

DRAFT MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL,
TOWN OF CASTLE VALLEY
MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 2011 AT 6:30 P.M.
CASTLE VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER
2 CASTLE VALLEY DRIVE

Town Council Members Present: Mayor Dave Erley, Council Members Tory Hill and Brooke Williams.

Others Present: Faylene Roth, Ron Drake.

1. Call to Order: 6:32 P.M.
2. Open Public Comment.

Faylene Roth commented that she felt that preference should be shown to a Castle Valley candidate for the position of the Town Clerk.

Mayor Erley replied that we are looking for certain skills in this position. Certainly, given two candidates with comparable skill sets, we would prefer to hire an individual who lives in Castle Valley. He emphasized that the skill set will be the determining criteria.

New Business:

3. Discussion and Possible Action re: Range Management in the Porcupine Fire Area.

Mayor Erley presented a draft letter to Mr. Michael Diem, District Ranger of the Moab/Monticello Ranger District, expressing our concerns about cattle grazing in the Lower Pinhook pasture. The letter mentions that while the Upper Pinhook pasture has a variety of native perennial grasses in sufficient abundance to withstand some late season grazing, Lower Pinhook is heavily dominated by cheatgrass with scarce perennial grasses present. If cattle are allowed to graze in the Lower Pinhook pasture, they will consume the perennial grasses present and allow the cheatgrass to take over. This presents a very real fire hazard, as cheatgrass is highly flammable as opposed to the less flammable perennial grasses.

Council Member Hill suggested a few amendments to the letter.

Council Member Williams said that it is important that Castle Valley goes on record as this being a large issue for us.

Mayor Erley will edit the letter and put it on the September Regular Town Council Meeting Agenda.

4. Discussion and Possible Action re: Setting Up an Interview Committee for the Town Clerk's Position.

Mayor Erley recommended that this be added to the September 21, 2011 Regular Town Council Meeting Agenda. He also suggested that John Groo or Ron Mengel participate in this Committee. Council Member Hill endorsed this idea, saying that either one of these individuals know the technical skills required for implementing the new database.

Mayor Erley will consult with the Town's attorney about having an individual who is not a Town Council Member participate in these interviews.

5. Discussion and Possible Action re: Town of Castle Valley Clerk's Position.

After commenting that the Town Clerk's Position has now been changed to include technical skills the present Town Clerk does not have, Mayor Erley recommended that the Town Council lay off the present Town Clerk, Denise Lucas, on November 30, 2011.

Council Member Hill motioned to lay off the present Town Clerk, Denise Lucas, on November 30, 2011. Council Member Williams seconded the Motion. Mayor Erley and Council Members Hill and Williams all approved the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

6. Closed Meeting (if needed).

None needed.

Council Member Hill motioned to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Williams seconded the Motion. Mayor Erley and Council Members Hill and Williams all approved the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment: 7:40 P.M.

APPROVED:

ATTESTED:

David D. Erley, Mayor

Denise Lucas, Town Clerk