Minutes of the Regular Trenton Town Council Meeting held on Tuesday January 17, 2019 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

Donny Merrill

Clerk Macall Smith

Guests: Melissa Merrill, Paul Wangsgard, Will Honsvick, Donny Merrill, Craig Merrill, Kirt Hatch, Dee Andrew, Darrell Merrill, Andrew Sparks and Alice Sparks.

Mayor Payne welcomed those in attendance and called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Councilmember Wangsgard led the Council and those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

# 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.

# Public Comment

Mayor Payne read a statement that indicated that after discussing the question with the Cache County Attorney Mayor Payne was informed that Paul Wangsgard according to title 10 of the municipal hold could legally a seat on the Trenton Town Council along with Stacey Wangsgard his wife. The Mayor clarified that for the remaining term of the seat the selected person will be over the roads here in Trenton. He discussed obtaining grants from funding sources, such as COG, as part of the position. He expressed his hope that the selected person will be willing to focus on obtaining funding from these sources.

Alice Sparks stated that her water meter didn’t get read this month. Clerk Smith let her know that the ordinance only requires reading quarterly but that meters would be read this next month.

Mayor Payne asked each of the Candidates to take explain why they would like to serve and how they could and tell the Council if they have the time to serve, what experience they have had that would benefit the town; to tell the council if they have time to serve on the Town Council and what experience they may have with grants.

Wilford Honsvick stated that he has lived in Trenton since 2006. He stated that he is currently retired and that he used to work for the Federal Government doing contracting. He was in charge of the runways/ roads at Hill Airforce Base. He stated that he can read maps, schematics and drawings. He has also worked on different equipment. He would like to be able to give back to the community.

Donny Merrill let the Council know that has lived in Trenton all his life. He worked for Staker-Parsons for 10 years doing paving, chip sealing and all manner of work on the roads. He stated that he works in Lewiston and can be in Trenton in a matter of minutes. He is looking for what is best for Trenton and keep the roadways safe and the people in Trenton happy. Mayor Payne explained that Donny has been driving the snow plow for the town as well.

Paul Wangsgard stated that he worked 28 years for UDOT and that he retired last December. He explained that for the past three years he worked on the construction side for UDOT and prior to that he was with maintenance. He explained that he would like to do his civic duty and if chosen would like to come up with a plan for each road in Trenton coming up with a maintenance schedule for those roads. Mayor Payne asked if Mr. Wangasgard has had any experience with COG. He responded by stating that he hasn’t worked with COG much.

Mayor Payne gave an overview of the roads here in Trenton. He stated that Trenton has a lot of mile to maintain. He said that he 17 miles of road here in Trenton is very important to Trenton. He stated that he would like to see a five-year plan developed by the selected candidate for road maintenance work on roads here in Trenton.

Mayor Payne explained that the Council would vote by paper ballot with the person getting the most votes being the one that wins the position. Clerk Smith passed out ballots.

Councilmember Hatch made a statement that she felt that having a husband and wife serving on the town council bothered her. She felt that it would be a bad situation having a husband and wife serve on the council together. Mayor Payne thanked her for her opinion but reiterated that it would it be legal for them to serve together.

It was noted that Councilmember Wangsgard abstained from voting in order to avoid a conflict of interest due to her husband being one of the candidates. The votes were tallied with Donny Merrill winning 2 votes and Wilford Honsvick winning 1 vote.

***Oath of office for New Councilmember***

Clerk Smith administered the oath of office to the newly chosen Councilmember Donald Merrill.

Mayor Payne asked Councilmember Ludwinski to briefly give a recap of the meeting with the Cache Animal Humane Society. She stated that if an individual qualifies for any federal programs they qualify for the neutering to be done for $1. Councilmember Ludwinski stated that the Humane society informed them that feral cats are now referred to as “community cats”. She stated that a town resident Lexi Oates is associated with the Humane Society and could give a presentation of the Community Cat program and the TNR program. Councilmember Ludwinski stated that there is a program that is administered by the Humane Society that allows for a feral cat to be trapped and then neutered and released. She explained that if there were any issues with the cat they would be put down. Dee Andrew stated that Utah Law allows you to kill an animal on your property. Councilmember Ludwinski stated that the Humane Society was going to provide some information regarding the program.

***Councilmember Comments:***

*P&Z*- There was no update.

*Water*- Councilmember Ludwinski stated that around 4:30 this afternoon she was told, after having been assured that Trenton didn’t need an income survey, that she in fact needed a completed income survey of the town. She explained that 110 surveys were required to fill this portion of the CDBG grant requirements. She is going to put together the survey and asked for the surveys to be taken out over the next week.

*Parks*- There was no update.

#### Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, COUNCILMEMBER LUDWINSKI MOVED TO ADJORN THE MEETING AT 8:06 PM WITH COUNCILMEMBER WANGSGARD 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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