

**Sterling Town Council Meeting**  
**June 15, 2021**  
**7:00 p.m.**

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

**Town Members Present:** Ernie Martinez, Judy Wadley, Kennan Pearson, Nick Lyon, Zeb Wignal, Jane Voorhees

**Others:**

Meeting is called to order at 7:05 pm.

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

Sterling Town Council and audience stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Council reads the minutes from the previous meeting.

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

Stacey explains and reviews the Fraud Risk Assessment and policies. The Utah State Auditor is requiring the government agencies to complete and review the Fraud Risk Assessment. The Town did have some of the policies listed on the Assessment but the paper copies could not be located. Stacey has taken the time to put together all the required policies. The Council would like to review the payroll register so that there is a second set of eyes. The Council would like to have a travel policy, ethical behavior, and internal audit form put together. A motion to table the adoption of policies is made by Justin, seconded by Tami, all in favor, motion carries.

John Mogle and Kasey Petersen are not present to the meeting. They will be available to attend the July meeting. It is asked if John and Kasey have been before the Planning Commission with the answers to the list of questions and requests emailed to John and Kasey. The Planning Commission states that they have not heard from John and Kasey. Stacey will send an email to John that they need to meet with the Planning Commission before coming back to the Council.

Nick is present to discuss fire restrictions. Nick hands a copy of the State Fire Restrictions to the Council and audience. Nick explains the restrictions in the document. Nick has a hard time telling the residents that they cannot roast a hot dog in their backyard. He is adamant that fireworks should be banned. Justin asks what the liability on the Town would be if a fire started in a person's backyard and escaped out to the county. Nick explains the State "Fire Insurance" program that Sterling opted into about 4 years ago. The Town needs to provide an in-kind match in prevention, mitigation and preparedness. Justin would like to make a motion to accept stage 1 UTCL02105 and UTCL02105, seconded by Yvonne, all in favor, motion carries. Votes were cast as follows: Tami, aye; Justin, aye; Yvonne, aye; Kendal, aye.

Fire Protection agreement with Sanpete County is for the amount of \$6,162.00. This is to provide fire protection outside town limits. Motion is made by Yvonne to approve the fire protection agreement, seconded by Justin, all in favor, motion carries. Votes were cast as follows: Tami, aye; Justin, aye; Yvonne, aye; Kendal, aye.

Justin asks what the status is on the potential new fire station. Nick said it is moving slow but moving forward. Nick needs to have a more serious discussion on whether or not this is something that the Council would like to pursue. He talks about different grants that are available that could help with the purchase of the land. He also asks for help writing some grants and also what parcel of land would be the best location.

New extrication agreement has been presented. The coverage area would include north to airport road and south to Broken Arrow ranch. The agreement came about because on the extrication scenes there have been struggles establishing incident command. Nick would like the Council to read the agreement and have another discussion on it before signing.

There was a fire in Lone Cedar which resulted in a couple hundred acres. Another fire was next to Lone Cedar. Things are ready to burn so Nick cautions everybody and asks that they be careful.

Yvonne has been exploring grant options to get the sprinkler systems installed.

Ernie Martinez asks for a few minutes to address the Council regarding the veteran's memorial. He and Renee donated several years back and would like his donation returned to him. Stacey challenges Ernie to volunteer and help the town move forward with the project. Ernie agrees to be a part of the solution and asks to have his request put on hold for now.

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

Stacey gives a short explanation regarding the resource officer. In 2008 the resource officer program began and Sterling Town paid into the program. After a couple of years the Town stopped paying into it. Since that time the expenses have greatly increased and Sanpete County Commissioners are trying to find a fair way to split the cost. The Sanpete County Commissioners are asking Sterling Town to put \$700 toward the resource officer program. Justin states that he does not think we should be doing that because the residents already pay Sanpete County property taxes. The Council would like to have so addition information and continue the discussion at a later date.

Ernie amends his earlier request and would like the refund of his veteran memorial refund of \$50 donation and then agrees to leave it in the fund.

Yvonne and Justin does not have anything else to report

Motion to adjourn at 9:20 is made by Yvonne, seconded by Justin, all in favor, motion carries.