

Minutes  
Regular Meeting of the Town Council  
Town of Castle Valley  
Wednesday, September 21, 2011, at 6:30 P.M.  
Castle Valley Community Center  
2 Castle Valley Drive

**Town Council Members Present:** Mayor Erley, Council Member Williams, Council Member Hill.

**Absent:** Council Member Henry

**Others Present:** Ron Drake, Roads Manager Halliday, Bob Schumaker, Jim Martin, Bruce Aldrich, Cynthia Aldrich, Leta Vaughn, Mary Beth Fitzburgh, Ed Derderian

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

Jim Martin requested that the Town of Castle Valley take an active role to prevent the installation of residential Smart Meters (an automated reader system) by Rocky Mountain Power. He reported his concern about the health effects of electromagnetic radiation and his feeling that this system is an unnecessary complication of the billing process. He contacted RMP's Customer Service Department to opt out of the system but was told that individuals may not opt out. He is aware, though, that some communities have been able to opt out of the system.

According to Bruce Aldrich, the Smart Meters emit microwave radiation continuously over a 24/7 period and transmit over a distance up to three miles. The meters communicate with one another and can potentially communicate with individual appliances within a home. He reported that concerns have been raised nationwide about health issues, fire issues, and the accuracy of the meters. He feels that Castle Valley does not currently have much exposure to microwave radiation and does not favor the added exposure that the automated reader system would bring. He, too, called RMP to opt out, but was told it was not possible. He encouraged the Town Council to opt out as a community. He noted that even if individuals were able to opt out individually, they would still be affected by the surrounding meters of their neighbors.

Cynthia Aldrich expressed her concerns about exposure to ELF (extremely low frequency) radiation and the unauthorized tracking that this technology makes available about when people are home and what they are doing, based on the meter's capability to communicate with individual appliances. She also reported on health problems and the

fire danger of sparking from the meters that have been reported in communities that have had them for over a year.

Ed Derderian reported that the World Health Organization has said that the Smart Meters pose a danger to health. He does not want to see them installed for the profit of RMP at the expense of his health. He also noted that there is a lot of information about the health issues of the meters provided by the Santa Cruz, California, community which did opt out of the system.

Bob Schumaker commented that his gas bill had increased after a smart meter was installed by the gas company in Ohio, where he lived before moving here. He had to pay to have it replaced, but it did result in a decrease in his gas bill.

Mary Beth expressed her concern that individuals are unable to verify the accuracy of the meters because the new meters do not allow you to read them.

There was general discussion about whether the meters use radio waves or microwave radiation.

Mayor Erley offered to contact RMP to explore this issue and asked that those present provide the Council with additional information and the names of communities that have opted out. He suggested that those concerned submit a petition to the Town Council signed by residents within Castle Valley who would like to see the Town opt out of the automated reader system.

On a separate matter, Faylene Roth announced that the Castle Valley Library will host a book discussion group at 6:00 P.M. On November 1, 2011, as part of the annual Moab Reads program, sponsored by the Grand County Public Library. This year's book selection is **Refuge** by Terry Tempest Williams. The date will be posted in the Events section on the Town's website.

3. Approval of Minutes:

- Approval of Minutes: July 20, 2011, Regular Town Council Meeting.

No action was taken.

- Approval of Minutes: August 17, 2011, Regular Town Council Meeting.

Council Member Williams moved to approve the Minutes as presented. Council Member Hill seconded the Motion. Mayor Erley, Council Member Williams, and Council Member Hill all approved the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

- Approval of Minutes: August 22, 2011, Regular Town Council Meeting.

Council Member Williams moved to approve the Minutes as presented. Council Member Hill seconded the Motion. Mayor Erley, Council Member Williams, and Council Member Hill all approved the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

- Approval of Minutes: September 8, 2011, Regular Town Council Meeting.

No action was taken.

4. Reports:

- Roads (Roads Manager).

The Roads Manager submitted a Roads Report that was included in the Red Books, and clarified the Blue Stakes request for location of utilities on Buchanan. Mayor Erley reported that he had received a request from a resident for river cobble at the lower crossing in the Upper 80 and discussed progress and future plans for management of the flood retention pond that affects drainage in the lower area of Pope Lane. The Roads Manager reported that Placer Creek was no longer running. The road through the Creek will be smoothed once it dries out.

