

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF CASTLE VALLEY
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2008 AT 6:30 P.M.
CASTLE VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER
2 CASTLE VALLEY DRIVE

Town Council Members Present: Damian Bollermann, Jim Lindheim, Ranna Bieschke, Valli Smouse, Aaron Davies. Ranna Bieschke arrived at 6:45 P.M., therefore Items 3 and 4 were voted on with only four Town Council Members present.

Others Present: Dave Erley, Audrey Graham, Joan Sangree, Cris Coffey, Ron Mengel, Jack Campbell, Leta Vaughn, Mary Beth Fitzburgh, Ron Drake, Greg Halliday.

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

Ron Mengel said that he and his wife, Jennifer, had requested a clarification of their Town water right in 2006, 2007 and again in 2008. They presented their request to the Town Clerk.

Dave Erley said that there will be a clean-up of Pace Hill on Saturday, September 20, at 8:00 A.M. He encouraged everyone to participate.

Dave also stated that there would be a revegetation effort in the aftermath of the Porcupine Ranch fire on October 24, 25 and 26.

Audrey Graham said that starting date of the Interlocal Agreement with regard to Castle Valley Drive has been extended for another year.

Audrey also mentioned that the deadline for voter registration in the November election is three weeks prior to the election.

Jack Campbell commented that there are stretches of Castle Valley Drive that are in such bad repair that they are unlikely to make it through the winter without excessive costs to repair them next year.

Approval of Minutes:

3. Approval of Minutes: August 18, 2008 Executive Session of the Town Council.

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

4. Approval of Minutes: August 20, 2008 Regular Meeting of the Town Council.

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

5. Approval of Minutes: August 27, 2008 Special Meeting of the Town Council.

Jim motioned to suspend the order of business until Ranna arrived. Valli seconded the Motion. Damian, Jim, Valli and Aaron all approved the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

When Ranna arrived, she motioned to approve the Minutes as presented. Aaron seconded the Motion. Damian, Jim and Ranna approved the Motion. Valli and Aaron abstained. The Motion passed with three in favor, two abstained.

6. Reports:

. Roads (Damian Bollermann and the Roads Committee)

Damian reported on current projects.

Jim said that we are still on the CIB list to get our new drainage study done. To move this forward, we need to get an estimate from an engineering firm for how much it would cost to do the study.

Ron Mengel commented that, unless the road repairs are engineered, the repairs will have to be done over and over again.

Jack Campbell said that, because of increased fire sensitivity, the Fire Department is concerned that all roads are two-way roads for equipment access.

. PLUC (Mary Beth Fitzburgh)

Mary Beth provided a written report for the Town Council's Red Books and answered questions from the Town Council about items in this report.

Faylene Roth provided a report on building permits issued in the August/September timeframe.

New Business:

7. Report from the Utah Geological Survey Regarding Monitoring Wells.

Damian reported that the monitoring wells have been relatively stable over the last few years. He further commented that the Jenks well shows lower nitrate levels this year than in the past.

8. Appointment to the Board of Adjustments.

There will actually be two positions open on September 30, 2008. These positions have already been posted.

Mary Beth Fitzburgh asked Jennifer Mengal to have Rob Soldat, who had expressed his willingness to continue on the Board, reapply for one of these positions.

The closing date for Letters of Interest is October 15, 2008.

9. Fire Protection.

The Town Council and the meeting attendees recognized the outstanding effort put forth by our volunteer Fire Department during the recent Porcupine Ranch fire. Aaron suggested having Firewise information on the Town website in a way that draws people's attention to the need to act (i.e., having a tab just for Firewise with suggested Firewise actions clearly listed, having two specific pictures mentioned by the Fire Chief on the website showing two houses after a fire, one with Firewise principles used and one without. These pictures show how the house with Firewise principles used had no damage and the other house was burned).

Aaron will work with the Fire Department on designing information on the website to encourage fire protection.

Ron Mengel suggested working with the Town on a formal communication process.

10. Amending the Interlocal Agreement with Grand County Regarding Castle Valley Drive.

Damian commented that there have been two changes made to the Interlocal Agreement with Grand County: 1) the date of chipsealing; and 2) the effective date of the Agreement.

There will be a copy of the amended Agreement in next month's Red Books.

Jim motioned to table this item. Aaron seconded the Motion. Damian, Jim, Ranna, Valli and Aaron all approved the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

11. Changing Our Unemployment Insurance Status from Reimbursable to Contributory.

After much discussion, the Town Council decided to leave this as reimbursable.

12. Methods of Contacting Castle Valley Citizens in Case of an Emergency.

Aaron suggested that the Town Council look into ways for the Town to communicate with citizens and for citizens to communicate with the Town in the event of an emergency. Also, to look at what events would require this communication.

