

Sterling Town Council Meeting
December 21, 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: Zeb Wignal, Keenan Pearson, Nick Lyon, Heather Myers, Lance Burton, Shayne Burton, Curtis Ludvigson, Gedeon Jarvis

Others: Karen Winkel, Michael Otten, Tad Spencer, Layne Bowles, Barb Bowles,

Meeting is called to order at 7:00 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.

Kendal

- Kendal does not have anything to report but turns the time over to Nick with the fire department.
- Nick would like to get an update on what direction the Town would like to go regarding the new fire station. The Town will need to put forward something such as the purchase of property. The Town would have a greater chance at getting a larger grant portion if the land was purchased. Shayne Burton asks if there could be multiple grants written to cover the cost. Nick stated that yes there could be but he does not have the time or resources to do it. Curtis Ludvigson asks why Sterling needs a new fire station. Nick explains that the fire department has outgrown the current station. The opportunity to receive CIB funding is great right now. Nick will also contact Karl Larsen with Rural Development to see about funding opportunities.

Yvonne

- Yvonne has nothing to report on tonight.

Justin

- Justin has talked to Scott Johnson about putting a meter on the overflow to measure how much water is coming in from the springs. Curtis states that he thought that there was already a meter there and that it was required by the State Division of Water Rights. Justin will talk to Scott again and then readdress it if needed.
- Justin also had a conversation with Preston Bown about hiring a full time employee. Justin feels like the Town should explore the option in the near future.

Tami

- Tami would like to know when we were going to swear in the new Mayor and Council member. In the past the newly elected officials have been sworn in at the first council meeting of the year. Yvonne will do some research and will get things in order. Kendal has resigned and his position will need to be advertised for two weeks. Curtis states that we should follow the guidelines/codes set forth by the State of Utah. Tami later finds a section in the Utah State Code that will allow the newly elected officials to be sworn in at the first Council Meeting in January.

Mike Otten is present and is representing his father's estate. He would like to have the water connection that was given to his dad (Max Otten) when the water tank was built on the property he sold it to the Town, transferred into his and his brother's names. Mike presents a document that states there was an additional water connection given to Max Otten in exchange for the property that the water tank sits on. Mike has some additional information that will show the additional connection. He will get that information to the Town and then if it all aligns the water connection can be transferred.

Tad Spencer with Jones and DeMille would like to explain his services. He works doing GIS and can put the water system on a GIS system.

Shayne Burton would like to readdress the situation regarding the opening of the budget and a donation to the prep squad. She does not want this donation to cause negative feelings. She would also like the Town Council to approve the donation as already approved. Yvonne states that she has been doing some research on other towns in the county and having a Emergency Plan. Justin states that there needs to be some more transparency with the funding that is being requested. There will be more discussion on the matter when a motion can be made after being put on the agenda. Keenan Pearson wanted to address some of the issues from last meeting with prep squad. Shayne Burton stepped down as the appointed member by the Town Council. He also states that there was a misunderstanding regarding money raised by a yard sale put on by the prep squad. Stacey gives some clarification on how the prep squad was originally set up and how the funding was supposed to work. She also states that any committee set up under the Town, the funding needs to be ran through the Town's budget. Justin asks why Shayne resigned as the appointed person on the prep squad and set up a non-profit organization instead. Shayne states that she resigned because of the timing of her meetings and the Town meetings didn't work together. She also felt she could function easier as a non-profit. The bottom line is that there was a miscommunication between the Council and prep squad.

Motion to adjourn is made by Tami at 8:59, seconded by Yvonne, all in favor, motion carries. Votes were cast as follows: Tami, aye; Yvonne, aye; Justin, aye; Kendal, aye.