

Sterling Town Council Meeting

April 16, 2015

7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Randall Cox; Council Members: Curtis Ludvigson, Scott Johnson is excused, Yvonne Larsen, and Marilyn Lyon; Clerk/Recorder, Stacey Lyon

Town Members Present: Corbin Creery, Don Creery, Bob Young, Ernie Martinez, Mark Otten, Lyle Young, Clair Otten, Ron Christensen, Clare Ann Fowles, Arla Otten

Also Present:

Meeting is brought to order at 7:04.

Roll call: Curtis, here; Yvonne, here; Marilyn, here; Scott, is excused; Mayor Cox, here; and Stacey is here.

Audience and Council stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from March's meeting will be presented in next month's meeting.

Curtis

- Curtis is wondering how many flags he had told Marilyn and Yvonne to get. There is room for 13 more and the girls bought 20 so we have a few as back up.

Yvonne

- Yvonne is wondering what can be done about getting the benches in the park replaced. Mayor Cox says that if we replaced them it would need to be with steel ones. He would like the Marilyn and Yvonne to get a quote on how much they would be. Yvonne says that they need to get the picnic tables linseeded and put out for the season.
- Yvonne asks if we should plan a Town Cleanup. If we can get volunteers in the Town the Council says yes. Marilyn was thinking about assigning streets to the YM\YW and scouts and different community groups. The drinking water report was submitted last week. Curtis suggests that if we are going to do a Town cleanup we need to set a date tonight so it can get organized. Memorial Day is on the 25 of May so the cleanup needs to be before then. The Council suggests we start May 6 and go through the 20th. The dumpster will be put by the highway again and Yvonne will get it ordered. Mayor Cox wants to make sure we let everybody know that nothing is to be left on the ground around the dumpster. We are also to encourage the residents to haul tree limbs and grass clippings to the landfill. If anybody needs assistance with the backhoe they can call Curtis or Scott.
- Yvonne has made up a notice to put in the water bill when the meter reader detects a water leak. That way the customer will know immediately if they have a leak. The Sullivan's have a leak since they moved in and it is only getting worse. Curt says that they are going to reroute the waterlines to the house and then when they are done Curt will go and hook it in to the meter.

Marilyn

- Marilyn wonders if the agenda is decided upon for the July 24th celebration because the Pyramid would like to put it in their Summer Recreation Guide. The celebration is going to be changed up this year. The breakfast by the Church will still be in the morning. The Town will still hold a flag ceremony and a 5K fun run in the morning. The remaining activities will then begin around 5 pm. Marilyn is thinking of not having a parade, but doing some games and then a Town sponsored dinner followed by the fireworks. Other things Marilyn was thinking about are a raffle for a gun and a quilt. Mayor explains that that the reason for the change in the celebration is lack of participation and trying to avoid other Town celebrations. Mayor Cox wants to know if there are any suggestions from the audience. Mark Otten thinks that moving it to later in the day would be a good idea because they normally do the breakfast and then go on the mountain, so doing it this other way is family may be able to make some of the celebration.

Mayor Cox

- Wade wants to quit being our water master. He feels that the time he puts into it is not worth his time. Mayor asked Wade how much he needed to stay and Wade said he needed \$300 a month. Mayor Cox said that for that amount of money Wade would need to reading the meters, replace the meters, and maybe fix the minor leaks. Yvonne wants to table the discussion until they can get Wade to the meeting and see if he is in agreement with the additional responsibilities. The Town Council will hold a special meeting April 30 at 7 pm to talk about and make a decision on Wade and the water master position and also discuss the 2015-2016 budget.

Mark Otten

Mayor Cox invited Mark Otten to explain about Dave Christensen's water transfer from North Six Mile Irrigation to Sterling Irrigation. In the past Dave leased irrigation water to the Sterling Irrigation company and then 2 years ago Dave only leased 12 shares to the irrigation company instead of the 26 shares. Dave has since sold those water shares and the new owner wanted to water with those shares through the Sterling Irrigation system. Anthony Steinfeld did some research and found that it was illegal to use the water in the way that it has been done in the past. In order for it to be done legally you would need to pay a fee of \$150 and make a change application to the State Engineer, after that then you will hold a hearing and allow for protestors and then for every one share of water moved out of one irrigation system to the other one acre of land needs to be dried up where the water is being moved from and then the new owner needs to convince both irrigation companies to let the water change companies. Kerry Carpenter says that in order to avoid a law suit it would be in the best interest of both irrigation companies to not accept the new water into the system. Adding additional water into the system may overwhelm the system and cause problems for the system and the rest of the water shareholders. Curtis doesn't want to start an argument but he remembers that when the irrigation system was put in they made the agreement that whatever had been watered by the ditch could be sprinkled and whatever was not watered by ditch would not be sprinkled. There are 1145.88 acres that Sterling Irrigation can legally water and if we go over that amount Gunnison will call us out on that. Ernie wants to know if there are bylaws that govern the irrigation companies. Mark lets Ernie know that in 1913 bylaws were written and the irrigation company was formed. and then 1963 they were updated and nothing since then. There is not a State Agency that really governs the irrigation companies. The closest person would be the Division of Water Rights. We are at 30% of normal water and we are advised to water our trees and forget about the lawn. The lawn will come back but the trees and bushes will not.

Mayor Cox

Mayor Cox was approached by Wade Anderson, our water master, and he said that he needed to quit. His reasons were that the pay did make it worth his time and also he has been using his own equipment and vehicles and he was worried about the wear and tear on them. Mayor Cox asked Wade how much Wade needed to make it worth his time and Wade's response was \$300 a month. Mayor Cox is willing to pay Wade that salary. It would cost us additional money and time to train somebody else and Wade is reliable. Yvonne and Curtis all agree that if we pay him that much a month then there needs to be some additional responsibilities. Some of the responsibilities include: read meters, water samples, reports, chlorinator, change meters, shut meters on and off, minor leaks, but major leaks will be fixed by a contractor. The Council agrees to the additional responsibilities and salary.

Motion is made Yvonne to pay water master Wade Anderson a \$300 monthly salary with the added responsibilities, seconded by Curtis, all in favor, motion passed. Votes were cast as follows: Curtis, aye; Yvonne, aye, and Marilyn, aye.

Bills are read as follows:

5707	Utah Dept of Workforce Services	86.80	5718	Manti Telephone	90.76
5710	Bankcard Center	264.59	5719	N. Sanpete Disposal	22.60
5711	Manti/Sterling Old Folks Party	100.00	5720	Questar Gas	127.35
5712	Central Utah Public Health Dept	60.00	5721	Rasmussen Ace Hardware	185.69
5713	Gunnison Family Pharmacy	110.08	5729	Rocky Mountain Power	816.98
5714	Hermansen's Inc	128.92	5730	Scholzen Products	5.35
5715	Internal Revenue Service	302.50	5731	Zions Bank	406.09
5716	Kents Market	35.08			
5717	L N Curtis	102.76			

Motion by Marilyn to pay bills as read, seconded by Yvonne, all in favor, motion passed. Votes are cast as follows: Curtis, aye; Yvonne, aye; and Marilyn, aye.

Motion made by Yvonne to adjourn at 9:15 pm, seconded by Curtis, all in favor, motion passed. Votes are cast as follows: Curtis, aye; Yvonne, aye; and Marilyn, aye.