

Town of Portage Council Meeting
Wednesday, October 9, 2019,
Portage Town Hall
25880 N 9000 W Portage, Utah
Minutes

Attendance: Mayor Nic Tree Council Member Tyson V Nielson, Council Member Lesley Smith, Council Member Tyson C. Nelson, Council Member Martina John, Sgt. Bennett, Fire Chief Robert Barrow

Absent:

Visiting: Norma Lasa, Amanda Loftiss, Grant Bell, Susan Bell, Mariah Huggins, Max Huggins, Sgt. Silva. Zac Covington

Opening Ceremony:

Pledge: Member Tyson Nelson Prayer: Member Martina John

1. September 1, 2019 minutes. Everything looked great. Member John stated that number 13 was a question and not in the minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from September 11, 2019 by Member Smith, seconded by Member Nielson. All aye.

Motion Passed

2. The printer was having issues so the list of Bills couldn't be given to the Council so Clerk Munns read out the list of Bills.

There was a brief discussion about lawyer fees and the sunrise engineering bill.

Motion to approve the Bills and from Sept 11 - Oct 9 2019 by Member Nelson, seconded by Member Smith. All aye.

Motion Passed

3. Had to skip the Bank Reconciliations and Water adjustments or write-offs because of the printer issues.

4. Zac Covington from BRAG discussing wildfire planning.

Zac Covington - You heard of the forestry fire and state lands. They have agreements with communities to help fight wildfires after communities. It's called the Utah cooperative wildfire system. Are you familiar with that?

Mayor Tree - We signed an agreement with the county with several other counties. Is that part of it?

Zac Covington - Well yes it's with the county but technically it's with the state.

Mayor Tree - Basically if we have a fire they will come in and help pay for it.

Zac Covington - yes thats right. You provide the initial attack pay a participation commitment and then they cover the rest.

Mayor Tree - Yah every year we have to do so much on our mitigation, as a fire department we just sent that off last week.

Zac Covington - So you guys are required to pay only \$87 a year wish is unbelievable.

The state department has hired us to do coordinated wildfire protect plans community wildfire protection plans CWPPs. They are really quick and pretty simple. They look at your risks. The state wants to have the plans by the end of the December but I think they are willing to go a little beyond that if we have draft plans submitted. So Scott McComb Is actually heading that up he couldn't come tonight so I came in he's

stead. Their basically a template that the state has where you go through your risks and your assets our current infrastructure, look at what you're doing currently to reduce risks in your community. You take all of that and come up with a plan and strategies to reduce wildfire in the future.

Scott McComb is going to help you the only thing he needs is a committee; with at least; one elected official and an additional wildfire person or two or however many you want on that. He's tasked me to talk about that meeting and to set up a committee. He'd like a date and time over the next two weeks

Member John - We could do it next Thursday 6pm at the fire drill.

Mayor Tree - Yeah lets plan on that. The 24th during drill. At the station.

Zac Covington -Perfect thanks. One thing that crosses over with this is pre-disaster mitigation planning and that is what I am doing for the region right now and Martina was involved in this last time. So per-disaster mitigation planning you do an updated plan every five years. It's essentially to look at natural hazards, geographic areas of the natural hazards.

Mayor Tree - So we just did ours.

Zac Covington - The general plan ya the sensitive lands analysis that we helped you with that was a lot of that. This we are kinda starting from scratch and redoing the analysis with some good data, it will be a lot of the same data, but what we are doing different is we are actually taking a lot of your current assets your homes, infrastructure your roads and in some cases water line data and stuff like that, treatment facilities.

We are basically over laying the hazards on those and saying what at potential risk if a natural hazard event happens. If a wildfire happens, if you have an earthquake, flooding. We even have soils, expansive soils and some other layers in there.

I just wanted to make you aware the we are doing that process the analysis right now. You're going to get a lot of emails from me, just to let you know what is going on and keep you up to speed.

What Scott is going to do at this meeting is kinda talk to you about coming up with mitigation strategies that will work with both plans. We are trying to kinda make sure there are some good crossovers so we are not repeating things and just kinda over doing things.

Anyway that plan is going to be done by probably the Fall of 2020.

Before that point we will ask all the communities that have participated to adopt the plan. The plan needs to be adopted in a public meeting, if you want to be eligible for FEMA funds. Just wanted to make you aware of that. Any questions?

Mayor Tree - It's coming up pretty soon for that grant.

Zac Covington - Meetings for the CDBG grants are coming up in November, that you need to attend, write down November 12th or 13th but Brian will be sending those.

5. RV Resolution.

Member John - The Zoning committee did passed this October 2nd with the 90 days. But it was not an unanimously.

Mayor Tree - What was more of the conversation with the 90 cause that's been the big thing?

Member John - A lot of it had to do with people have been doing it for a long time. Some people had a change of heart after thinking and all of the documentation that was presented. Everyone got to say their peace but the reason for the 90 days was to help not over crowd the summer months so someone could visit for the summer. There were some that wanted 180, 120 but there was wiggle room. So we are bringing it to you guys and we are going with the majority vote.

