

MINUTES
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING,
TOWN OF CASTLE VALLEY
JANUARY 20, 2010 – 6:30 P.M.
CASTLE VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER
2 CASTLE VALLEY DRIVE

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

Others Present: Ron Mengel, Joan Sangree, Greg Halliday, Ron Drake, Lesley Craig, Faylene Roth, Leta Vaughn, Mary Beth Fitzburgh, Mary Rees.

1. Call to Order: 6:30 P.M.
2. Open Public Comment.

Dave read a portion of a letter from Randy Jorgen regarding the 2010 U.S. Census. He then referred interested individuals directly to Randy, encouraged people to fill out their census forms and gave a copy of the letter to Ron Drake for inclusion in his column as appropriate.

Approval of Minutes:

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

Tabled. To review procedural requirements.

4. Approval of Minutes: January 6, 2010 Special Town Council Meeting.

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

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

Aaron motioned to table the Minutes until the Town Council has had a chance to review them. Brooke seconded the Motion. Dave, Aaron, Tory and Brooke all approved the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

6. Reports:

. Roads (Greg Halliday and the Roads Committee)

Greg mentioned that he has located an all-wheel-drive road grader that is 12

years newer than the 4-wheel drive grader we currently have, and which would allow us to plow roads with steep slopes which our present grader will not allow us to do. The monetary outlay to buy the grader, minus the trade-in on our old one would be somewhere in the neighborhood of \$40,000. Dave asked Greg to check into the difference in maintenance on different graders, as he understands that the all-wheel-drive graders require significantly more maintenance than the 4-wheel drives.

At this point in the meeting, Dave mentioned that he will be running the Town Council meetings differently than the previous administration. He intends to run them similar to the City of Moab and Grand County Council meetings, with no public comment except during the Open Public Comment portion of the meetings. The Council maintains the right to question the public but at the Council's discretion. This does not apply to Public Hearing meetings. He encouraged those with concerns to contact the Town directly at townofcastlevalley@frontiernet.net.

. PLUC (Mary Beth Fitzburgh)

The PLUC intends to combine all of their land use ordinances into one large document with an index.

New Business:

7. Discussion and Possible Action re: Willow Basin Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

Dave and Aaron have been attending these meetings that are nearing the end of a process to come up with alternatives for the Forest Service to consider regarding the fuels treatment projects in Willow Basin. These alternatives would incorporate increased protection for the Castle Valley watershed, firefighters, and Willow Basin property owners.

We must have a proposal into the Forest Service by February 15, 2010. We have combined our efforts with Utah Environmental Congress, Grand Canyon Trust, and Red Rock Forests, plus Willow Basin landowners.

Tory commented that she is not comfortable appointing people to act on something she has not even seen. Aaron suggested that the Council be e-mailed the current proposed alternatives and any changes that occur after the next meeting on February 8, 2010. Dave says that the big issue is how the Forest Service manages the land after the treatment.

There may be a special Town Council meeting sometime after February 8 to discuss and decide if we are in agreement with the proposed alternatives being presented to the Forest Service.

Tory motioned to table the item. Brooke seconded the Motion. Dave, Aaron, Tory and Brooke all approved the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

8. Discussion and Possible Action re: Clerk Becoming a Notary Public.

The idea of the Town Clerk becoming a notary public for the benefit of the townspeople was brought up by Dave. After some discussion, Brooke motioned for Denise to look into costs and email this information to the Town Council to bring up at next month's meeting. Tory seconded the Motion. Dave, Aaron, Tory and Brooke all approved the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

9. Discussion and Possible Action re: Water User Agreement Letter(s).

Dave said he and Denise had processed approximately 18 of these letters today. Dave has been taking responsibility as Waters Rights Agent under his position as Mayor.

Dave also mentioned the database that Scott Brackett has created. This database will be used, along with updating the 40 year plan every 5 years, as a substitute for 'proving up' with the State.

At this point, Ron Mengel submitted a written list of questions and concerns. Brooke suggested that we put Ron's questions, with the answers, on the website as "Frequently Asked Questions".

No action taken.

10. Discussion and Possible Action re: Alternative Energy Grant Application.

A grant application completed and mailed by Dave yesterday would, if granted, provide us with \$41,000 in solar panels to offset the electricity used in our Town building. This would be for a ground-mounted system (versus roof-mounted) due to the high winds in Castle Valley and potential leaks. This is a State grant from the Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant. If approved, 100% of the funds must be committed by April 2011 and 100% of the funds must be spent by Oct. 2013.

11. Discussion and Possible Action re: Sick Pay Policy.

Brooke motioned to research this item to find out what similar organizations do, put this on the Agenda for the February meeting and vote on it. Tory seconded the Motion. Dave, Aaron, Tory and Brooke all approved the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

12. Discussion and Possible Action re: CUP Revision Approval on Lot 52.

Brooke motioned to approve this application. Tory seconded the Motion. Dave, Aaron, Tory and Brooke all approved the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

13. Discussion and Possible Action re: Reappointing Bruce Keeler as Castle Valley's Representative to the Grand County Solid Waste District Board.

Bruce talked with Dave and asked to be reappointed to this position. Brooke motioned to keep Bruce as our representative until we determine the proper procedure for appointing someone to this Board. Dave agreed, with the stipulation that we appoint him if there are no posting requirements. Tory suggested looking into the procedures and seconded the Motion.

The Town Council voted down the Motion.

Brooke amended the Motion to table it until the February meeting, during which time we will investigate the posting requirements. Tory seconded the Motion. Dave, Aaron, Tory and Brooke all approved the Motion. The Motion was approved unanimously.

Old Business:

None.

14. Payment of Bills.

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

15. Closed Meeting (if needed).

None needed.

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

Adjournment: 8:05 P.M.

APPROVED:

ATTESTED:

David D. Erley, Mayor

Denise Lucas, Town Clerk