There was discussion with regard to additional ways to contact people who hear the siren and must be alerted to what type of emergency and what type of action to take. Jack Campbell suggested an inverted 911 system that would give details on the emergency. Denise Lucas suggested appointing one person per road, or one person for each side of the road, to alert residents on those roads. Audrey Graham stated the importance of checking with homebound people.

Jim mentioned that he has been in two evacuations, and in both cases the police went down streets with megaphones and directed people to evacuate.

Ron Mengel suggested forming a committee to think this through. In case of an emergency, it is possible that our power may be affected. He further suggested having a joint committee with the Town and the Fire Department, and to give Corky Brewer (of the Fire Department in Moab) a call to begin this. Also, there is a Local Emergency Planning Committee (i.e., LEPC) that meets every month for this type of discussion, and some of our Castle Valley people may want to get involved in this. Mary Beth Fitzburgh nominated Ron Drake and Damian nominated Greg Halliday to represent Castle Valley.

Ranna asked if the Castle Valley siren works. Both Ron Drake and Ron Mengel replied that they believed it does. Jack Campbell suggested doing a test on the siren to make certain it works.

13. Appointment of a Castle Valley Representative to the United States Forest Service Regarding Restoration Efforts in our Watershed.

Jim has already talked with Alice Drogin about this and she has expressed a willingness to do this.

Dave Erley commented that Mary O'Brien has some ideas on revegetation.

Jim commented that our watershed had been of primary concern to Alice during her term as a Town Council Member, and he thought she would do a good job.

Jim motioned that Alice Drogin be nominated as the Castle Valley Representative regarding restoration efforts in our watershed. Ranna seconded the Motion. Damian, Jim, Ranna, Valli and Aaron all approved the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

14. Castle Valley Gourd Festival.

Cris Coffey gave a brief presentation on the Gourd Festival and requested funds from the Town that could be used toward food.

Jim motioned to allocate \$250.00 (the same amount that was allocated last year) to the Gourd Festival. Ranna seconded the Motion. Damian, Jim, Ranna, Valli and Aaron all approved the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

15. Job Description for the Roads Department Manager.

Aaron prepared and submitted a job description for the Roads Department Manager position. Damian feels that this is an accurate description of the duties entailed in the position.

The Town Council agreed that Denise will post the Job Description on the website and bulletin boards. It will remain open until filled.

16. Role of the Road Committee.

Valli submitted a draft ordinance establishing a Castle Valley Road Committee. Jim commented that, while he likes what he sees, he believes that ordinances should wait for a little time before passing. Also, the Town Council just received this draft two days ago and he feels they should all look at it with more than two days' notice. He suggested it be put on next month's agenda.

Jim motioned to table the ordinance. Aaron seconded the Motion. Damian, Jim, Ranna, Valli and Aaron all approved the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

17. Castle Creek Channel Maintenance.

Damian talked with SITLA and they are happy to give us a Right of Entry as long as we list them on our liability policy as a co-insured, which we have already done.

Damian plans to check further on this with Gerry Kinghorn.

Valli commented that she believes something of this magnitude will require an engineer.

Damian will talk with Gerry Kinghorn and bring the matter back to the Council for discussion.

Damian further commented that he is also concerned about the legal opinion of what the implications are if we do nothing and what the implications are if we do something. He will also look into the costs.

18. Revising the 2009 Budget.

Jim commented that we currently have a need to redo the budget due to various factors such as the delay in the effective date of the Interlocal Agreement with Grand County, the scholarship funding arriving in the last fiscal year but being dispersed in the current fiscal year, and the reduction in the interest rates we are earning in our savings account. Also, the budget had an error in recognizing the Mayor's salary and now we were talking about an increase in the cost of the Road Manager.

Jim proposed to email the Town Council proposed revisions and to hold a public hearing on a revised budget in October.

19. Paying the VISA Bills Online (tabled).

Jim motioned to untable. Valli seconded the Motion. Damian, Jim, Ranna, Valli and Aaron all approved the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

No action was taken.

20. Proposed Ordinance 2008 – 3 (tabled).

Jim motioned to take the Ordinance off of the table. Aaron seconded the Motion. Damian, Jim, Ranna and Aaron all approved the Motion, Valli opposed. The Motion passed with four in favor, one opposed.

Jim urged the Council to consider this Ordinance next month and that a copy be placed in the Red Books for the October meeting.

Jim motioned to retable. Ranna seconded the Motion. Damian, Jim, Ranna, Valli and Aaron all approved the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

21. Housing Decommissioning Contract (tabled).

Left tabled.

22. Payment of Bills.

Jim motioned to approve bills as amended. Ranna seconded the Motion. Damian, Jim, Ranna, Valli and Aaron all approved the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

23. Executive Session (if required).

None required.

Valli motioned to adjourn the Meeting. Ranna seconded the Motion. Damian, Jim, Ranna, Valli and Aaron all approved the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment: 9:31 P.M.

APPROVED:

ATTESTED:

Damian Bollermann, Mayor

Denise Lucas, Town Clerk