

Sterling Town Council Meeting

June 17, 2016

7:10 p.m.

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

Town Members Present: Nick Lyon, Ernie Martinez

Also Present: Megan Batterman

The meeting is brought to order at 7:18 pm. Mayor Cox explains that we just had our budget hearing and will now be having our regular Council Meeting.

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

Audience and Council stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

- Mayor Cox states that we just came out of our budget hearing and asks Stacey to explain the budget and changes. Stacey explains that in the budget hearing the 2015-2016 budget was amended to allow for the expenditure of monies not originally budgeted for. The State Grants and streets were increased by \$300,000 to allot for the CIB grant we received to fix the roads. The Fire Services were increased \$13,000 because the fire fighters brought in more revenue for fighting fires which increased the expenditures as well. The fire department also purchased \$5,000 in equipment with monies being transferred from the fire PTIF account so that was increased as well.

As far as the budget for 2016-2017, the total proposed General Fund budget is \$233,430.31.

Scott makes the motion to adopt Resolution 06172016 adopting the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget in the amount of \$233,430.31, seconded by Marilyn, all in favor, motion passed. Votes were cast as follows: Curtis, aye; Marilyn, aye; Scott, aye.

- Stacey presents the Resolution to adopt the property tax rate. Stacey states that the tax rate for 2016 will be .000966 and will bring \$8,411 in revenue if there is 100% collection rate. Scott wonders if we want to do an increase since we are tight when it comes to the budget. Mayor Cox agrees that it would be nice to have a little more revenue but hates to place that burden on the residents. There are many low income and fixed income families in the town and it would have big impact on them. Mayor Cox says that since we are not having the July 24th celebration this year then he thinks we should wait and see how it goes this year and maybe revisit the tax increase next year.

Curtis makes the motion to adopt the Resolution 06172016A adopting the property tax rate of .000966 for 2016, seconded by Marilyn, all in favor, motion passed. Votes were cast as follows: Curtis, aye; Marilyn, aye; Scott, aye.

Mayor Cox lets everyone know that Brent Jensen has been out to Sterling fixing and moving the stock water meters. They were filling up with water and needed to get pumped out so that they could be read. When Brent started digging up the meters he found that water came from an irrigation water leak. Mayor Cox contacted Mark Otten with the irrigation company and showed him where the water was coming from. Mark disagreed and thought it was from water run off not irrigation water. Mayor Cox told him it was from the irrigation water and that the Town would send Sterling Irrigation a bill for half of the repair bill. Stacey will send a bill for half the amount to Sterling Irrigation when the bill from Brent Jensen comes.

Discussion is made regarding the cancellation of the July 24th Celebration. In the May Council Meeting the Council made a motion to cancel the July 24th Celebration. After the meeting Yvonne called a few Council Members and asked them if they really wanted to cancel the celebration. Scott thought there was going to be a planning meeting to discuss the matter. Plans went forward without the planning meeting and an agenda was prepared and plans made for a celebration. Marilyn stated that Yvonne has put a lot of work into getting things put together and was worried that she would feel bad if it was cancelled. Mayor Cox and the Council agree that the motion made in May's meeting to cancel the July 24th Celebration should stand.

The decision to cancel the July 24th was made by the Council and should have been agreed upon by the Council to continue forward with it. Mayor Cox will call Yvonne in the morning and let her know. The original reason that it was canceled was due to lack of participation from the Town residents, volunteers, and budget issues. The Council feels that this is the best path to go for this year.

Nick

- Nick is coming to the Town Council asking for their ideas regarding raising the fee for the Fire District \$0.50 in July and then another \$0.50 July of 2017. He explains that the District is trying to check the feasibility of turning the District into a taxing entity but in the meantime they are looking for a way to increase revenue. This is one of the solutions they came up with.

The motion is made by Scott to increase the Fire District fee by \$0.50 July 1, 2016 and then another \$0.50 July 1, 2017. (This increase is contingent on getting a majority approval from the other cities/towns), seconded by Marilyn, all in favor. Votes were cast as follows: Curtis, aye; Marilyn, aye; Scott, aye.

- The Town has received the Fire Agreement Contract from Sanpete County. Stacey has it and will get Mayor Cox to sign it and get it back to the County. The agreement money is for the same amount as last year.
- Nick wanted to tell the council and Mayor Cox thank you for everything they do for the Town.

Marilyn

- Marilyn has nothing to report on this month.

Curtis

- He has gotten Lyle Young's meter in the creek bottom fixed so that it will read (it was leaking.) He has the information and will get it to Yvonne so she can get it into the system.

Mayor Cox

- The property on the south east corner of Palisade Road is up for sale and the property owner would like to get it annexed. The owners are Dale and Charmaine Nichols. The house just south of that property is in Town limits. Mayor Cox asks if they are in favor of annexing that corner lot to square up the Town boundary line. Stacey will check with the County Recorder to double check that it is in fact County.

Bills are read as follows:

Check #	Vendor	Amount	Check #	Vendor	Amount
5988	Commercial Business Radio	389.90	6000	Rasmussen Ace Hardware	107.81
5989	Ephraim Tire Pros	1,040.78	6001	Rocky Mountain Power	792.50
5990	Gunnison Implement	2,372.00	6002	Rob Rowley	58.79
5991	Gunnison Market	69.08	6003	Sanpete Messenger	56.00
5992	Hermansen's Equipment	207.00	6004	Scholzen Products	405.84
5993	Hermansen's Inc	159.96	6005	The Shirt Stop	271.85
5994	Manti Telephone	101.90	6006	The Sterling Station	138.87
5995	Mel Clark, Inc	143,219.69	6007	Triple S Agriculture	106.00
5996	Mountainland Supply Company	209.35	6008	Wall Engineering	12,710.00
5997	N. Sanpete Disposal	22.00	6009	Willowwood Turf	105.00
5998	On The Go Services	135.00	6010	Zions Bank	312.45
5999	Questar Gas	77.26			

Motion is made by Scott to pay bills as read, second by Marilyn, all in favor, motion passed. Votes were cast as follows: Curtis, aye; Marilyn, aye; Scott, aye.

Motion is made by Curtis to adjourn the meeting at 9:24, second by Marilyn, all in favor, motion passed. Votes were cast as follows: Curtis, aye; Marilyn, aye; Scott, aye.