

Sterling Town Council Meeting
July 20, 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: Jane Voorhees, Ernie Martinez, Lance Burton, Shayne Burton, Kennan Pearson, Judy Wadley, Nick Lyon, Bryan Sullivan

Others: John Mogle, Kasey Peterson

Meeting is called to order at 7:02 pm.

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

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

Nick is present and would like to discuss the fire restrictions. Last month the Town Council adopted the State of Utah STAGE 1 fire restrictions. There seems to be some confusion since the State of Utah and County have moved to a STAGE 2. Nick feels that the Town residents have been responsible and on top of that we are not in a place to enforce a STAGE 2. Nick also explains that the Council could choose to adopt stage 2. The Town Council agrees with Nick and accepts his recommendation to remain at a STAGE 1 and re-evaluate if there is a need.

Nick asks for permission on July 31 to use the Community Center for a meeting with FFSL and outlying property owners to discuss defensible areas and trying to help property owners create defensible space with wood chipping and such. The Council grants his request.

Nick would like to get approval to purchase a new gas meter that measures carbon monoxide. The one that they currently have is no longer working. The purchase approval was given in a previous meeting but it has been long enough ago that he is asking for approval again. The Council gives him the go ahead to order the gas meter.

Shayne Burton is present to discuss the Emergency Management Committee. She reads a letter submitting her resignation but she would like still be involved in a similar capacity in an unofficial capacity. There was some confusion as to how the Prep Squad was set up. Shayne passes out her information that was read to Mayor Cox and the Council. There is also some question as to how the funding will work since the Prep Squad was set up as a private 501C-3 with Shayne Burton. Shayne Burton is asking for a donation of \$1,200 to the Prep Squad from the Town of Sterling. Stacey will look further into this matter.

Kasey Petersen is present representing their subdivision Lakeview Estates. They have reviewed the requests that the Council submitted to them in previous months. Kasey asks for the option so that when and if they pay for the access off the highway they recoup a portion of their cost of the improvements. This can be done when another developer that utilizes their roads to access the new developer's

development they are to pay a portion of the cost back to John and Kasey. Judy Wadley stands and asks the Council to refer this matter back to the Planning Committee so that they may do the proper research and study. Justin states that the Council would possibly consider it but would need to be run through the Planning Commission first.

Keenan Pearson stands and would like to address the Council. He would like to personally Zoom the Council meetings and also put up a separate notice. Stacey explains the process that is required by the State of Utah for meeting postings. Keenan would like more to be done. The Council will consider his request.

Tami asks questions regarding different budget accounts and Stacey answers them.

Yvonne had a request from the Bonco group that rents the building once a month, they would like to be issued a renters key. Yvonne makes the motion to issue a renters key to the Bonco group to be held by Mary Hansen, seconded by Kendal, all in favor, motion carries. Votes were cast as follow: Tami, aye; Justin, aye; Yvonne, aye; Kendal, aye.

Stacey is asked to present the Fraud Risk Assessment and policies as they were in the June meeting. Yvonne makes the motion to approve the Fraud Risk Assessment and policies as presented, Justin seconds the motion, all in favor, motion carries. Votes were cast as follows: Tami, aye; Yvonne, aye; Justin, aye; Yvonne, aye.

Stacey talks about the resource officer as it was presented in the June meeting. Sanpete County Commissioners are asking for a contribution of \$700 annually. Sheriff Buchanan asked Stacey to remind the Council that it is not the responsibility of the Sanpete County Sheriff's Department to provide law enforcement inside city limits. Bryan Sullivan stands and expresses his support for the resource officer. He is a teacher in the Manti High School and feels the program is essential. The Council still is not ready to move on this matter.

Motion to adjourn at 8:43 is made by Yvonne, seconded by Tami, all in favor, motion carries. Votes were cast as follows: Tami, aye; Justin, aye; Yvonne, aye; Kendal, aye.