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Present:	Mayor:	Erick Simmonds
	Councilmember:	Kyle Kingston-7:04 p.m.
		Stacey Wangsgard
		Donny Merrill
		John Nelson 7:05 p.m.
	Clerk	Macall Smith

Guests: Kacee John, Trenton Water Operator, Jeff Andrew, Andrea Diamond, Ed Cottle, Janet Cottle, Cleone Allsop, Rulon Fischer, Lisa Aedo- Cache County Countywide Planner, Sam Harmon, David John, Darrell Merrill and Roger Nelson.

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

Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Mayor Simmonds asked for a motion to approve the agenda. COUNCILMEMBER WANGSGARD MOVED TO APPROVE THE MAY 5, 2026, MEETING AGENDA, WITH COUNCILMEMBER MERRILL KINGSTON SECONDING THE MOTION AND ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Simmonds asked for a motion to approve the April 7, 2026 meeting minutes. Councilmember Wangsgard noted that she is listed twice in the closing motions and that it should have Councilmember Kingston as the second on the motion. COUNCILMEMBER WANGSGARD MOVED TO APPROVE THE APRIL 7, 2026 MEETING MINUTES WITH THE NOTED CORRECTION. COUNCILMEMBER MERRILL SECONDED THE MOTION WITH ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

Review and approval of May 2026 checks

COUNCILMEMBER MERRILL MOVED TO APPROVE THE MAY 2026 CHECKS WITH COUNCILMEMBER WANGSGARD SECONDING THE MOTION AND ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

Public Comment:

Cleone Allsop gave a brief history of the Trenton Camp of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers. She shared that it has been an organization for 125 years and that the Trenton Camp of the DUP was established 40 years after the State was organized.

Lisa Aedo introduced herself and stated that she work for Cache County Planning department with an emphasis on open space. She expressed that she was out in the communities getting to know people.

Agenda items:

7:05- Cache County Sheriff's office

Lynn Jensen, the Cache County Sheriff, attended the meeting and discussed the renewal of the contracts for police services. He shared that there were 120 calls total at the end of the budget cycle and that there would be an increase of about \$1068 to the contract price, explaining that this increase will take place each of the following three years. Councilmember Merrill shared some concerns he had with animals getting out and the Animal Control deputy's response to the problem, stating that he felt like they were defending the person that Councilmember Merrill felt was in the wrong. The Sheriff replied to the issue and stated that he would follow up. Mayor Simmonds gave the signed contracts to the Sheriff that will be covering the next three years of police services.

Birds in roadway-Darrell Merrill

Darrell Merrill attended the meeting and discussed the problem with domestic animals in the roadways. He expressed his unhappiness with the birds roaming wild and with his neighbor's birds on his property. He asked the Council to do something about the issue. Councilmember Merrill shared that there are no State codes regarding the issue. Sheriff Jensen stated that Trenton could add language to their Animal Control ordinance that would prevent fowls from being in the road. The Council discussed, with Mr. Merrill, the issue of John Nelson's duck's being on his property. They asked Sheriff Jensen who would deal with the issue and he responded by saying that the County Animal Control would take care of the calls.

Public hearing on the following ordinance: Ordinance #2026-05-01-Right of Way ordinance

COUNCILMEMBER WANGSGARD MOVED TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING ORDINANCE #2026-05-01-RIGHT OF WAY ORDINANCE AT 7:23 P.M. WITH COUNCILMEMBER MERRILL SECONDING THE MOTION AND ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE. Mayor Simmonds explained the purpose behind the ordinance, sharing that this would allow the town to have legal backing for road repairs & updates on existing roadways. The Council read the Ordinance out loud. Jeff Andrew asked if the Ordinance applied to roads that are not currently being used. The Council stated that the Ordinance only dealt with current roads. It was stated that 26 feet is for help with fire protection. Andrea Diamond asked how this would impact sidewalks and curb and gutter along with who would cover the cost of the project. The Council responded by stating that the ordinance doesn't address those items but that it is to establish the boundaries of the roadway for future road building and repairing. Sam Harmon asked how this would impact 100 West, Councilmember Merrill stated that this Ordinance would be dealt with in a common sense way, explaining that roads would be put in and widened in a manner that makes sense. He could see that the road would be widened to 24 feet but that this ordinance would allow the town to have 66 feet to do what needed to be done.

