councilman, Thomas Karjola
Seconded-Councilwoman, Judy Bori
Unanimous Approval
Motion Passed

E. Planning and Zoning –Steve Oblad

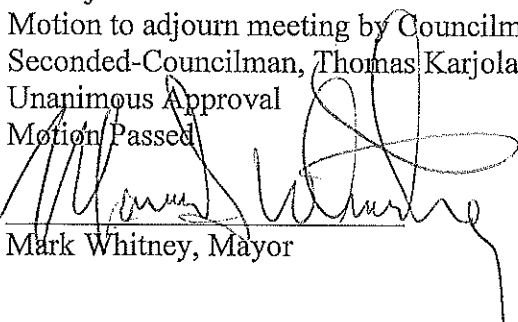
1. Swearing in of Joseph Johnston and Vicki Nash as new Planning Commission Members.
2. Resignation of Lisa Rhoads, to possibly be replaced by Robyn Robbins.
3. Training for Land Use 101 on May 20 in Salt Lake City.
4. Request for a conditional Use Permit for Debbie Rydalch's brother. He wants to park his trailer temporarily at the house of their father, Mr. Mair on Clark Street. Then they can care for him, since he is not doing very well.
5. Taking on the task of updating the General Plan for the Town of Stockton as requested by Mayor Whitney
6. Updating Chapter 10-9, Town of Stockton Annexation Policy as requested by Mayor Whitney.
7. Updating the Town of Stockton Building per Application and procedures.
8. To look into the way we handle abandoned or unoccupied houses in the Town of Stockton. We need to either make a policy or just what we can do legally. An email was to be sent to Mark Bell for guidance.

F. Attorney – Mark Bell, Stockton Town Attorney-Nothing to report

5. Unfinished Business-Pick a date for budget work meeting. The date of Friday, April 28, 2017 at 1pm at the Town Hall was decided upon. Mayor Whitney will let Councilman, Thomas Kendall know.

6. Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn meeting by Councilman, David Durtschi
Seconded-Councilman, Thomas Karjola
Unanimous Approval
Motion Passed


Mark Whitney, Mayor


Diana Marks;

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