

Sterling Town Council Meeting
January 19, 2021
7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Randall Cox; Council Members: Justin Alder, Yvonne Larsen, Kendal Voorhees, Tami Privett; Clerk/Recorder, Stacey Lyon.

Town Members Present: Nick Lyon, Judy Wadley, Shayne Burton, Zeb Wignall

This meeting is being held electronically over Google Meets. Meeting is called to order at 7:04 pm.

Roll call: Justin, here; Kendal, here; Tami, here; Yvonne, here, Mayor Cox, here; and Stacey, here.

Judy Wadley – Judy has been reading the handbook the Yvonne got from the League for Cities and Towns for the planning commission. She has read that the Planning Committee needs to be having regular monthly meetings. There are some other things that she sees that need to be gone over. Judy also asks when the next Planning Committee meeting will be and Zeb lets her know that it will be Wednesday at 7.

Kendal – Kendal had already told Mayor Cox about the bid on the power heading down to the cemetery. Rocky Mountain Power needed an answer about whether we will be doing the project and if not, they need to close the ticket. Mayor Cox says that they can close the ticket and the Town will trench the line in ourselves. Kendal explains to Judy Wadley that as per our Town attorney, because we are rural we do not need to have regular monthly meetings and just meet on an as needed basis. Judy Wadley wants to know where the town limits are and the possibility of annexing some of the houses on Palisade road. Zeb lets the Council know that Wade has approached him regarding building a new home on the lot behind their house. Zeb let Wade know that he would need to formally present their plan to the Planning Committee and then to the Council.

Justin – Justin has contacted Lynn wall to do an analysis on how many more houses the water system will hold. Lynn will present his findings to the Council. Justin would like to present the possibility of raising the water bill \$5.00. The Council agrees that would be a good idea. Stacey will get a resolution ready so it can be passed in February's meeting. The out of town hook ups will increase as well. Zeb looked into the buffer zone and we can turn it back into the original County guidelines where they need 5 acres to build outside Town limits. The Town will put this on the agenda to notify the public of their intentions.

Lynn Wall has checked the water analysis of the system and how much the system can put off. The Town currently has enough water rights to last us 20 years. There is a possibility of 30 to 40 connections in addition to the homes that we currently have with the water we currently have. A lot of the water storage we have is for fire suppression. We have sufficient water for growth for 30 to 40 additional homes without having water turned over to the town. Zeb states that there is the potential of 20 additional homes in the very near future. It is asked what the impact would be on the water system if this happens in the next couple years. Lynn states that the max potential would take 10 years to reach

instead of 20 years. Once the maximum is reached then the system would need to be upgraded and additional storage installed.

Yvonne – Yvonne asks what the status of the website is. Justin is waiting for the domain name to move forward. Nick will work on getting that domain name to Justin.

Shae would like to have the town purchase a smaller pickup truck to get into the smaller and tight spots. It is hard to get the dump truck with the plow into the cemetery. The Town still has about \$5,000 left in the CARES Act funding.

Shayne Burton – Shayne is starting to get some interest in the Emergency Preparedness plan. She is getting the needs of the community figured out. The questionnaire sent out in the water bill may have seemed a little more intrusive than what it was intended to be. Shayne is asking that the Town Council help promote the Emergency Management Committee and asking for participation. Shayne needs to get a map of the Town and surrounding areas. She is asking the Town for financial support of \$100 a month. There have been offers of donations and the Council is willing to put forth the \$100 a month and then the donations would be on top of the \$100.00. Justin makes the motion to commit \$100 a month to the Emergency Management Committee, seconded by Yvonne, all in favor, motion carries. Votes were cast as follows: Justin, aye; Yvonne, aye; Kendal, aye; Tami, aye.

Scott Johnson, Sterling Water Master, is present and would like to give an update on the water system. There has been a monitoring system put on the water system that allows Scott and the Town to monitor the water system. It will allow Scott to see and resolve problems sooner. There was a valve being put in today and is not working properly. The company will come down and help get it figured out and adjusted. Payment should not be released until it is completed. Motion to pay Baton Excavating is made by Justin, seconded by Tami, all in favor, motion carries. Votes were cast as follows: Justin, aye; Yvonne, aye; Kendal, aye; Tami, aye.

Motion is made by Justin to go into an executive session to discuss land purchase at 8:30, seconded by Tami, all in favor, motion carries. Votes were cast as follows: Justin, aye; Yvonne, aye; Kendal, aye; Tami, aye.

Motion is made by Yvonne to close the executive session at 8:42, seconded by Justin, all in favor, motion carries. Votes were cast as follows: Justin, aye; Yvonne, aye; Kendal, aye; Tami, aye.

Bills are read as follows:

Check #	Vendor	Amount	Check #	Vendor	Amount
	December			January	
7341	Badger Meter	68.15	7358	Badger Meter	69.09
7342	Central Utah Public Health Dep	20.00	7359	Bankcard Center	2,066.36
7343	Dominion Energy	223.18	7360	Barton Excavating	36,633.46
7344	Gunnison Market	650.00	7361	Blue Stakes of Utah	45.64
7345	Hill's Heating and Air	82.00	7362	Central Utah Public Health De	20.00
7346	Hydro Specialties	2,141.42	7363	Dominion Energy	396.75
7347	Manti Telephone	117.56	7364	Gunnison Market	108.86

7348	Rocky Mountain Power	980.77	7365	Internal Revenue Services	318.04
7349	Rural Water Association	397.00	7366	Manti Telephone	114.42
7350	Sanpete County Fire District	423.75	7367	N. Sanpete Disposal	45.20
7351	Sanpete County Landfill	398.00	7368	Rocky Mountain Power	928.11
7352	Sterling Country Store	19.00	7369	Sanpete County Fire District	506.25
7353	Wheeler Distribution	147.65	7370	Sanpete County Mayor and Commissioners	175.00
			7371	Sanpete Messenger	108.00
			7372	Sanpete Landfill	493.80
			7373	Utah Local Governments Trust	492.00
			7374	Harry Wadley	38.00

Motion to pay bills is made by Kendal, seconded by Justin, all in favor, motion carries. Votes were cast as follows: Justin, aye; Yvonne, aye; Kendal, aye; Tami, aye.

Yvonne would like to pay the Planning Committee if they attend a meeting, maybe \$10 per meeting. Kendal and Tami are in favor of doing this since there is a ton of time put into the Planning. Justin makes the motion to pay the Planning Committee \$20 per meeting attended, seconded by Kendal, all in favor, motion carried. Votes were cast as follows: Justin, aye; Yvonne, aye; Kendal, aye; Tami, aye.

Yvonne would also like to discuss an increase Scott's water master wage to \$450 a month. He is putting a bunch of time into the position and also using his own vehicles to go back and forth to the water tanks. Motion is made by Tami to increase the water master position monthly salary to \$450, seconded by Yvonne, all in favor, motion carries. Votes were cast as follows: Justin, aye; Yvonne, aye; Kendal, aye; Tami, aye.

Motion to adjourn at 9 pm is made by Yvonne, seconded by Justin, all in favor, motion carries. Votes were cast as follows: Justin, aye; Yvonne, aye; Kendal, aye; Tami, aye.