

Sterling Town Council Meeting
May 18, 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, Gideon Jarvis, Shayne Burton, Lance Burton, Ernie Martinez

Others: Robert Finn, Ryan Fowles, Darrell Steinke, Laurie Allen, Virginia Pearson, Richard Winkel, Karen Winkel

Meeting is called to order at 7 pm.

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

Mayor Cox, the Town Council and audience stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Shayne Burton is present and would like to update the Council on the emergency preparedness activity. The activity was originally planned for May but has been postponed to a later date. Mayor Cox still approves the use of the park and facilities for the activity. Shayne also mentions a website called sanpeteready.org that would be a good resource. The Town Council will look into it.

Mayor Cox would like to address the water rate increases that the Town Council has been working on. He would like to be fair and work things out but the water rates need to be increased. Richard Winkel appreciates the willingness to be fair. Richard Winkel lives outside Town limits on Palisade road and is being charged for three (3) water connections. Richard asks the Council to be fair and charge per hookup not dwelling like the NATO Nation across the street is. He also asks the Council to table the water rate increase. Mayor Cox states that we do not know what the future holds and we need to be prepared. Tami does not understand why the out of Town limit water users should pay such a higher rate. Laurie Allen agrees with Tami and feels like what she is proposing is fair. Ernie Martinez states that NATO Nation has the water meters. Ryan Fowles states that the out of Town water rates at 1.5 times the in Town limit rates are no longer fair.

Mayor Cox asks Scott Johnson to address the audience regarding some thoughts and answers to questions that were asked in a previous meeting. Scott gives a little background on the Town and the water system. Scott states that the springs are running 15% less than prior years. Scott states that the water system was established to serve the residents of the Town. The Town started making exceptions to accommodate those outside Town limits. The real priority for the water system is the Town residents. Scott believes that those outside Town limits should absolutely pay a higher rate than the Town Residents.

Lance Burton stands to address the audience regarding the water rate. He wonders if there is another way to address the issue, maybe more of an access fee.

Ryan Fowles stands to give a few comments stating that at some point there was a price paid to hook up to the Town water system and doesn't feel like there be additional money collected on the monthly bill.

Tami makes the motion to rescind the resolution setting the 1.5 increase from 2018; there is not a second on the motion, motion fails.

Justin makes the motion to increase the rates by 1.45% for out of town residents \$43.50 and the Town will be \$30 (\$3.00 increase), seconded by Tami, majority vote was nay, motion failed. Votes were cast follows; Yvonne, nay; Kendal, nay; Tami, aye; and Justin, aye; Mayor Cox, nay.

Justin makes the motion to adopt water rate increases to \$30 for residents and \$45 for out of town residents; seconded by Yvonne, by majority vote, motion carries. Votes were cast as follows: Tami, nay; Justin, aye; Yvonne, aye; Kendal, aye.

Tami asked for copies of the Policy and Procedures on how the Town is to be run. She states that some of Planning Commission had a copy. Stacey and Yvonne will look into this.

Justin proposes a 1 minute public comment period with a 10 minute limit per subject. The meetings are running way to long and he thinks that the same result can reached by implementing this time limit. Justin makes the motion to propose a 1 minute public comment period with a 10 minute limit per subject, seconded by Yvonne, majority vote, motion carries. Votes were cast as follows: Tami, nay; Justin, aye; Yvonne, aye; Kendal, aye.

Motion is made by Yvonne to ratify the purchase of the side by side, seconded by Justin, all in favor, motion carries. Votes were cast as follows: Tami, aye; Justin, aye; Kendal, aye; Yvonne, aye.

Minutes are read by the Council. Justin asks if the air compressor was ever purchased. Yvonne states that no it has not but is looking at another option. She would like to a larger stationary compressor that will serve the needs of the fire department as well. Justin makes the motion to increase the budget for the compressor to \$2,000 from \$500, seconded by Tami, all in favor, motion carries. Votes were cast as follows: Tami, aye; Justin, aye; Kendal, aye; Yvonne, aye.

Motion is made by Kendal to approve the minutes as presented, second by Yvonne, all in favor, motion carries. Votes were cast as follows: Tami, aye; Justin, aye; Kendal, aye; Yvonne, aye.

Sealed bids for the old Toro mower are presented and opened. Brad Wilson submits the only bid for the old Toro mower for \$210. The Council approves the sale of the mower to Brad Wilson for \$210.

Yvonne lets the Council know that there is sod coming for the cemetery next week. The vendor is limiting the amount of the sod to be purchased. Tami wonders if the Town should do no water landscaping. For now, because of Memorial Day, we can lay the sod and then it might just have to die with the rest of the lawn. Yvonne would like to see if Cory Hatch could work with Mike and Shae and make sure it is done right. Mayor Cox will get Mike out and get the cemetery prepped for sod. Justin and Tami would like to see that happen.

Bills are presented as follows:

Check #	Vendor	Amount	Check #	Vendor	Amount
7437	Bank Card Center	\$2,069.62	7455	Jorgensen Chevrolet	\$150.00
7438	Fowles Yard Care	\$1,500.00	7456	LN Curtis	\$197.35
7439	Rural Water Association	\$100.00	7457	Main Auto	\$37.08
7440	Scholzen Products	\$150.00	7458	Manti Telephone	\$110.04
7441	United Pest Control	\$75.00	7459	N Sanpete Disposal	\$46.00
7447	Alvey Lumber	\$88.70	7460	Pelorus Methods	\$800.00
7448	Badger Meter	\$80.46	7461	Rasmussen Ace Hardware	\$145.98
7449	Barton Excavating	\$3,410.30	7462	Rocky Mountain Power	\$777.25
7450	Central Utah Public Health	\$20.00	7463	Sanpete County Auditor	\$261.50
7451	Dominion Energy	\$7.00	7464	Sanpete County Fire District	\$412.50
7452	Ephraim Tire Pros	\$69.09	7465	Sanpete Sanitary Landfill	\$388.80
7453	IRS – VOID		7466	Woodstuff Landscaping	\$2,159.10
7454	Jensen Excavating	\$1,030.00	7467	All American Sod	\$547.40

Yvonne makes the motion to approve bills as presented, motion is seconded by Justin, all in favor, the motion carries. Votes were cast as follows: Tami, aye; Justin, aye; Kendal, aye; Yvonne, aye.

Scott Johnson is going to clean the Veteran Memorial for Memorial Day.

Motion to adjourn at 8:50 is made by Justin, motion is seconded by Kendal, all in favor, the motion carries. Votes were cast as follows: Tami, aye; Justin, aye; Kendal, aye; Yvonne, aye.