Minutes of the *Regular* Meeting of the Trenton Town Council held on Tuesday March 2, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., in the Trenton Town Hall, 17 East Main Street, Trenton, Utah.

Present: Mayor Lynn Payne

Councilmember Donny Merrill

Rachelle Ludwinski Stacey Wangsgard

Stephanie Merrill

Clerk Macall Smith

Guests: Ed Cottle, Janet Cottle, Christy Chambers, Deputy Matt Hansen, Lieutenant Mikelshan Bartschi, Sheriff Chad, Jensen, Tom Griffin, Steven Taylor, Jody Richins, Scott Richins.

MAYOR PAYNE CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.

Councilmember Stacey Wangsgard led the Pledge of Allegiance.

***Approval of Agenda***

The Council discussed changing the order of the agenda items. COUNCILMEMBER LUDWINSKI MOVED TO APPROVE THE MEETING AGENDA. COUNCILMEMBER WANGSGARD SECONDED THE MOTION, WITH ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

***Approval of Minutes***

Mayor Payne asked for a motion to approve the February 9, 2021 meeting minutes. Councilmember Ludwinski noted that in the section regarding water hook-up drawings it was Mayor Payne that pulled the names from the bowl and Councilmember Stephanie Merrill that held and shook the bowl, Councilmember Wangsgard noted some grammar that needed correcting. COUNCILMEMBER WANGSGARD MOVED TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 9, 2021 MEETING MINUTES WITH THE NOTED CORRECTIONS. COUNCILMEMBER LUDWINSKI SECONDED THE MOTION WITH ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment at this time.

***Agenda items:***

***Irrigation Pipeline Agreement discussion- Guy Chambers***

Christy Chambers presented the engineered plans for a pipeline that they were hoping to install in the town’s right of way along 800 South. Councilmember Donny Merrill explained that the engineered drawings needed to be reviewed by the town engineer. The Council noted that the Irrigation pipeline agreement needed to be signed by Mr. Chambers, along with the Encroachment permit. Clerk Smith stated that she would email a pipeline agreement to Ms. Chambers for her to fill out.

***Ordinance 2021-02-01- Trenton Zoning Ordinance***

The Mayor asked for some explanations that he had on some issues, but went on to say that he feels comfortable with approving the ordinance at tonight’s meeting. The Mayor asked that he be put on the Planning & Zoning agenda for some explanations to some of his questions. Councilmember Ludwinski stated that she has had a chance looked over the Ordinance and feels comfortable with passing the Ordinance. COUNCILMEMBER LUDWINSKI MOVED TO APPROVE THE ZONING ORDINANCE WITH COUNCILMEMBER WANGSGARD SECONDING THE MOTION AND COUNCILMEMBER STEPHANIE MERRILL AND MAYOR PAYNE VOTING IN FAVOR AND COUNCILMEMBER DONNY MERRILL ABSTAINING BECAUSE HE HASN’T HAD A CHANCE TO REVIEW THE ORDINANCE. THE MOTION PASSED. Councilmember Wangsgard shared that the Planning & Zoning is working on further updates of the Ordinance but felt that in order to move forward with pending subdivision applications they wanted to get the updates presented approved.

***Richins’stock water conversion- Councilmember Ludwinski***

Councilmember Ludwinski stated that at last months meeting the water hook-up resolution was passed, she noted that as part of the resolution all stock water hook-ups were required to be used as a stock watering hook-up for five years. She explained that the Richins’ water hook-up has been used as a stock-watering hook-up since approximately 2007. She went on to say that based on the history of the meter being used as a stock water hook-up since that time and the fact that it was always paid in a timely manner the Richins’ are asking for an exception and to be allowed to convert their stock water hook-up to a residential hook-up. Councilmember Wangsgard shared her opinion that this hook-up had met the requirements since it had been used as a stock water hook-up since at least 2007. She pointed out that this would allow for someone else to be able to get a water meter in the following years, since the Richins’ would not be applying as part of the yearly water hook-up drawing. COUNCILMEMBER LUDWINSKI MOVED TO APPROVE THE CHANGING OF THE RICHINS’ STOCK WATER HOOK-UP TO A RESIDENTIAL HOOK-UP BASED ON THE DISCUSSION AT TONIGHT’S MEETING. COUNCILMEMBER WANGSGARD SECONDED THE MOTION WITH ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

