Minutes of the Regular Trenton Town Council Meeting held on Tuesday December 11, 2018 at 7:30 p.m., in the Trenton Town Hall, 17 East Main, Trenton, Utah.

Present: Mayor Lynn Payne

 Councilmembers Rachelle Ludwinski

Kim Hatch

Stacey Wangsgard

Clerk Macall Smith

Guests: Vivian Trowbridge, Marla Trowbridge, Roger Spackman, Casey Spackman, Melissa Cowley, Tracey Cowley, Melissa Merrill, Donny Merrill, Sheri Newton, Richard Allsop, Andrew Sparks, John Nelson, Dane Wangsgard, Paul Wangsgard, Kirt Hatch, Tom Roark and Alice Sparks.

Mayor Payne welcomed those in attendance and called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Mayor Payne expressed his sorrow at the passing of Councilmember Brough. He mentioned that Glade Brough had served as a councilmember for almost 3 terms and that he will be missed. He stated that his passing will leave a void on the Council.

# Approval of Agenda

COUNCILMEMBER WANGSGARD MOTIONED THAT THE MEETING AGENDA BE APPROVED AS OUTLINED. COUNCILMEMBER LUDWINSKI SECONDED THE MOTION, WITH ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

# Approval of Meeting Minutes

Mayor Payne asked for a motion to approve the November 6, 2018 Regular Town Council meeting minutes. COUNCILMEMBER WANGSGARD MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 6, 2018 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN. COUNCILMEMBER LUDWINSKI SECONDED THE MOTION WITH ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

# Public Comment

Andrew Sparks informed the council about the poor condition of the sidewalks on the North side of Main Street between 100 North and Center Street. He stated that the tree roots are causing them to lift and become uneven. Mayor Payne stated that he would look into the issue.

Tom Roark asked about the progress on the repairs to be done on the pipeline going under the parking lot at the park. Mayor Payne stated that the repairs should be starting soon. West Cache is finishing up another project and will be starting soon.

Councilmemeber Ludwinski stated that a hearing regarding the CDBG funding and the Source Protection Ordinance will be held next month in January. She explained that the Source protection ordinance would be an ordinance that would set up rules to keep around the springs uncontaminated. She also explained that the CDBG hearing would be held to explain what funding was available in 2019 as well as to solicit ideas for projects that could be done by the town. She mentioned that at tonight’s meeting a Capitol projects list would be started that is part of this hearing.

***Capital Investment Plan***

Mayor Payne discussed the Capitol investment sheet and asked that the amount of $123,040 as a price for the paving of 800 South. He noted that the town would need to have $12,304. Clerk Smith reviewed the projects that were on the list they included replacing park equipment, redevelopment of Sparks springs, repaving of the roads, a new fence and flag pole at the cemetery. Clerk Smith stated that at tonight’s meeting the list needed to be reviewed and added to, saying that all the projects mentioned were just ideas and that just because they were on the list did not mean that they would be taken on by the town. The Council discussed other projects that they would like to add to the list they included. Mayor Payne asked that the sidewalk on Main Street discussed earlier in the meeting be put on the list. Clerk Smith reiterated that just because the issue was discussed that didn’t mean that work would be done. Councilmember Wangsgard asked that Center Street and 400 East be added to the list for chip and sealing. Kirt Hatch mentioned that all roads in towns need to having striping done. Councilmember Hatch mentioned having sidewalks put in around the pavilion, Mayor Payne asked for a quote on the project. Clerk Smith mentioned that the backstop at the park needed some repairs. Mayor Payne asked Kirt Hatch to look into the problem. Sheri Newton asked about long-term plans for repair/replacing of the Town Hall.

Richard Allsop asked the Council to do something about the Russian olive tree that was cut down and then left in the slew on 1600 South. He expressed concern that it will block spring runoff water in the coming months and cause flooding on the road. The Council stated that Councilmember Brough had talked with Paul Wangsgard about removing the tree, and committed to follow up with him to make sure the job was completed. Richard Allsop applauded the recent road work that was completed on 1600 South. He expressed his gratitude for the good road.

***Discussion regarding proper methods controlling cat populations and the cat issues in Trenton- Marla & Vivian Trowbridge***

Mayor Payne made a statement regarding cats and the town and what he believes the town can do about the issue. He continued by saying that he was concerned with passing an ordinance that would be difficult for the town to enforce. He would like to be able to enforce whatever is passed. He stated that the following items do not relate to Kitty Haven, stating that as long as it is run in a manageable way he doesn’t see a problem. He recommended following the recommendations of the cat fancier organization for regulations regarding cats. He stated that the biggest problem is the cats running around outside. He shared some recommendations for the issue. His suggested standards included a safe shelter that would keep the animals contained and other animals out as well as keeping the animals dry and clean, the fancier organization recommended a minimum of 30 cubic feet per animal the number of cats should not exceed the amount would allow for access to clean food and water. Mayor Payne stated that he is going to recommend looking into these standards. He read a statement regarding an ordinance regarding stray, feral cats, noting that he doesn’t believe that Kitty Haven is the issue discussed at the last meeting but that it is the wild and feral cats that the Spackman’s were complaining about at last month’s meeting. He shared the advice that if you have an unwanted cat on your property you should trap the cat and call animal control to get advice on how to proceed. Mayor Payne shared that he felt an ordinance needed to be written to address both trapping and neutering of the wild cats, and at the advice of Deputy Powell sometimes having to remove the animal altogether. Mayor Payne turned the time over to Vivian Trowbridge. She explained her opinion of feral cats. She stated that the wild cats in town need to be controlled, she felt that the cats need to be trap, neutered and returned. She stated that the trap neuter and return the cats to the wild, Marla Trowbridge stated that if they trap a cat that isn’t healthy or very aggressive, they have them euthanized. Vivian Trowbridge stated that every cat can’t be saved. The feral cat problem was discussed. Melissa Cowley from Kitty Haven shared that just this Saturday someone tried to drop off four kittens at her shelter and when told that they couldn’t leave the animals the individual drove around the Cowley’s lane and dumped the cats off anyway. The cost of having a cat fixed and the process of trapping them and vouchers that are available at the humane society. It was clarified that the Humane Society will not come and get an animal but that you have to take the animal to them to have them fixed. Marla Trowbridge recommended a Community Cat problem. She stated that if the cats are neutered and returned to the wild it helps control the population. Marla Trowbridge stated that she traps and neuter every animal that crosses her property line. Mayor Payne asked what should be done if you have cats show up on your property and you don’t want any cats. Melissa Cowley stated that she is working on a program that would foster out cats, she had a hope that this program would be up and running by the beginning of 2019 and that she would be fostering out 500 cats a year.

