

Torrey Town Minutes
Torrey Town Hall
75 E. 100 No.
January 11, 2018
6:30pm

Mayor

Scott Chesnut

Council Members Present

Doug Robinson

Pat Kearney

Bronson Oyler

Pearl Stewart

Welcome: Mayor Scott Chesnut welcomed the people and called the meeting of January 11, 2018 to order at 6:33 pm. He stated that this was the regular scheduled monthly meeting and we would follow the agenda as presented with the exception of moving the swearing in of the new Councilmembers up on the agenda.

Administrative business:

Clerk Paula Pace swore in the new Council members Pearl Thorndal –Stewart, and Pat Kearney and Mayor Scott Chesnut. Each will serve for 4 years. She also thanked Dustin Oyler for his service on the council for the past 4 years.

Approval of Minutes of November 9, 2017

Motion to approve the minutes

Made by Pat Kearney

Seconded Bronson Oyler

All were in favor motion passed

Financial report. Treasurer Colleen Dudleston gave a financial report to the council. Councilmembers Doug Robinson and Pat Kearney asked questions. Doug asked if we paid Sterling Codifiers a yearly fee and Colleen said yes we did; \$500 a year. Pat wonder why she made more money than the other councilmembers and Colleen explained it was a computer error and it has since been corrected. Also the question was asked what why so much money was paid to purchase fertilizer. The town bought it bulk to fertilize in the fall and spring.

Motion to accept and pay the bills

Made by Doug Robinson

Seconded by Bronson Oyler

All were in favor

Motion passed.

Colleen explained the audit done by Kimball and Roberts. Any suggested changes, recommendations or errors in our budget are highlighted. She handed out the booklet that was prepared by Kimball and Roberts. They recommended the budget be reviewed quarterly instead of every six months. There was a question on the timely manner the minutes were being placed on the public website. Clerk explained why and she would try to work on getting them on line faster.

Colleen gave each council member a W2 form and to look over for any corrections before preparing the final one to given for tax preparation. Colleen reported on the Christmas Tree Festival. A total of \$1040 was made from the Tree Festival to give to the Veterans fund. We have given money to have the stones cut and readied.

Maintainces Report. Dustin Oyler: Drinking water project bids will be in before the next town meeting for our project. Funding for Rip Wrap is still pending. Jacksons completed the water repair down by Hidden falls. The rip wrap will be done on the crossing, as part of the contract, and if we get money from the NCRS we will do a more extensive rip wrap along bank. The council ask that Colleen send a thank you to the commissioners for the letter to NCRS. Pruning schedule needs to be implemented for our trees. Two trees have been cut down and the stumps will be ground up in about two months.

Council reports:

Pat Kearney Parks and Trees: The Hoe Down was lovely and a lot of fun. Torrey has been designated as a Dark Skies Community by the International Dark Skies Association. This Dark Skies Designation is the first and only town in Utah. Pat read a letter from Mary Bedingfieldsmith telling of the official announcement on January 12, 2018.

Doug Robinson Water: County Commissioners put together a letter to NCRS and hopefully we will have funds in place when the project starts. Dustin met with Kelly and went over the plans and updates have been included in the plans.

Bronson Oyler Cemetery and Roads: Red Cliff needs to fix the potholes in front of their business if the footage is their entry and parking lot. Colleen is in contact with the state road and will notify Red Cliff. Memorial: The Veteran memorial is moving ahead. We are about 2/3 towards our goal. A few changes were made to the monument plans. Jamie Don Pace, and Grundy Concrete will be donating some in-kind work.

Pearl will now be the planning and zoning liaison from the council.

PZ report: Short term rentals. Reported by Diane Borgerding. The Planning and Zoning had two issues they wanted to address. First Temporary Issuances of new short-term rentals licences/permits. (STR) Second consider the character of the town. We need an ordinance that addresses the concerns of the town. The planning and zoning would like the town to form an Ad hoc committee to gather opinions concerning STR. They would like the committee to be made up of 3 people for and 3 against STR. They would also like a councilmember and planning and zoning member to serve on the committe. A survey will then be formulated and given to the people. They would like the council to consider an ordinance halting the STR permits. Compliance to the ordinances is a problem and suggested that the town hire a compliance officer to enforce compliance to the ordinances.

Council approved survey and ad hoc committee. The ordinance was tabled until we check the legalities

Clerk Paula Pace handed out a performances evaluation for the council to review for the next month's meeting. She also asked that they look at the sick leave policy and see if any change was necessary.

Permits/ Licenses /Connections None

Unfinished business : John Bensen gave an update on the pending annexation. Several businesses had some concerns on our ordinances and they would like to meet and get a clearer understanding of our ordinances. The committee will meet to help resolve some of these issues.

Don Burgess. He is using an RV as his permanent residence violating the town ordinance. The council determined this is unacceptable and gave a timeline to reconcile the situation.

Recycling center. Diane Barrett gave an update on the Recycling center. Negotiations are in progress with a company, Prorecycle to collect all the recycleables. The plan is that they will have buildings for each recycled item. They plan to have two small buildings. The council expressed concern about the aesthetics of the center and possible conflicts at the cemetery. Council is in full support of the center but wants to be kept updated.

New Business

The council approved for Dustin to go to the rural water conference in St. George and the end of February.

Mayor Business

Town Council meetings were set. The first of April will begin the 7pm meetings.

Planning and Zoning members. The Town Council appointed as the new P&Z members: Mary Bedingfield Smith, reappointed, Mike Clark and Don Gomes as new members.

RV Problem resolved earlier in the agenda.

Larry Estridge. The Mayor requested that the clerk send quick claim deeds to David Church regarding the property in question. These deeds show that the property was previously deeded to the town.

Community Concern: Don Gomes Torrey Resident. He would like the town to implement a water conservation policy for the use of culinary water during dry years. Don had concerns with short term rentals and if sales and use taxes were being lost. Colleen explained that we collect sales and use tax but not any other taxes. He would like the council to consider the affect of STR may have on people moving here and the hotel businesses.

The council agreed to consider water restrictions and will work on a plan to implement it.

Motion to Adjourn:

Made by Doug Robinson

Seconded, by Bronson Oyler

All were in favor Motion passed

Adjourn at 8:35