

Sterling Town Council Minutes

Tuesday November 15, 2022

7PM

1. Pledge of allegiance

Council, staff and community present recite the pledge of allegiance.

2. Roll call: Yvonne Larsen, excused absence; Heather Myers; excused absence; Tami Privett, present; Mayor Pearson; present, Justin Alder, present.

Staff Present: Kris Winkel

Citizens present: Lyle Young, Pat Halladay, Alan Halladay, Judith Wadley, Mike Allen, Shane Burton, Lance Burton, Mr Conover.

Discussion on public roads and access; class D vs Private road. Mayor Pearson explains that it has always been the understanding that it is a private road that accesses the Sterling Town water tanks. This road can only be accessed by city workers/employees that have permission and it has been locked for 20-25 years. Sometime in 1985 the county sent out (with the property tax) something regarding certain Class D roads. Mayor explains that class D roads can't keep someone from accessing their property. So if you don't appeal the road classification changing to Class D, then it becomes public access, which we recently discovered and it was not appealed in 1985. So technically the "private road" to the water tanks is not private and is owned by the county, unless we can appeal this.

Mayor explains a public hearing will be held in the next six weeks to petition the road be classified as private. The residents who do live up there have agreements to access the road. We just want to make it so that only those with permission can access the road. It is not for the public to go up there. Mayor encourages everyone in Sterling to get involved to resolve this issue.

Justin stresses the importance of not allowing people up by the water tanks and explains that we do keep them locked so there is a barrier to the water. He pointed out that with Palisade road available, there is no need to make the road to the water tanks which is parallel to Palisade accessible to the public. Justin has spoken with Commissioner Reed Hatch and they both agree that there is no need for the public to access the road the Sterling water tanks are on and protecting culinary water is very important. Justin also stated that we can't limit anyone's access to their property.

Alan Halladay explains that the state had the county draw up a map to the best of their ability as to what roads they thought were county roads. Then in 2018 the County came out with maps declaring them class D roads which makes them a public road. A developer has purchased property near the town's water tanks and wants to develop it. Alan Halladay lives near the water tanks and he has seen people on top of the water tanks during the summer literally running on them. The county had Andy Lyon do an assessment last May and it was his conclusion to revert it back to a private road due to the County does not have anything to access up there. Center street is getting busier.

Tami suggested getting some bids to put a 6-8 foot fence around the water tanks to put in next year's budget.

Misc items: Next council meeting, we will review the recent audit.

Tami brings up an IRS letter from third quarter 2021 regarding payroll penalties and interest. Looks like the payments were made but they were late. They sent a refund check that may have been inappropriately applied. Some general entries were deleted. We will need to pay this penalty soon, it's around \$50.00. All payroll taxes will be paid electronically. Tami also states that there have been some changes on the budget that she would like to address.

Justin asks Mr. Conover what his take is on the water overflow. Conover explains the overflow water was conveyed with the land which was purchased by the town. It was conveyed by a legal contract. The overflow is for the citizens of the town as long as there is overflow. There are some fraud suits pending involving Becky, a daughter of Averd Otteson, due to her misrepresenting some things. He will keep us posted.

3. Read and approve minutes from the previous meeting Tuesday Oct 18, 2022.

Tami makes a motion to table the reading and approval of minutes: Justin eye, Tami eye, Keenen, eye; Heather absent, Yvonne absent. Motion passes.

4. Approval of Minutes from the previous meeting, Tuesday Oct 18, 2022.

Will be reviewed and approved at the next meeting.

5. Discussion of Utah Code standards, and separation of duties

Talked about this at the previous meeting and it was resolved.

6. Discussion and vote on buying fire department jackets from the general budget.

Mayor states we should table this until the next meeting. Heather verbalized that the jackets are gifts from the town and the purchase makes sense to come out of the general budget.

Justin makes a motion to table discussion and vote on purchasing fire department jackets until the next council meeting. Tami seconds the motion. All in favor; Justin eye; Keenen eye, Tami eye, Yvoone absent, Heather Absent. Motion passes.

7. Discussion on town purchases concerning maintenance.

Discussion on a budget for Jim to work with in purchasing boundaries. Jim requests more specific guidelines. Mayor asks if we can give Jim a dollar amount per a month. He needs to keep an inventory. Discussed having Jim present a list of what he needs with prices and get approval from council to purchase for large purchases and maintaining an asset list or inventory.