***Addressing Complaints against Kitty Haven cat rescue- Melissa Cowley***

Melissa Cowley discussed her cat shelter with the Council. She shared a Community cat policy. Mayor Payne asked if the cats were ever let out of the building/sanctuary. She stated that if Mark Spackman would allow them to put up chicken wire on his fence, they would be able to keep the cats contained. She stated that they were not. Mayor Payne asked her why she didn’t build her own fence and she stated that it would cost $300,000 and that she didn’t have the money for that. The cat issue was discussed in depth. Mayor Payne stated that she doesn’t have a current business license with the town. Ms. Cowley stated that in the upcoming months she wouldn’t have cats on her property, except for the feral free running cats, but that she would be running a cat fostering program. Mayor Payne stated that a cat ordinance in conjunction with the nuisance ordinance as a way of dealing with cats. Mayor Payne asked Ms. Cowley if she was following the instructions given to her by Deputy Powell and not putting out food for feral cats. Ms Cowley stated that according to Utah Code 76-09-301 and the animal cruelty act it is against the law not to feed wild cats. Mayor Payne stated that the town should invest in a couple of traps to lend out to town residences. Ms. Cowley stated that she felt she won’t be heard and that they were done talking. She stated that any other communication needs to be through their attorney. The Council discussed animal control issues as well as the current animal control officer. Casey Spackman stated that they are not trying to shut Kitty Haven down but would like to see the cats kept off his property. Feeding cats outside was discussed and how this helps encourage the increase in the cat population. Roger Spackman stated that Ms. Cowley has told him that there are cats with HIV, ringworm and distemper. It was stated that if is the case then the cats need to be put down. Ms. Trowbridge suggested writing a recommendation instead of an ordinance to deal with the issue. Mayor Payne reiterated that the Ms. Cowley needs to stop taking cats in her Sanctuary and quit feeding the outdoor cats. The contract with the County and the Animal Control population was discussed along with the costs associated. Mayor Payne stated that he was going to talk to the County Sheriff’s office regarding the duties of the current animal control officer.

***Parks update***

Councilmember Hatch shared information about the playground equipment that she has ordered to replace the small playground at the park has arrived. The equipment will be installed in the next few weeks. She stated that the old playground equipment was taken for scrap and the check in the amount of $56.00 was passed on to the clerk. Clerk Smith stated that the funds were deposited in the town checking accounting.

***Water update***

Councilmember Ludwinski stated that the recent power outage helped to show some issues with the water system and the effects of power outages on it. She stated that Anthony Summers is very on top of all the problems that came up, including priming the pump and taking additional generators up to run the heater. She met with Amalga’s town council and they are willing to split the costs of heating the interconnect building. They also discussed redoing the agreement with Amalga to split costs on the building. She is working on the chlorine sensor and hopes to have one up and running in the next month or so. She is working on having it put in the interconnect building and feels this is a better spot for it than the town hall.

***Planning and Zoning update***

No new Zoning Clearances have been issued. The Council discussed the trailer owned by Alice Sparks. It was noted that she has been given notice that the trailer needs to be gone by the end of the month. If it is not removed the town has the authority to hire a company to demolish the trailer and bill the Ms. Sparks for the costs. Councilmember Wangsgard stated that she is concerned about the 5th wheel camper trailers that people are living in them on a permanent basis. Mayor Payne asked Councilmember Wangsgard to write some letter to send out regarding the camper trailers.

***Road updates***

The Council discussed some state funding for roads. Mayor Payne let the Council know that he will contacting state regarding grant funding for the upcoming road projects. He would like to have a reserve set in order to have funding saved so that the town will be in a position to do cost sharing grants that may come up. He discussed the budget and wondered how low of a reserve does the council feel comfortable with to see some projects happening.

The Council discussed snowplowing. Mayor Payne stated that Donny Merrill and Kirt Hatch will be taking care of the snowplowing this year. Plowing of the cemetery and the road to the water storage tanks was discussed. Mr. Hatch stated that he will plow out the road to the water tanks. Mayor Payne asked Paul Wangsgard to remove the Olive Tree that was discussed earlier in the meeting. The council discussed the water run-off drains and the need to keep them clean out. Along with a drainage district. An emergency preparedness plan was brought up and discusses as well.

The Council discussed moving forward with taking back unused cemetery plots, along with sending out letters regarding the youth council.

#### Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, COUNCILMEMBER WANGSGARD MOVED TO ADJORN THE MEETING AT 9:32 PM WITH COUNCILMEMBER LUDWINSKI SECONDING THE MOTION WITH ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

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Macall Smith, Town Clerk/Recorder

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Lynn Payne, Mayor

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