

Tropic Town Council Meeting

Minutes of the Tropic Town Board Meeting
Held August 11, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Tropic Town Heritage Center

PRESENT: Mayor WaLon Brinkerhoff **BOARD MEMBERS:** Jason Bybee, Travis LeFevre, Dennis Pollock and Brook Wiseman. Marie Niemann – Tropic Town Clerk & Sydney Syrett – Tropic Town Treasurer.

OTHERS: Gaia Greenhalgh, Brett Chynoweth, Bob Sudweeks, Stan Mecham, Lowell/Kathy Mecham, Brad & Yolanda Cowan, Hunter Mecham, Merrilee Mecham

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor WaLon Brinkerhoff

PRAYER: Stan Mecham

PLEDGE: Lowell Mecham

APPROVAL OF MINTUES: A motion was made by Dennis Pollock to approve the minutes of the Tropic Town Board Meeting held July 14, 2016 - Second by Jason Bybee. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: No additions were made ~ A change to the order was made – Mayor asked for the Council to address Mr. Mecham’s issues first – which is listed under Roads and Streets. A motion was made by Jason Bybee to approve the agenda with this change. Second by Dennis Pollock. Motion carried.

ROADS/STREETS

Lowell Mecham ~ Mr. Mecham expressed concerns with the drainage work being done on 100 South, specifically in front of property he owns and maintains (Viva Mecham). Lowell feels his property has been devaluated by the ditch that had been dug. Mr. Mecham also questioned why limbs from his apricot tree was cut down without notification or permission; Brett admitted he trimmed the tree so that the grader could access the work area; Mayor was unaware of this and supported Mr. Mecham – that he should have been notified.

Continuing, Mayor referenced the storm water drainage plan, asking Brett to report what was recommended in this area – which was to replace the 18’ culvert on the East side of 200 West by Wagstaff’s property with a 24” culvert and install a new cement box; it did not recommend digging a ditch by the Mecham property. The plan should have been reference before this work was performed. Resolving the problem, Mayor shared ideas from discussions with Brett – that of a 28’ pipe could be installed all the way to the wash to resolve the issue; Lowell accepted the proposal. A motion was made by Dennis Pollock and Second by Jason Bybee to direct Brett to install the 28’ pipe. Motion carried.

THE COMMUNITY

Hunter Mecham: Planning commission reviewed a building permit application for a home, with a Taxidermy business; which will require a business license and requirements for a home occupation permit; specifically that of only 25% of the home can be used for the business. The property is also located in the flood zone; the Town requires signing a flood plan waiver, agreeing not to hold the Town liable for flood damages. Hunter’s property is located adjacent to the baseball complex, which is accessible by a share public access road; the Commission and Council conveyed to Mr. Mecham that there are No plans in the near future to pave, asphalt, or upgrade the road. A water/sewer connection will also be purchased ~ \$4,000. After finding all incompliance, the motion was made by Dennis Pollock to approve – Second by Jason Bybee. Motion carried.

Steve & Barbara Duke: Building permit was approved in July's meeting.

Business Licenses: A business license is required from State Bank of Southern Utah to enable Yolanda Cowan to clean the Tropic Branch. A motion was made by Jason Bybee to approve a business license – Second Dennis Pollock. Motion carried.

Sydney Lamas: Sydney has received her State Alcohol certification to teach alcohol classes and has been contacted by many businesses to teach classes for the company. A motion was made by Jason Bybee to approve a business license – Second by Dennis Pollock. Motion carried.

Paula Townsend: New owners of Bryce Trails B&B – renewal/approval of business license. A motion was made by Jason Bybee to approve – Second by Dennis Pollock. Motion carried.

Nathaniel Steed: Mr. Steed inquired about fencing ordinances and a zone change ~ questioned the height allowed for fencing –Mayor reported 7ft ~ Marie recalled the resolution stated 6ft; will verify. Regarding re-zoning – a public hearing is required; will need attend PC meeting to review, discuss and schedule the hearing.

WARRANTS

A report of the warrants were reviewed and discussed by Town Treasurer Sydney Lamas; all was found to be in order. A motion was made by Dennis Pollock to approve - Second by Jason Bybee – Motion carried.

CULINARY/SEWER

Doug had requested a meter is being installed in his (Ahlstrom) subdivision, discussed a few issue; Dennis reported he spoke with Doug regarding there could be some additional expense with the meter box and cleaning it out; due to Doug installed it too low.

It was reported that raw sewage from holding tank at the Red Rock Ride facility is being dumped in the wash; this is unacceptable ~ it will/is already contaminating Cannonville and other well water resources. In light of this information, Council felt this is the reason for the odor that has been reported – it is not the Town's sewer lagoon. Southwest public health will be notified. Discussed other violations: the use of a septic tank without a permit; even though it is located in the County, installation of a pipe across the wash was not properly installed; causing backup when flood waters come to the area.

Trailer connections ~ Sydney reviewed billing of employee trailers/apartments as reported by business owners – questioned its accuracy. Those businesses in question will be charged from April – October the seasonal rate of \$5; will re-evaluate when the season is over with a letter being sent verifying and giving notification of a rate change, if used year round full rate of \$24 will be charged. Regarding Gary Bybee's vacation rental – the number of rooms is not known – Sydney will send the same form as was sent to all motel business owners verifying the room count to correctly charge for w/s.