Tami suggests sharing the costs between other departments or the one being used the most by Jim. The majority will probably be cemetery and parks and water.

Mayor Pearson recaps: Jim may purchase supplies equipment up to \$200 per a purchase and when exceeds this, call the Mayor for approval.

8. Discussion of annual Christmas Sterling Event.

Discussed the town Santa. Those present agree they would like to continue as they have in the past and that supplies/candy should be ordered soon and Santas taken care of.

Shane brought up that last year there were some that didn't like Santa to come to their home. Council agrees that if anyone does not want Santa to visit their home, they can leave a note on their door. It appears that most residents really look forward to this.

9. Discussion for water connection outside the city limits for Lyle Young and allowing Sterling to run power through is property.

Lyle requests a water connection outside the city limits. Lyle asks if the council will consider that if he gives the town access through his property for the purpose of putting up more lights/power to illuminate the flagpole, would they sell him a culinary hookup for outside the city limits?

Tami states that we have a city ordinance that was made in 2018 that prohibits any and all water connections outside of Sterling. There are solar options for lighting available that they can consider instead of tying into an electrical line, which can be more expensive. Agreeing to this proposal can create issues down the road.

Justin asks if Lyle intends on building and Lyle said possible someday. Justin agrees with Tami in that there are no more water connections outside of town. Part of this is due to there being so many people hanging on to water connections that are not currently in use and how that will impact the town down the road and do we have the water to supply. The water master plan needs to address this for future growth that is likely going to be part of Sterling Town. Justin suggests Lyle petition the council to move one of his existing meters.

Mayor says there is a water master plan in the works and

Tami stresses the importance of providing enough water for those who are in city limits.

10. Report of Officers–Boards–Committees

Justin Alder–Water. Reports the water leak has been located and fixed. He is going to continuously watch the water system. Since we have fixed the leak we have hit overflow every day. Essentially there was a ¾ inch hole in the main line and it's amazing that it didn't come up on the surface. We do have a leak still at Dave's house and due to his mental illness he has not allowed anyone in the home to repair it. Justin will ask Dave if he will allow someone to come in to repair the leak.

11. Approve payment of Bills

Josh Allsop \$475.00 for Wildland fires (*ALL volunteer firefighters paid upon receipt 11/5/22*)
Jentrie Allsop \$ 587.50 for Wildland fires
John Alsop \$475.00 for Wildland fires
Boston Bown \$350.00 Wildland fires
Jarvis Gedeon \$437.50 Wildland fires
Nick Lyon \$587.50 Wildland fires
Heather Myers \$200.00 Wildland fires
Parry Payton \$587.50 Wildland fires
Blake Quayle \$112.50 Wildland fires
Emily Quayle \$125.00 Wildland fires
Levi Conover \$200.00 Wildland fires
Badger Meter \$81.40 water meter monitoring fee
Harmon's \$127.50 labor assisting Jim with leak
Hermansen's Company \$ 28.47 Water repairs
LN Curtis \$989.00 Annual flow test
Madsen Excavation \$1,741.00 supplies and labor, water leak
Main Auto \$86.42 RV battery
Manti Telephone \$116.35 Oct monthly service
N. Sanpete Disposal \$134.05 Oct fee
Pelorus Methods \$800.00 Quarterly Renewal
Rasmussen Ace \$27.17 clamp and cloth, cemetery equipment
Sanpete County Fire district #2 \$1,244.50 Sept and Oct fees
Sanpete Sanitary Landfill \$475.20 Oct billing

Southwest Plumbing \$286.05 Meter box, cemetery
The office of the Lieutenant Governor \$50.00 2021 and 2022 Renewal fees
Zions bank visa \$1614.28 firefighters expenses and flags (*paid upon receipt 11/8/22*)

Payroll approved and paid 11/09/2022

James Butcher \$1,675.76 Payroll period 10/1/2022-10/31/2022
Yvonne Larsen \$365.01 Payroll period 10/1/2022-10/31/2022
Heather Myers \$114.29 Payroll period 10/1/2022-10/31/2022
Kristina Winkel \$502.16 Payroll period 10/1/2022-10/31/2022

Tami makes a motion to approve the bills as read. Justin seconds the motion. All those in favor. Justin, eye; Tami, eye; Mayor Pearson, eye. Motion passes

12. Adjournment.

Justin makes a motion to adjourn, Tami seconds. All those in favor. Justin, eye; Tami, eye; Mayor Pearson, eye. Motion passes.

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