

Minutes of the Regular Trenton Town Council Meeting held on Tuesday May 2, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., in the Trenton Town Hall, 17 East Main, Trenton, Utah.

Present:	Mayor:	Lynn Payne
	Councilmember:	Rachelle Ludwinski
		Donny Merrill
		Kyle Kingston
	Clerk	Macall Smith
Excused:	Councilmember	Courtney Andrew

Guests: Marla Trowbridge, Ross Trowbridge, Grry Riddle, Josh Riddle, Tom Griffin, Sandy Spackman, Bob Williams, Christie Williams, Kevin Lloyd, Gloria Hunt, Jeremy Hunt, Chris Merrill, Darrell Merrill, Charles Spackman, Stacey Everhart, Lance Kingston, Roger Nelson, Tom Roark, Kami Egan, Trevor Egan, Brittney Kingston, Rod Hammer, and Seth Mayberry.

Mayor Payne called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

#### **Approval of Agenda**

COUNCILMEMBER KINGSTON MOVED TO APPROVE THE MAY 2, 2023, MEETING AGENDA WITH COUNCILMEMBER LUDWINSKI SECONDING THE MOTION AND ALL COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

The Council noted that there where not enough Councilmembers to approve the minutes at this time.

#### **Public Comment**

Mayor Payne informed the Council and the Public that 800 East has been graded. Councilmember Ludwinski reminded all in attendance that the Council is bound by State law and Trenton laws that are already in place. She also stated that the laws could be changed but would need to be done following the proper procedures.

#### **7:05- Rod Hammer Cache County Fire Chief**

County Fire Chief Rod Hammer commended the Trenton Fire Department on the excellent service that they have given the County in the last few months. He presented them with a letter of commendation for their role in the recent house explosion.

#### **7:15-Lance Kingston- Trenton Town Fire Chief, presentation on status of department**

Fire Chief Kingston explained that he was in attendance to share some of the recent occurrences that have happened in Trenton. He shared the call with Gary Riddle when he was hit by a train in January. Mr. Riddle thanked the Fire/EMS Department for their role in saving his life. Fire Chief Kingston asked that a fire board to be reestablished. He stated that he remembered the board having 3 members plus a representative from the Council. Fire Chief Kingston introduced all the members of the department that were in attendance at the meeting tonight and thanked them for all their service. Mayor Payne asked if Trenton is still on schedule to have an ambulance in town as part of the EMS department. Mayor Payne thanked the fire department for all that they do.

#### **Cemetery Ordinance/ rules and regulations discussion**

Kris Merrill discussed a crypt and shared pictures of possible crypts. The Council noted that crypts are a larger size than a regular casket would be. Mayor Payne discussed designating one spot of cemetery to be a specific area for crypts. COUNCILMEMBER KINGSTON MOVED TO EXPAND THE CEMETERY TO ALLOW FOR CRYPTS IN THAT AREA WITH COUNCILMEMBER LUDWINSKI

SECONDING THE MOTION AND ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE. Mayor Payne was going to look into the designation, and come up with additional guidelines and options for how to make it work.

**Discussion on water efficient landscaping ordinance**

The Council felt that this was not applicable to Trenton and determined to not participate.

**Discussion on status of moving water meter to different property- Tom Griffin**

The two type of meters were discussed. The Council pointed out that there are residential and stock watering meters. The Council discussed if Tom Griffin's meter was a stock water meter or a residential meter. Mr. Griffin asked if he could move the meter as a residential meter and with the agreement that the house be torn down prior to the hook-up being installed. COUNCILMEMBER LUDWINSKI MOVED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION. THERE WAS NO SECOND, THE MOTION FAILED. The Council discussed the issue. Councilmember Kingston discussed approving the move and with Councilmember Ludwinski signing the Zoning Clearance with the agreement that the meter is not turned on before the house is torn down. Mayor Payne, Councilmember Ludwinski and Councilmember Kingston all agreed that this is a workable plan and Councilmember Merrill disagreeing.

**Discussion regarding extending deadlines for water connection timeline-Councilmember Kingston**

Councilmember Kingston discussed changing the timeline for a house in conjunction with the water hook-up deadlines. The Council discussed the change and felt good about allowing for 240 days to get a building permit after obtaining a Zoning Ordinance instead of 120 days. The Council determined to review the change at next month's meeting.

**Ordinance #01-05-2023-Trenton Town Water Ordinance Amended May 2, 2023**

Councilmember Ludwinski read the changes to the ordinance. COUNCILMEMBER LUDWINSKI MOVED TO APPROVE ORDINANCE #01-05-2023 WITH COUNCILMEMBER KINGSTON SECONDING AND COUNCILMEMBERS KINGSTON, LUDWINSKI AND MAYOR PAYNE VOTING IN FAVOR AND COUNCILMEMBER MERRILL ABSTAINING.

**Ordinance #02-05-2023- Business License and Regulation Ordinance**

Councilmember Ludwinski explained that Trenton doesn't have a business license ordinance, and that this ordinance fills that need. COUNCILMEMBER LUDWINSKI MOVED TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE WITH A \$250.00 FINE FOR VIOLATION WITH COUNCILMEMBER MERRILL SECONDING THE MOTION WITH ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

**Discussion on replacement/job description of park/cemetery employee**

The Council discussed that Paul Udy has retired and the town needs to fill the position. They discussed splitting the job in to a groundskeeper for park/cemetery and a sexton for the cemetery. Mayor Payne wondered about having a lawn care service take care of the mowing at the park and cemetery. The Council discussed paying \$17 an hour for the services. COUNCILMEMBER LUDWINSKI MOVED TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR LAWN MOWING SERVICES- GROUNDS KEEPERS, AND SEXTON SERVICES WITH COUNCILMEMBER MERRILL SECONDING THE MOTION AND ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

**Budget Workshop**

Clerk Smith reviewed the financial numbers for the current fiscal year along with proposed changes to individual departments. She also reviewed fiscal year 2024 proposed budget. She asked if the Council had any questions. There were no questions. Councilmember Kingston has talked with the County about property taxes he was told that the easiest thing to do is figure out how much taxes they would like and

work backwards to come up with a rate. Clerk Smith shared that the States biggest concern is that you don't spend more that you say you are going to.

**Park update**

No update for the parks department.

**Water update**

Councilmember Ludwinski stated there was some problems with the chlorinator and as a result a test came back positive for coliform with the result that 200,000 gallons of water needed to be dumped from the tanks asap. She asked Councilmember Kingston to exercise a fire hydrant to take care of this, so that the tank can be refilled and re-chlorinated.

**Planning & Zoning update**

Councilmember Kingston shared that the Merrill lot-split has been finalized and approved. He asked for an update Planning and Zoning list.

**Road update**

Councilmember Merrill shared that pot holes have been filled along with gravel and grading on town roads. The Council discussed the bill for sandbags. Mayor Payne shared that he has talked with Max Pierce about coming up with a plan to improve drainage on the corner of 400 East and 800 South. Councilmember Merrill stated that Stotz has grants available for projects within the town.

**Mayor Update**

Mayor Payne shared that the garbage proposal is the same but is unsure of when the change is providers will occur.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Council, COUNCILMEMBER LUDWINSKI MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:16 PM WITH COUNCILMEMBER KINGSTON SECONDING THE MOTION AND ALL COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.