- Planning and Land Use Commission (PLUC Chair).

The PLUC Chair submitted a PLUC Report that was included in the Red Books. There was discussion of how questions for the 2007 General Plan Survey were generated and what to include in the 2012 Survey.

- Treasurer's Report (Treasurer).

The Treasurer submitted a Treasurer's Report that was included in the Red Books. She reported that she has spoken with the Utah State Auditor about new reporting requirements and reported that the Town is currently in the process of preparing for an upcoming routine audit.

5. Discussion and Possible Action re: Appointment of New Town Council Member to Fill the Seat of Aaron Davies for the Remainder of his Term (i.e., December 31, 2011).

Mayor Erley reported that he had received a letter of interest from Ms. Drogin. He recommended that the Town Council appoint her to serve the remainder of the open term. Council Member Williams moved to select Alice to serve the remainder of Council Member Davies' term. Council Member Hill seconded the Motion. Mayor Erley, Council Member Williams, and Council Member Hill all approved the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

6. Discussion and Possible Action re: Bid Language for the Server/Database Project.

Closing day for receiving bids is Thursday, September 22, 2011. A Special Meeting to open the bids is scheduled for Monday, September 26, 2011. Mayor Erley reported that there have been very few inquiries. There was a discussion about rewording and reopening the bid to allow the Town to buy the equipment directly. This could lower the cost of the equipment since the Town is exempt from payment of sales tax and could open the bid to a wider group of bidders.

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

Mayor Erley suggested that he, John Groo, and one Council Member serve on the Interview Committee. Council Member Henry has expressed interest in serving on the Committee.

Council Member Williams motioned to appoint Mayor Erley, John Groo, and Council Member Henry to the Interview Committee with Council Member Drogin as an alternate. Council Member Hill seconded the Motion. Mayor Erley, Council Member Williams, and Council Member Hill all approved the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

8. Discussion and Possible Action re: A Resolution Regarding the Transfer of Well and Water Use Agreement.

Mayor Erley asked for Town Council approval of this Resolution which creates a Town Policy for transferring the current Water Use Agreement on a lot to a new owner when property is sold. Ron Mengel, Water Use Agent, and Gerry Kinghorn, Town Attorney, developed the Resolution and Kinghorn recommends its approval.

Council Member Hill motioned to adopt Resolution 2011-7: A Resolution Implementing a Formal Policy for Dealing with the Transfer of Well and Water Use Agreements. Council Member Williams seconded the Motion. Mayor Erley, Council Member Williams, and Council Member Hill all approved the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

9. Discussion and Possible Action re: Changing Banks That the Town Does Business With.

After a brief discussion of bank service, Council Member Hill motioned that the Town of Castle Valley change banks from Wells Fargo to Zion Bank. Council Member Williams seconded the Motion. Mayor Erley, Council Member Williams, and Council Member Hill all approved the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

10. Discussion and Possible Action re: What Elements of the Colorado River Scenic Corridor Management Plan That the Town of Castle Valley Would Like to See Incorporated into the Grand County General Plan Revision Process.

Council Members discussed the incorporation of the Colorado River Scenic Corridor Management Plan into the current revision of the Grand County General Plan. The Council Members and the Planning Commission Chair expressed their support of retaining the Management Plan as a separate subplan within the County's General Plan. However, several people acknowledged that Grand County would most likely incorporate the current Management Plan within the text of the new General Plan.

Those present felt it was important that the Town of Castle Valley express their preference to the County but also inform the County of which elements of the Management Plan are most important to the Town to ensure that those elements will be included in the General Plan. A letter, which includes most of the points within the original document, addressed to Krissy Killoy (Grand County Planner), the Grand County Planning and Zoning Commission, and Gabe Preston (RPI Consulting) has been drafted and presented to the Town Council for approval.

Council Member Williams moved that the Town Council approve the letter presented, dated September 20, 2011, from the Town of Castle Valley to Krissie Killoy. Council Member Hill seconded the Motion. After a brief procedural discussion, Mayor Erley, Council Member Williams, and Council Member Hill all approved the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

11. Payment of Bills.

Council Member Williams motioned to pay bills as presented. Council Member Hill seconded the Motion. Mayor Erley, Council Member Williams, and Council Member Hill all approved the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

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

Adjournment: 7:51 P.M.

**APPROVED:**

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