

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING
OF THE TOWN OF CLARKSTON

June 1, 2021
7:00 P.M.

Town Council Meeting held at the Clarkston Town Hall, 50 South Main, Clarkston, UT

Attendance: Mayor N. Craig Hidalgo

Councilmembers: Jessica Buttars, Mylind Fawcett,
Nichole Sparks

Town Clerk: Kristi Hidalgo

Absent: Councilmember Dan Smith

Public Attendance: Steve McBride

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hidalgo called the Clarkston Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember M. Fawcett led the Pledge of Allegiance and offered Reverence to begin the meeting.

Mayor Hidalgo addressed the minutes of the Clarkston Town Council Meeting held May 18, 2021. Councilmember M. Fawcett motioned for the Clarkston Town Council to approve and adopt the minutes of May 18, 2021. Councilmember N. Sparks seconded the motion. All in favor "Aye". Motion carried

2. NEW BUSINESS

Steve McBride – Smart Rain Controller – Mayor Hidalgo stated that Steve McBride from Smartrain was here to discuss the companies smart sprinkler controllers. Mr. McBride stated that he works for a company that manufactures a product called Smartrain Smart Irrigation Controllers. The company only manufactures one model. They do that intentionally so that they can keep the prices down and make it affordable for consumers. Smartrain is based out of Centerville, Utah and the controllers are manufactured in Logan, Utah. The company has been around since 2012. Mr. McBride stated that Utah is in a serious drought and water conservation is vitally important. The Smartrain Smart Controller saves millions of gallons daily and they save clients' money by saving 30-50% off of their irrigation costs. Mr. McBride explained how the smart sprinkler controllers work. Mr. McBride gave a cost estimate for five (5) controllers. Each controller costs \$2,350. The company is offering a discount of \$1,075 so each controller would cost \$1,275, which would be \$6,375 for the controllers. There is also an annual Hosting Fee of \$250 per controller, which would be \$1,250 each year. There is also an annual fee for the cellular option. It is \$300 per controller, which would be \$1,500 each year. It covers the leasing of the SIMS card and the unlimited data. The controllers have a lifetime warranty as long as the Hosting Fee is paid every year. Other features are: 24/7 Customer Support, Remote Access, Central Control, ET Watering, Cellular and WiFi, Google Maps Integration, and Active Reporting. The Council discussed pros and cons of

the Smartrain Controllers. Councilmember N. Sparks stated that she is not a fan of annual Hosting Fees. Councilmember J. Buttars stated that Utah is the second driest state in the nation and people tend to over water and the concept of the Smartrain Controller is to water plants when the plants actually need water not when people think they need water. Councilmember J. Buttars believes that it would be wise to look into some kind of smart water sprinkling system controller. There may be other companies that don't have such high annual fees. The Council did not make a decision at this meeting.

Cemetery Road Repairs – Mayor Hidalgo stated that he secured a bid from Top Job Asphalt to repair the cemetery roads. **See Attachment B**

It would cost \$8,430 to repair the cracks and apply a commercial grade rejuvenating sealer on the cemetery roads and to remove and replace an asphalt patch at the North East entrance to the cemetery. The Council unanimously agreed to hire Top Job Asphalt to repair the cemetery roads.

3. DEPARTMENTS

Mayor Hidalgo – Fire Department – Mayor Hidalgo reported that the fire Department would be getting the new fire truck soon. Hopefully it will be here in time for the National Night Out Against Crime.

Parks Department – Mayor Hidalgo stated that he would like to have the ball diamond tilled again before Pony Express Days. Mayor Hidalgo will contact Parks Director Jeremy Hidalgo and have him coordinate that with Tacho Escareno.

Councilmember N. Sparks – May Warrant List – Councilmember N. Sparks presented the Warrant List for May 2021. Councilmember J. Buttars motioned for the Clarkston Town Council to approve the Warrant List as read. Councilmember N. Sparks seconded the motion. All in favor “Aye”. Motion carried

LUDMA – Councilmember N. Sparks reported that the next LUDMA Meeting would be held on Monday June 14, 2021 at 7:00 pm. Mayor Hidalgo stated that if watering turns become necessary the Council would need to take a serious look at limiting the number of Residential Building Permits allowed this year.

Youth Council – Councilmember N. Sparks stated that the Youth Council are working hard to have the float done for the Smithfield Health Days Parade on Saturday June 5, 2021.

Pony Express Days – Councilmember N. Sparks stated that Pony Express plans are coming along great. Volunteers are needed to sell wristbands and gun raffle tickets. The Youth Council will help sell tickets for the Dutch Oven Dinner.

Councilmember M. Fawcett – Water Department – Training - Councilmember M. Fawcett reported that Meterworks would be coming to train Water Operator Bryan Goodsell, Deputy Clerk Holly Jones, and himself on the new water meter reading system and the Neptune software system interface on Thursday June 3, 2021 at 4:15 pm.

Water Restrictions – Mayor Hidalgo stated that the following water restriction is now in place:

Effective June 1, 2021 the following water restriction will be in place:

No outside watering between 12 p.m. and 5 p.m. and 12 a.m. and 4 a.m.

Strictly following this mandate will allow our tanks to regenerate, provide resources for fire protection, and provide adequate water for community and household needs. We will continue to assess the situation and update restrictions based on conditions.

NOTE: Sprinkling systems should be programmed to support these restrictions.

Mayor Hidalgo stressed that this is a water restriction. It is not a recommendation. It is mandatory. The water restriction will be enforced and citations issued to those who disregard it. People need to understand that the town doesn't have unlimited resources.

Councilmember J. Buttars – Cemetery Department – Mayor Hidalgo mentioned that the cemetery looked great for Memorial Day and thanked Cemetery Sexton Randy Smith for all his efforts in getting the cemetery ready for Memorial Day.

Cemetery Expansion – Councilmember J. Buttars stated that she would secure three sprinkling system bids for the cemetery expansion project.

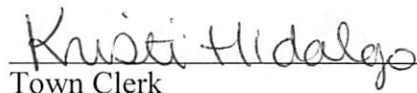
Cemetery Mower – Councilmember J. Buttars informed the Council that Cemetery Sexton Randy Smith mentioned that the cemetery lawn mower is at least 10 years old and may need to be replaced in the near future.

4. RELEVANT BUSINESS

Next Meeting – The next Town Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday July 20, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

5. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilmember N. Sparks motioned that the Clarkston Town Council Meeting adjourn. Councilmember M. Fawcett seconded the motion. All members present voted "Aye". Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.


Town Clerk