***Sheriff Jensen- Update from the County Sheriff’s office***

Lieutenant Mikelshan Bartschi shared that Sheriff Jensen has asked him to represent the Sheriff’s office tonight. He stated that Sheriff Jensen is serving as the President of the Sheriff’s Association and has had many challenging conversations at the Legislative session over the last few weeks. He stated that he was at this meeting to discuss the law enforcement contract as well as to update the council on the happening of the past year. He stated that they have tried to ensure that the organizers of bike races made contact with Trenton to allow for good relations between all parties. He stated that as far as the contracts go the rate has not increased but the total number of hours contracted for will increase. Mayor Payne asked what could be done about repeat problems. Lt Bartschi stated that this is a problem that they run into frequently and haven’t; been able to solve the problem. Lt Bartschi introduced Trenton’s new STAR deputy, Deputy Clark and shared that they have moved Deputy Hansen to other responsibilities. The Council discussed parking citations and dog tickets and how they may be handled in the future. Lt Barschi discussed the future of animal control in Cache County sharing that there is plans and funding for a new animal holding facility in Cache County that would be run by the County Sheriff’s office partnering with the USU Vet program. Ed Cottle asked about parades and events happening within the Valley. The Sheriff’s office stated that they are working on gathering information in this area.

***Discussion on repairs to bridge on 500 South and 400 East***

Councilmember Donny Merrill stated that there appears to be repairs that will be needed on the bridge on 400 East that crossed over the West Cache Canal. He has talked with the contractor installing the pressurized irrigation system and they have indicated that the bridge will need some work in order to stay safe. It appears that a wall will need to be built from the pumping station to the bridge. Councilmember Donny Merrill shared that he has discussed the costs of doing this work with the contractor doing West Cache installation and they stated that the cost would be around $9000 but suggested doing a bridge deck on top of the pipeline and that the cost would be around $13,000. Councilmember Wangsgard asked how the they could prevent the town from incurring costs with projects like the irrigation pipeline being installed along 400 East. The Council discussed what part of irrigation culvert crossing the town is responsible for and what part the project owner is responsible for. Mayor Payne suggested that representatives from the town, West Cache and both engineers meet and discuss what needed to be done and who is responsible for what. COUNCILMEMBER WANGSGARD MOVED TO TABLE THE DECISION UNTIL MORE INFORMATION COULD BE OBTAINED WITH COUNCILMEMBER LUDWINSKI SECONDING THE MOTION AND ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

***Discussion regarding winter parking fees***

COUNCILMEMBER DONNY MERRILL MOVED TO TABLE THIS ISSUE UNTIL HE HAD MORE INFORMATION TO PRESENT TO THE TOWN WITH COUNCILMEMBER WANGSGARD SECONDING THE MOTION AND ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

***Planning & Zoning update***

Councilmember Wangsgard stated the Commission has issued Zoning Clearance to Roger Nelson and are waiting for the Septic Permit from Richard Allsop and Adolfo Silva and will finish the process at next month Planning and Zoning meeting.

***Parks \Cemetery update***

There was no update at this time.

***Water update***

Jared Buttars came and looked at a power outage that occurred at the chlorination building and discovered that it was a power issue on Rocky Mountain Power side. The SCADA will be looked at tomorrow.

The Mayor asked that the Council meet in executive session to discuss pending legal issues.

*Adjournment*

COUNCILMEMBER WANGSGARD MOVED TO ADJOURN THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AT 8:09 P.M. TO MEET IN EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH COUNCILMEMBER LUDWINSKI SECONDING THE MOTION AND ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE. They thanked the audience for their attendance.

Mayor Payne gave an update on the status of the legal discussion with the Lapray’s and Havilands. COUNCILMEMBER WANGSGARD MOVED TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE ATTORNEY IN RESPECT TO THE LEGAL ISSUES WITH THIS CASE WITH COUNCILMEMBER LUDWINSKI SECONDING THE MOTION WITH ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

COUNCILMEMBER LUDWINSKI MOVED TO MOVE OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH COUNCILMEMBER WANGSGARD SECONDING THE MOTION AND ALL COUNCILMEMBERS VOTING AYE. THE COUNCIL ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 8:24 P.M.