Member Nelson - It was my understanding Martina that Trevor Siebert brought some statistical data.

Member John - Yes, he did a lot of research of other towns our size, and what he found was that we were being generous with the 90 days.

Mayor Tree - What I like about this is that it gives us power, sewage and water and we and we've never had something like this. It really calls it out I like that.

Member Smith - Do we have a lot of people that come to Portage that want to stay more than 90 days?

Are there more people that would want to stay the 120.

Mayor Tree - Some of the things that we are dealing with its that they'll have a family member that comes and they will just park their RV and end up staying there and that will be their house, with the other house already on there.

Member Nelson - One by my house has a deck and an electrical cord and who knows what they are doing with their sewer.

Member John - We wanted to beef this up a little bit this someone has a camper parked 5 feet away from their home and it blows up because they're not intended as a full time home.

Member Nelson - It's real interesting if you get on HUD and read what they say about it.

Member John - I have all that and it's actually in our own zoning the ANSI. RVs are not HUD approved nor intended for full time residency.

Mayor Tree - Where does it call out that they leave for a week and then come back?

Member John - In the old one (RV resolution) it says they can stay for 181 days leave for a week and then come back for 181 days. So basically they could live there for a whole year.

Mayor Tree - So if this one was here for 90 days and came back they could stay for another 90 days.

Member John - 90 days for the whole year.

Mayor Tree - Well it's good for us like you say if something is being abused it covers us like what we had with the animals.

Member Smith - I agree with all this except for the 90 days. The one that I'm thinking of you know they come every summer and really is there anymore in that area. Is there really any problems because they stay the 120?

Member John - We cannot say one person down here and one person down there. We can't do that. We need to look at the town as a whole.
After more discussion.

Member Nelson - Water ordinance will be next month so it mimics the RV resolution.

Motion to except resolution 2019-5 for RVs as is. **Mayor Tree** - K I got a motion so we are going to do a roll call. by **Member Nelson**

Mayor Tree - Nay, **Member Nielson** - Nay, **Member Nelson** - Aye, **Member John** - Aye,

Member Smith - Nay.

Resolution 2019-05 with 90 days did not pass.

New vote was taken with 120 days

Motion for resolution 2019-5 for a change of 120 days instead of 90 days and except it as is by **Member John**

Mayor Tree - Aye, **Member Nielson** - Aye, **Member Nelson** - Nay, **Member John** - Aye,

Member Smith - Aye.

Motion Passed.

No public comments

Martina John - Did anyone else put in for the council positions or just me and Tyson (Nielson)

Clerk Munns - No, so we won't have an election.

Martina John - I was looking at the cemetery road, she gave the width dimensions. She also noticed that the a parcel number was wrong on the map.

Mayor Tree - You would need to call the county and they would be the one to fix it. So will you be the one to call them?

Martina John - Yes, probably Hansen's since they are the ones that did the survey.

Review of Departments:

Water- Tyson Nelson

6. Discuss water ordinance change on fire hydrant.

Member Nelson read the following ordinance proposal

Motion to approve the building permit of Mariah Huggins 25600 N contingent upon source protection agreement and fire hydrant placement and the perk test. Buy Member Nelson second by Member John. All aye **Motion Passed.**

15. **Grant Bell** - Presented his plan and everything looked great. He didn't have his official plan for the council to sign but he will bring it next meeting. Grant had some question about water line and extra he will get with Member Nelson.

Motion to approve Grant Bell's subdivision to the south of 25595 N 8800 W. on 8800 W. subdivision by Member John, seconded by Member Nielson. All aye.

Motion Passed.

Parks - Tyson Nielson

Nothing in Parks

Member John - Are we going to burn the burn pile?

Member Nelson - ya are we going to burn that any time this year? Any plan for that?

Mayor Tree - We can talk about that at our fire drill.

Nothing from Fire department

Sgt. Bennet - So did you ever get your park looked at from the dude that decided to do donuts in it? As far as getting your sprinklers looked at?

Mayor Tree - Ya so we have been looking at it and Amanda said there were some concerns about it. If not I just sent you the bid and was wondering where it is on yours.

Sgt. Bennett - So on our end of it I haven't heard a word from court yet. That's what I'm waiting for. I sent charges up, the prosecutors have it. The court process is not quick.

If you do end up going with someone to fix whatever he broke, just make sure I get notified what that final bill is.

There have been a couple of calls about dogs and cows. But it has been a quite summer actually.

We also have lots of car theft happening. Bad things happen in small towns too PLEASE LOCK YOUR STUFF UP.

I also have Sgt. Silva here with me tonight and he will be one of the guys patrolling your town.

Motion to adjourn by Member Nelson, seconded by Member Nielson. All aye.

Motion Passed.

Adjournment: 7:30



Katherine Munns: Town Clerk/Recorder



Nic Tree: Mayor