

DUTCH JOHN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

CONFERENCE HALL

Monday, February 8, 2016

AGENDA/MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENT: Members: Buddy Rogers, Dave McDonald, Ryan Kelly, Sandy Kunkel, Harriet Dickerson

Guests: David Orr, Anne Steen, John Morton

Public Comments – limited to 5 minutes per individual. Anne Steen reported that she and Roy are heading up an Emergency Preparedness Committee initiated through the LDS Church but needing to be a community wide effort to make information available to all members of the community. They are attending meetings involving earthquakes, fires and floods all of which certainly have the potential of happening in our community. Additionally, a way of ensuring disaster communication be available, there is going to be a Ham Radio Class held in Vernal in March, with the date not set as yet. It would be great if someone in the community is interested in being a part of this class. In order to be certified persons need to pass a State competency test which costs \$25.00 and will be given on April 2nd. Interested persons should reply to Kason Goodrich in Vernal at 435 – 219 – 1860. The Town also needs to develop a list of equipment that could be used in an emergency situation with phone numbers as to contact people. People need to know where to turn off their own water and electricity and ideally should have a 72 hour emergency kit. She would be willing to prepare an information class and was requesting the Town to set this up and invite all residents to participate. We agreed this would be very beneficial information.

John Morton brought information regarding a seminar sponsored by the National Business Institute on Water Rights in Utah. He hoped maybe someone could attend this seminar on April 15, 2016, however, it cost \$349.00.

Sandy Kunkel brought up request she had received for the Council to address a concern with the potential of being a safety issue. The report says a boy has been riding a 4-wheeler, pulling a sled with smaller children on behind. The Council came up with a possible individual and it was decided to ask Jack Lytle to discuss the situation with them.

Dave McDonald asked if everyone had heard about the unexpected death of Cordell Patterson, a resident of our Town.

1. **Review/approval of Minutes from last meeting.** Minutes of January 25th meeting were approved with correction of people living in Dutch John during the dam construction being increased to 3500.
2. **Review of Correspondence.** None.
3. **Approval of Expenditures.** None.
4. **Old Business.** None.
5. **New Business. Information/discussion/possible action.**
 - a. **Update from Council Members regarding Town Business .** Dave provided information regarding legal requirements for publishing Public Notices as required by law. If a location does not have a local newspaper for people to access it is possible to publish required notices on the State website and then at local public places where it is reasonable to assume that residents will have access. One of these can be an email mailing from the Town Council, others: the Conference Hall, the Post Office, and perhaps both stores, the LDS Church and/or Flaming Gorge School. If we get approval for this it will possibly save thousands of dollars and still meet the legal requirements.
 - b. **Issuance of Business Licenses:** Dutch John Resort, Browning's . The Council approved and signed business licenses for Dutch John Resort and Browning's. Further discussion was had regarding who needs a license and who doesn't. Dave shared the following: Guides must work for a licensed outfitter who has agreement with the USFS. This will exempt them from having their own business license as the outfitter will have one. This would be for guiding on the river. If a guide wanted to guide individually in areas not covered by USFS regulations, he could obtain his own business license. Guides can be considered contract employees by outfitters. The issue of Workman's Compensation is one which needs to be addressed by individuals and outfitters. It is believed that Terri Collier is exempt from a town business license because he meets his clients at the Lake and not in the town. Requirement for a town license is that the starting point of the trip be in the town. Three names were added to the list of outfitters who were mailed information regarding obtaining a Town business license. Harriet will provide the information to these businesses. Other applicants will be reviewed and determinations made in accordance with the law.
6. **Discussion on next year events planning – Freedom Days...** In the continuing planning process for Freedom Days, the following information is added. Dave reported that the application for the 501 C non-profit corporation was in process and should be approved this year. So it will be possible for individuals who would like to make donations should be eligible for tax credits for their next year's tax return. Ryan mentioned it would be fun to come up with games to entertain the children – perhaps someone could demonstrate fishing pole casting. Discussion was continued about band/music and a performance by a square dancing club could be investigated. We need to decide about expanding other offerings to the public and invite

people to participate whom we believe will offer family oriented activities or products. We will also need to determine a fee for usable space and set up guidelines for set up, clean up, times, etc. It was agreed that a portion of money received from the Chamber of Commerce should be used for advertising and Ryan and Sandy agreed to work on this area.

EXECUTIVE SESSION AS NECESSARY. No need for executive session.

Negotiations

Harriet made motion to adjourn, seconded by Ryan. Meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

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