COUNCILMEMBER WANGSGARD MOVED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING ORDINANCE #2026-05-01-RIGHT OF WAY ORDINANCE AT 7:43 P.M. WITH COUNCILMEMBER KINGSTON SECONDING THE MOTION AND ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

Country Dynamics, LLC- Rulon Fischer

The Council reviewed Mr. Fischer's Business License application. Mr. Fischer explained that he is a fully licensed contractor in Utah and Idaho. He stated that he will not have much additional vehicle parking at his home. COUNCILMEMBER MERRILL MOVED TO APPROVE THE BUSINESS LICENSE OF COUNTRY DYNAMICS, LLC FOR RULON FISCHER WITH COUNCILMEMBER KINGSTON SECONDING THE MOTION AND ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

Concerns regarding irrigation pipe- Jeff Andrew

Jeff Andrew gave some background to the issue, stating that around 2000, when the town was building the pavilion at the park, the gas company broke the irrigation pipeline that goes to his house. Councilmember Merrill stated that he would like to see the condition of the pipe and if repairing it was feasible. Mr. David stated that he would be willing to camera the line, for no charge, to see what the conditions of the pipeline were. The Council discussed the details of the pipeline and Ed Cottle stated that the pipe is "clay" pipe. The Council was going to look into the issue further.

Budget Workshop

Clerk Smith reviewed the financial numbers from the current year and the proposed numbers for the next fiscal year with the Council and the public. She asked if there were any questions and for feedback from the Council on their individual departments. There will be a Public hearing on the budget at the next town council meeting.

Parks/Recreation/Cemetery update

Councilmember Simmonds stated that the restrooms at the park are still under construction. He also asked that the 250 anniversary of the constitution be part of the 24th celebration this year. He is going to have some signs put up and suggested that the town ask veterans to be a part of the flag raising ceremony.

Roads Update

Councilmember Merrill shared that he is going to look at the County road standards and consider adopting similar

standards for Trenton's roads. He would also like to adopt an encroachment permit.

The Council discussed mosquito abatement, it was noted that the district is selling some of the used equipment and wondered if Trenton would like to purchase any. Rulon Fischer asked about rules regarding shooting guns within town. Mayor Simmonds noted that Lori with Johnson's would like to submit a bid on the project on 800 South when the project is at that point.

Planning and Zoning Update

Planning and Zoning- Councilmember Kingston stated that the Commission approved a building permit for Richard Allsop for a hay shed. They are working on dealing with some compliance issues within town.

Fire Department- Councilmember Kingston let the Council know about a meeting to be held on May 12 that will deal with new proposals for fire departments within the County. He shared that one proposal would be a tax levy for fire protection of .00295. This would be used to cover all of Trenton's fire and EMT expenses with no contribution from the County. Roger Nelson asked how many volunteers were on the Trenton department. Councilmember Kingston stated that there were 5-6 that are pretty active and all are volunteers. Mayor Simmonds asked if the department/ town has a disaster plan. Councilmember Kingston stated that the department has taken steps to be able to take care of a disaster. Mayor Simmonds read a letter asking municipalities to have a plan for rescuing household pets during a disaster.

Water Update

Councilmember Nelson gave an update on the water. He shared that all fire hydrants within the town have been flushed, and reminded Councilmember Kingston that the Fire Department still has the wrench to open the hydrants. The Council discussed the need for some lock for fire hydrants. Councilmember Kingston shared that he located some that are \$170 a lock. Councilmember Nelson asked that 6 be ordered for the Department. He shared that the valves at the reservoir will be fixed soon. He discussed allowing IFA to install a 2 inch meter without paying the impact fee. He shared that he feels that the overage charges will more than make up for no impact fee. He also explained that Goody has now been cleared and can be left open all winter.

Adjournment

COUNCILMEMBER MERRILL MOVED TO ADJOURN THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AT 8:54 P.M. AND MEET IN AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH COUNCILMEMBER KINGSTON SECONDING THE MOTION AND ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

COUNCILMEMBER KINGSTON MOVED TO OPEN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH COUNCILMEMBER WANGSGARD SECONDING THE MOTION AND ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

Mayor Simmonds shared some details of a recent clean-up in Trenton that Animal Control was part of. He explained that the individual has a current business license and wondered if the Council would be in favor of revoking the license due to the recent legal issues. Stating that the County Sheriff's office is recommending the town take that action.

COUNCILMEMBER MERRILL MOVED TO REVOKE THE BUSINESS LICENSE WITH COUNCILMEMBER KINGSTON SECONDING THE MOTION AND ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

Clerk Smith stated that she will be retiring at the end of June and expressed that she is willing to help with the transition in any way.

COUNCILMEMBER WANGSGARD MOVED TO ADJOURN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:00 P.M. WITH COUNCILMEMBER MERRILL SECONDING THE MOTION AND ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.