

Minutes of the *Regular* Meeting of the Trenton Town Council held on Tuesday December 10, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., in the Trenton Town Hall, 17 East Main, Trenton, Utah.-

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Present:	Mayor	Lynn Payne
	Councilmember	Kyle Kingston
		Donny Merrill
	Clerk	Macall Smith
Excused	Councilmember	Erick Simmonds

Guests: Ed Cottle, Janet Cottle, Kacee John, Jacob Ames.

MAYOR PAYNE CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.

The Council and audience participated in the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilmember John Nelson.

Approval of Agenda

Mayor Payne asked for a motion to approve the agenda as written. COUNCILMEMBER KINGSTON MOVED TO APPROVE THE MEETING AGENDA AS OUTLINED. COUNCILMEMBER MERRILL SECONDED THE MOTION, WITH ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Payne asked for a motion to approve the November 5, 2024, meeting minutes. Councilmember Merrill stated that he was not in attendance at the meeting but is listed in the minutes. Councilmember Kingston moved to table until Councilmember Simmonds was in attendance.

Mayor Payne asked for a motion to approve the November 19, 2024 meeting minutes. Councilmember Merrill stated that he was not listed as in attendance, he was present at the meeting. COUNCILMEMBER KINGSTON MOVED TO APPROVE NOVEMBER 19, 2024, MEETING MINUTES, WITH THE ADDITION OF COUNCILMEMBER MERRILL IN ATTENDANCE, WITH COUNCILMEMBER MERRILL SECONDING THE MOTION AND ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

Public Comment:

Jacob Ames from CRS Engineering was in attendance and informed the Council that the final meeting on the COG project for 2024 would be held soon, he shared that a final decision on the funding would be made at this meeting. He also recommended that the Council begin working on the next project.

Agenda items:

ARPA Funding update, discussion

The Council discussed the ARPA funding and noted that the funds were spent on resurfacing the parking lot at the park. They discussed the upcoming CDBG project and stated that Councilmember Simmonds is working on estimates.

COUNCILMEMBER KINGSTON MOVED TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING ON UPDATES TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE, PARTICULARLY THE ADDITION OF A SPECIAL EVENTS CHAPTER AND WORDING RELATED TO TEMPORARY DWELLINGS AT 7:11 P.M. WITH COUNCILMEMBER MERRILL SECONDING THE MOTION AND ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

Councilmember Kingston reviewed the changes that were discussed at the last meeting. He shared the wording that had been changed in section 2.14 C 4.- *the owner of a Temporary Dwelling shall cease to use the Temporary Dwelling as a dwelling immediately following completion of the project, construction or repairs, or immediately upon the expiration of the term of the temporary use permit, whichever occurs first.* Councilmember Merrill stated that he didn't feel that \$50 was enough of a fee for a temporary dwelling permit. The Council discussed a fee for a temporary dwelling permit, Councilmember Kingston stated that the Planning and Zoning felt that \$50 would be a reasonable fee. COUNCILMEMBER MERRILL MOVED TO APPROVE THE CHANGES ON THE TEMPORARY DWELLING

ORDINANCE WITH COUNCILMEMBER NELSON SECONDING THE MOTION WITH ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

Councilmember Kingston reviewed the Special Events portion of the Zoning Ordinance, he stated that in Utah any kind of raffle is illegal.

Daniel Buttars asked when the temporary use section becomes in force. He asked how the ordinance gets posted. Clerk Smith stated that it becomes effective once it is posted or 30 days after it is approved. Mr. Buttars asked what the procedure for posting is- Clerk Smith stated that it has to be posted in three separate locations within the town. He asked what the procedure for applying for a permit was. Councilmember Kingston stated that there is an application available that has to be turned into the town clerk prior to the Planning and Zoning meeting. Councilmember Merrill suggested delaying the effective date until after winter is over, Mayor Payne asked Mr. Buttars what he feels is a fair timeline. The Council discussed the section that discussed getting approval from the neighbors, he asked who he needed to get permission from. Mr. Buttars asked about getting permission from the Bear River Health Department. He questioned if they are the appropriate agency to deal with the septic information. Mr. Buttars shared that in response to a fair timeline, that he would begin the process but was unsure if he could get it taken care of within a month. Councilmember Merrill stated that he feels the Ordinance should go into effect March 15th with the enforcement beginning April 15th. Mayor Payne suggested getting a progress report that would allow for extra time. Mr. Buttars asked if he could turn his application in prior to the March 15th, 2025, effective date. Mr. Buttars suggested that the community be made aware of the changes to the Ordinance, he suggested going around to affected individuals and letting them know of the upcoming changes. Councilmember Nelson expressed his concern about neighbors being unwilling to give approval for a temporary dwelling permit and the problems that could come as a result.

The Council reviewed what event requires a special event permit. Councilmember Kingston explained the background of why the town was adding the ordinance. Councilmember Merrill asked about the required insurance amount.

COUNCILMEMBER KINGSTON MOVED TO APPROVE THE ADDITION OF A SPECIAL EVENT ORDINANCE TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE WITH COUNCILMEMBER MERRILL SECONDING THE MOTION WITH ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

COUNCILMEMBER NELSON MOVED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING OF THE TRENTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:48 P.M. WITH COUNCILMEMBER KINGSTON SECONDING THE MOTION AND ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

The Council revisited the ARPA funding stating once again that the money was spent to resurface the parking/ driveway at the park.

Questions regarding field drain replacement- Paige Ezola

Councilmember Merrill stated that the drain in question is on the County's schedule to be replaced this spring. He discussed what drains have had work done on them and what is on the schedule in the future.

Parks/Recreation/Cemetery update

There was no update at the meeting, but the Council stated that the sidewalk improvements at the park looked good.

Roads

Councilmember Merrill explained that there isn't much from the road department but asked that the winter parking ordinance be put in the next newsletter. The Council discussed a drainage district.

Planning and Zoning update

Councilmember Kingston shared that Planning and Zoning didn't have anything to report on but that the Fire Department has decided to once again not participate in the Wildfire Cooperative organization, since Trenton doesn't border any public lands. He shared that the department is going well and that the County will be getting a new truck in 2026 that will be stationed in Trenton.

Water

Kacee John shared that the department used very little water on the recent fire at Ted Andrew's dairy. She stated that she is working on getting the two meters installed for this year. Councilmember Nelson stated that Nathan Daubs will be contacting the town regarding a water impact study.

Mayor Update

Mayor Payne discussed COG and the town's application. He suggested that next year the town holds an event that would include decorating a community Christmas tree. The Council liked the idea, and it was suggested that it take place on the first Monday in December.

Adjournment

COUNCILMEMBER KINGSTON MOVED TO ADJOURN THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AT 8:15 P.M. WITH COUNCILMEMBER MERRILL SECONDING THE MOTION AND ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.