

MINUTES
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING,
TOWN OF CASTLE VALLEY
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2010 At 6:30 P.M.
CASTLE VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER
2 CASTLE VALLEY DRIVE

Town Council Members Present: David D. Erley, Aaron Davies, Valli Smouse, Tory Hill. **Absent:** Brooke Williams.

Others Present: Mary Beth Fitzburgh, Leta Vaughn, Michael Peck, Laura Cameron, Ron Drake, Phil Freiberg, Richard Willoughby, Joan Sangree, Greg Halliday, Audrey Graham, Faylene Roth.

1. Call to Order: 6:31 P.M.
2. Open Public Comment:

Joan Sangree suggested using this opportunity to remind people of the new policy of limiting audience comments to the Open Public Comment portion of the meetings.

Greg Halliday suggested that the Town Council implement a policy restricting loose dogs. He relayed a story told to him by a friend of his who owns poultry. He said an individual was walking his dogs off-leash and one of the dogs killed one of his roosters. Greg's friend said if it happens again, he'll kill the dog.

Laura Cameron said that she really appreciates the job that the Roads Department has done this year, especially with the unusual amount of snowfall.

Approval of Minutes:

3. Approval of Minutes: December 16, 2009 Regular Town Council Meeting.

Valli motioned to accept the Minutes as presented. Aaron seconded the Motion. Dave, Aaron, Valli and Tory all approved the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes: January 13, 2010 Special Town Council Meeting.

Valli motioned to approve the Minutes as presented. Aaron seconded the Motion. Dave, Aaron, Valli and Tory all approved the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

5. Approval of Minutes: January 20, 2010 Special Town Council Meeting.

Tory motioned to approve the Minutes as presented. Aaron seconded the Motion. Dave, Aaron and Tory all approved the Motion. Valli abstained. The Motion passed with three in favor and one abstained.

6. Reports:

. Roads (Greg Halliday and the Road Committee)

Greg presented a comprehensive monthly report for inclusion in the Red Books.

Dave talked about the need for building a road equipment shed. He mentioned to Audrey Graham that we will need to talk with the County about our priority on the County's project list with the CIB. Audrey said that the new list is made in August.

. PLUC (Mary Beth Fitzburgh)

Mary Beth presented a comprehensive monthly report for inclusion in the Red Books. There were no questions from the Town Council.

7. Discussion and Possible Action re: Tentative Plans to Purchase New Computer and Bring Financials In-house.

Mike Baird from ComputerWise gave us his recommendation on what we would need in new equipment and software and what he expected the cost to be.

The cost came to just under \$1,900 and Dave called for a motion to spend up to \$2,000 to upgrade our computer and software.

Tory motioned to spend up to \$2,000 to upgrade our computer and software. Valli seconded the Motion. Dave, Aaron, Valli and Tory all approved the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

8. Discussion and Possible Action re: Hiring for Water Rights Agent Position.

Dave announced that he hired Ron Mengel for the Water Rights Agent position. .

10. Discussion and Possible Action re: Appointment of PLUC Position.

Eddie Morandi submitted a letter of interest with regard to filling the open seat on the PLUC for the term ending June 30, 2010. Dave recommended that Eddie be appointed. Valli motioned to appoint Eddie Morandi. Tory seconded the Motion. Dave, Aaron, Valli and Tory all approved the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

11. Discussion and Possible Action re: Regarding the Town's Status as a Public Water Provider and Asking the State Engineer's Office to Consider Closing the Castle Valley Aquifer Within the Municipal Boundaries to Further Water Rights Appropriations.

Aaron moved to accept the letter and to send it to Marc Stilson. Tory seconded the Motion. Dave, Aaron, Valli and Tory all approved the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

12. Discussion and Possible Action re: SITLA's Obligation to Follow Local Land Use Code.

The Council agreed that it is in the interest of the Town for SITLA to follow the County Land Use Code. Audrey Graham said that other counties and cities are furious about this. Mayor Sakrison (from Moab) and members of the County Council are planning to go to Salt Lake City to talk with SITLA representatives and our Legislative representatives. The Town Council agrees that it is appropriate for Dave to go with them in his capacity as Mayor of Castle Valley. The Town Council authorized Dave to go specifically to voice that SITLA should comply with local land use ordinances.

Old Business:

13. Discussion and Possible Action re: Bruce Keeler's Reappointment to the Solid Waste Board.

Tory motioned to retain Bruce Keeler as the Solid Waste Board Representative for the Town of Castle Valley. Aaron seconded the Motion. Dave, Aaron, Valli and Tory all approved the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

14. Discussion and Possible Action re: The Town of Castle Valley Sending a Letter to Grand County Asking for a Letter of Support for the Willow Basin Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

The Town Council agreed that this was a good idea, but wanted to revise the letter to the Forest Service to better present our recommendations. It was also agreed that the letter, once finalized, should be sent to the City of Moab, and ask for their support.

15. Discussion and Possible Action re: Town of Castle Valley Support for the Willow Basin Community Wildfire Protection Plan and Sending a Letter of Support to the Forest Service.

Both Aaron and Valli asked for related scientific studies to justify the additional or expanded recommendations.

Dave offered to get more information and to work with Mary O'Brien on this. Audrey Graham had a few suggestions, as well. The Town Council agreed that if Dave could find the science to back up the three points in the letter, they would support it. Dave asked if they could support these changes via email. This procedure was agreed upon.

16. Discussion and Possible Action re: The Town Clerk Becoming a Notary.

Tory motioned to approve this. Valli seconded the Motion. Dave, Aaron, Valli and Tory all approved the Motion. The Motion was approved unanimously.

17. Payment of Bills.

Tory motioned to pay as presented. Valli seconded the Motion. Dave, Aaron, Valli and Tory all approved the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

18. Closed Meeting (if needed).

None needed.

Valli motioned to adjourn the meeting. Tory seconded the Motion. Dave, Aaron, Valli and Tory all approved the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment: 8:30 P.M.

APPROVED:

ATTESTED:

David D. Erley, Mayor

Denise Lucas, Town Clerk