

FINAL MINUTES
VIRGIN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
Wednesday, September 29, 2021
7:00 pm
114 So. Mill Street, Virgin, Utah

Present:

Council Members:

Gene Garate
Jay Lee
Kevin Stout

Others:

Darcey Spendlove	
Paul Luwe	Marci Holmes
Mistie Baird	Lee Ballard
Lesa Sandburg	Annika Amodt
Sean Amodt	Gina Amodt

A. WORK MEETING/NON-ACTION ITEMS: NO WORK MEETING

B. REGULAR MEETING/ACTION ITEMS: 7:00 p.m. HTS

1. Call to Order - Mayor Matthew Spendlove

Jay Lee, acting as chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. He excused Matt Spendlove and LeRoy Thompson.

2. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance.

Gene Garate offered the invocation. Kevin Stout led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest.

No conflicts were declared.

4. Consent Agenda:

Discussion and possible approval of July and August 2021 Checks & Invoices.

Discussion and possible approval of August 25th, 2021, Town Council Minutes & September 8th, 2021, Special Meeting Minutes.

Gene Garate stated that the town had an Engineer who they could not get a hold of, but did he not shy out on his bill.

Jay Lee gave one correction to the August minutes.

Gene Garate moved to approve the July and August 2021 checks and invoices.

Kevin Stout gave the second.

No roll call vote was taken.

The motion was unanimously approved.

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Gene Garate moved to approve the August 25, 2021 and September 8, 2021 draft minutes with the correction made by Jay Lee on the August minutes as stated.

Kevin Stout gave the second. Roll call vote: Gene Garate-Aye; Jay Lee-Aye; Kevin Stout-Aye. The vote was unanimously in favor.

5. Open Forum: Limit 2 minutes per speaker:

No comments were made.

a. Council Comments:

Gene Garate stated that he had received permit requests for the second phase of Wildflower and the second part of phase one of Weeping Buffalo. The applications had been turned into the building inspector and would be available to the public when they were returned. Council Member Garate stated there was a lot of interest in growth and homes in the town.

Jay Lee stated the new greatest health threat according to CDC website as of early August was the vaccinated. They had labelled the vaccinated as 'super spreaders'. Of course, everyone knew we could trust and rely on the CDC and Dr. Faucie.

Council Member Lee then read from an article in the The Epic Times entitled "Florida Small Town Bristles at Northern Migration". He believed that some of the concerns this article quoted people in Florida had, were the same that people in Virgin had.

He paused for a moment to say that his wife had suggested that all the letters be shared from when he was mayor, about getting the Desert Gardens Subdivision and the RV park going. At that time his family was receiving death threats over the whole thing.

Council Member Lee continued with the article, reading some of the comments: "With growth comes change and Davis is concerned that the southern values he holds dear will disappear if too many people with more liberal ideas move the community and 'stir the pot. I worry about my lifestyle disappearing," he said. "I have a T-shirt that I proudly wear that says: 'Don't New York my Florida.' I think that this is a conservative area and people are moving here because they are mostly conservative and tired of what's going on in their states—that's what I'm hoping anyway."

"What is happening here is frightening," she said. "Some of these people who are moving here are just too aggressive." Campbell said she hopes the people who join the community will be peach-loving and share the conservative values the area holds dear. Everybody who is moving to Florida wants to be the last one here.' Council Member Lee continued that everybody moving to Virgin wanted to be the last one here. They wanted to shut it down and not let anyone else in and we could not do that.

Jay Lee continued his comments stating there was a new campaign sign that said it all. 'You guys' (meaning the people running against the incumbents now officially thought they were better than us.

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The campaign sign said Virgin Deserves Better. Better? Better than what? Better than the old timers that had grown up here. I guess it is time for us to move on. Sorry Jean Krause, I thought we were friends. I didn't know you felt that way about me. It saddens me. He stated that he really liked Jean.

Council Member Lee continued that scientifically face masks had not been proven to be much good. Social distancing was a lot better prerogative and took down the risk better. After the last meeting people who were wearing face masks got right into the face of the person they were talking too and discussing with. In fact one of these people had grabbed the arm of the person they were talking too, violating her person space. It was good to have discussion, but people could disagree without being disagreeable.

b. Possible motion to hold an Executive Session:

No meeting was held.

C. ADJOURN PUBLIC MEETING:

*Kevin Stout moved to adjourn. Gene Garate gave the second. No roll call vote was taken.
The motion was unanimously approved.*

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Krystal Percival
Town Clerk

Approved: _____