

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING
OF THE TOWN OF CLARKSTON

November 24, 2015
7:00 P.M.

Town Council Meeting held at the Clarkston Town Hall, 50 South Main, Clarkston, UT

Attendance: Mayor Kendon Godfrey
Councilmembers: Ann J. Godfrey,
Richie Calderwood
Steven Palmer

Kristi Hidalgo, Town Clerk

Also in attendance: Glen M. Godfrey

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Godfrey called the Clarkston Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m.
Mayor Godfrey led the Pledge of Allegiance and offered Reverence to begin the meeting.

2. NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Godfrey addressed the minutes of the Clarkston Town Council Meeting held September 15, 2015. Councilmember A. Godfrey motioned for the Clarkston Town Council to approve and adopt the minutes of September 15, 2015. Councilmember R. Calderwood seconded the motion. All in favor "Aye". Motion carried

Gary and Nancy Thompson – Land Variance – Mr. and Mrs. Thompson were not present at the meeting. Mayor Godfrey informed the Council that they have decided not to pursue building a garage on their property.

3. DEPARTMENTS

Mayor Godfrey - Traffic Situation on 300 South - At the September 15, 2015 Town Council Meeting the Council discussed concerns about traffic on 300 South, with speeding vehicles coming from and going to the Short Divide. The Council agreed that there is a traffic problem on 300 South. Mayor Godfrey reported that he talked to David Hale, Roads Supervisor about purchasing some flashing speed limit signs to put up on 300 South. Mr. Hale talked to the Cache County Road Department about the signs and was told that they cost \$1,700 each and the Cache County Roads Department suggested purchasing one of the yellow flashing lights to alert traffic of the speed limit. Mayor Godfrey stated that another option is for the town to purchase a sander that would hook onto the town tractor. The Roads Department could then sand 300 South and other slick roads in Clarkston Town throughout the winter. This would make it feasible to put a stop sign on 300 South to slow traffic down. Mayor Godfrey asked the Council to consider this option. No decision was made at this time.

Town Ski Night – Mayor Godfrey reported that the \$200 deposit has been paid to Beaver Mountain to secure the ski night. The Town Ski Night will be January 6, 2015 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

ISO Inspection - Mayor Godfrey stated that the ISO, which is an independent inspection company came, during the summer, and did an inspection in Clarkston Town. The inspection company collects data on the town's fire protection system for insurance companies. The data collected is given a rating and the rating impacts the cost of homeowner insurance charged to Clarkston Town residents. Mayor Godfrey reported that the ratings for Clarkston increased, which means that Clarkston Town homeowners should see a decrease in their homeowner insurance costs.

Utah Division of Drinking Water Application – Mayor Godfrey informed the Council that the application submitted the Utah Division of Drinking Water requesting funding for the redevelopment of the springs has been approved. The Utah Division of Drinking Water Board approved one million two hundred sixty six thousand dollars (\$1,266,000) for this project. Fifty Percent (50%) of the funding will be a loan and fifty percent (50%) will be a grant. The cost of the loan and the grant portion will be split between Clarkston, Newton, and Trenton Towns.

Quarterly Budget Review – The Council reviewed the financial report and budget for the second quarter of Fiscal Year 2016. Mayor Godfrey asked the Council to review the department budgets and be aware of what has been spent by their departments and what is left to expend.

Councilmember A. Godfrey – Town Pageant Dinner Financial Report - Councilmember A. Godfrey, referencing the Town Pageant Dinner Financial Report, stated that for the first time ever the pageant dinner went in the hole. **See Attachment B** The Council attributed this to a large decrease in the number of people attending the dinner. Mayor Godfrey stated that from 2009 to 2015 the number of people participating in the dinner have steadily declined. Mayor Godfrey feels like the word is just not getting out, people don't know that there is a dinner. The Town Clerk, Kristi Hidalgo, commented that she feels that the establishment that catered the food, Lee's Market Place, did not give the town a good deal on the food, either. The at cost meal price was \$6.92 and the tickets were \$7.50. That's not a very big profit margin at all. The at cost meal price in 2013 from Golden Corral was \$3.25 and roast beef was served, not ham. The Council agreed that advertising the dinner needs to be a priority. It was determined that before the next Martin Harris Pageant in 2017, Mayor Godfrey will contact the Martin Harris Pageant Presidency and discuss ways to advertise the Town Pageant Dinner tickets in connection with the Martin Harris Pageant tickets.

Town Christmas Party – Councilmember A. Godfrey stated that the dinner would be at Sizzlers Restaurant and that there would be no games, just eating and enjoying one another's company.

Councilmember R. Calderwood – Water Department – Councilmember R. Calderwood informed the Council that with the Utah Division of Drinking Water approving funding for the spring redevelopment project Clarkston Town is required to hold two public hearings on the project. The first public hearing needs to be held in January and it is to explain the Big Birch and North Fork Redevelopment Project and to set forth the amount and parameters of the loan. The second public hearing is to explain what the whole project will entail and needs to be held in February. The Council determined to hold the first public hearing on January 5, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. and the second public hearing on February 2, 2016. The Council did not set a time for the second public hearing.

Councilmember S. Palmer – Cemetery Department – Mayor Godfrey stated that all of the winter cemetery markers are in place.

4. RELEVANT BUSINESS

Public Comment – Glen Godfrey – Commented that if stop signs are posted on 300 South they should be covered up during the winter months. The only time they are needed is when the Short Divide is open.

Next Meeting - The next meeting will be a Town Council Meeting and a Public Hearing and will be held Tuesday, January 5, 2016. The Town Council Meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Public Hearing at 7:30 p.m.

5. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilmember A. Godfrey motioned that the Clarkston Town Council Meeting adjourn. Councilmember R. Calderwood seconded the motion. All members present voted “Aye”. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Kristi Hidalgo
Clarkston Town Clerk