ROADS/STREETS CONTINUED

Council Members Travis LeFevre and Brook Wiseman arrived late; Mayor gave an update on previously discussed items and what actions need to be taken. Regarding Lowell Mechams' complaint, Mayor reported the Council agreed the Town would install a pipe all the way to the wash; covering up the ditch that was dug. Reported on Lowell's disappointment to his apricot tree, it was trimmed without notification and/or approval.

Addressing the pipe/culvert, Travis & Brook asked if the Town was going to pay for everyone's culvert? Mayor responded no culvert was given, that the Town would install a pipe to the wash; covering up the ditch, putting it back like it was.

Addressing the storm drainage plan, Mayor asked Travis if recommendations were looked at before the Town started this project; responding Travis acknowledge he did for up the street – Mayor said the study recommended that the 18’ pipe be replaced with a larger one. Acknowledging Travis’ idea was good – Mayor said the Town could split it, just wanted to make him happy. Recalling thoughts expressed by Lowell and Stan – if the dike breaks it really doesn’t matter, the water still going to come down; just trying to mitigate it. Travis stated he has been looking at the project; the ditch along 100 South by any one’s property isn’t one ounce deeper than anywhere else. Dennis stated he placed a culvert on his property as an example for residents to see what the project was about. Travis replied that the Council agreed to offer residents the option to purchase a culvert, or having a ditch and graveling their driveway – continuing, Travis expressed frustration by commenting that the Town receives one whiner and the Town caves. Mayor asked why did the Town purchase all the pipe – the question was redirected to Brett – Travis stated you can’t take water uphill; Brett was asked how deep the ditch would have to be on 300 West in order to put in a culvert, Brett replied 4 ft.; there is a small culvert over the bridge, if a good size flood hit, the water would back up and hit that culvert. Travis continued explaining the Town decided to culverts in was the best was to address the slope. Mayor reported Lowell’s views, stating he was upset because people have culverts and a ditch was placed in front of his property; trying to see both sides of the issue. Travis said it’s the only place a ditch could be placed to address drainage. Addressing comment to Travis, Mayor stated that if someone put a ditch in front of his house, he’s be pissed off too. Travis responded stating, his ditch isn’t any deeper than anyone else. Mayor stated the problem is, the Town created a ditch, there wasn’t a ditch there prior to the Town putting one there. The tone of the discussion escalated with Travis stating it is for drainage and the action showed favoritism. Mayor responded yes, you obviously have to do drainage; calling it whatever Travis wanted but the motion was passed and done ~ Travis retaliated stating it should have been discussed under Roads/Streets; calling the Mayor a dictator. Responding, Mayor repeating Travis’ remark of being a dictator, and called Travis a freaking hypocrite, he should be more respectful; referring back to the “code of ethics” Travis presented in July’s meeting. Disagreement continued with the Mayor reminding Travis of his late arrival – Travis answered by stating he told the Mayor he would be late. Discussion ended with Mayor Brinkerhoff telling Travis he could speak on an issue when he was present at the whole meeting.

PARKS/RECREATION

A heart-deliberator was brought to the Town office to have it mounted at the baseball complex – kitchen area. Update on the kiosk, Brook is hoping this next coming week, rain delayed pouring the cement; regarding the Travel Council kiosk, Cary Deccio told Sydney it was on task. Continuing to locate a UV light needed for the splash pad. Mayor expressed his appreciation to Brett and Bob for keeping the park clean and maintained.

A letter was sent to Levi Holm regarding his agreement to restore the sidewalk – giving him until the 1st of August to adhere – Mayor reported Levi contacted him; date was extended to August 11th ~ today; cement is being poured.

Veteran’s memorial name panels were installed ~ the next step will be placing the bronze statue; security cameras and lights will also be installed. Names placed and are to be listed is decided by the Veterans. Discussed adjusting the sprinklers so the water doesn’t spray the panels ~ during installation of the panels, a sprinkler head was broken off – Bob will follow up. Inquiries were made as to the fate/future of the old Veteran’s monument at the park, which was done by the Lion’s Club; the structure has not been maintained and is deteriorating. The subject will be discussed in their meeting – if they want to keep it, it needs to be maintained; if it is to be removed, the plaques should be kept and reused; it was suggested if the Lions wanted to preserve it, they could relocate the monument in Cannonville/Henrieville.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

N/R

ANIMAL CONTROL

A concern was reported regarding the contacting of the family – it was asked that contact be made directly to the parents, not the children. A comment was received regarding the passing of the ordinance, resident questioned whether the vote was unanimous – it was a unanimous vote.

EMPLOYEE REPORT

N/R

MAYOR'S REPORT

Follow up items:

*Signage ~ 100 South 200 West & 200 North as it bends onto 400 West; No ~ Brett will follow up

*Rodeo Meeting ~ Wednesday, August 17 @ 7 p.m.

*Dumpster at Maintenance yard – pick up when needed ~ \$200

*Alarm on Water Tank ~ Call was made, not returned; Brett will follow up

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Dennis Pollock – Second by Jason Bybee to adjourn. Motion carried.

Approved this 8th day of September 2016

Marie H Niemann – Tropic Town Clerk