

MINUTES
Town Council Meeting of the Town of Castle Valley
Thursday, June 9, 2005 at Castle Valley Community Center

Call to Order 6:37 PM

Council members present: Bruce Keeler, Dar Hatch, Robert Ryan, Bob Lippman.

Others present: Damian Bollermann, Cris Coffey, Ron Drake, Nephi Williams, Jack Campbell, Catherine Howells.

Recorder: Rebecca Martin.

1) Approval of Minutes of May 12, 2005, Town Council meeting. No changes; Minutes stand as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

2) Water Working Group: The WWG is drafting a recommendation to the Town that the Council pursue municipal use status from the State.

3) Update from Water Agent: Catherine reported that she has finished hardest part of getting historic dates for change applications for the 05709 water right.

4) Road Department: Upper Pace, Upper Pope, and Upper Buchanan Lanes are all getting gravel, being firmed up & “widened a touch”. Dar has been doing some widening on Cliff View with his backhoe. They believe that some blasting may be necessary and are seeking information on blasters in the area.

5) Planning & Zoning Commission: There was no P&Z meeting on June 8, 2005.

6) Fire Department Report:

A written report was submitted by Ron Mengel on the Firewise program. Several private properties have been cleared, and the in-kind funding has been used up, now, until September. The funding is a matching grant based on hours logged by people doing work related to fire prevention, including mowing the high cheat grass for a fire break and clearing brush from the green belt. If people do such work, they can find a log form in the black mailbox next to Smokey and can get information from Dianne Vaughn who is keeping track of the matching grant hours.

Jack asked about the “no burn” status in the Valley. Bruce explained that CV has adopted the state’s policy, so that if someone wants to burn on their property, they should call the sheriff’s office to find out the status at any given time. The Sheriff is also the place to call if you notice someone is burning and you think it may not be appropriate.

Jack noted that South Salt Lake fires are being started by people parking on the cheat grass and that providing information and cheat grass-free parking for guests is important.

Ron Drake reported that 15 members of the volunteer fire department have finished 40 hours of training, and both practical and written tests to be certified as Wildland fire fighters in accordance with State regulations.

7) POA Board: No report.

8) Grand County Recreational Services Board: No report.

9) Landscaping Committee

The committee has met several times. There are four active members. Nephi is doing community service and supervisory work to earn his eagle scout badge. Ken Drogen arranged for black pipe as temporary irrigation which has been installed by Nephi. The face along the road will be completed first. Fill will be brought in to fill in along the perimeters of all the side walks

to avoid the hazard currently posed by the drop-off. This will help to prepare for the eventual purchase of the benches planned for the pavilion. The weed clearing and other work will happen one section at a time. A hose is needed for fire prevention at the BBQ/pavilion. Other items needed include a rake, a shovel, a weed whacker, a machete, and other tools.

Cris Coffey offered to do "stoop labor" if extra hands are needed.

10) Solid Waste District Report

The funding for the district looks good this year because there is a lot of construction. The tipping fees are up, and mineral lease money is up. The district will play a big role in licensing the federal facility for the Atlas Tailings Pile Removal project.

OLD BUSINESS

11) Discussion and possible action re: adoption of Amendments to the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Town Budget.

The information is not all available and compiled, so Bruce announced that **the adoption of the amendments to the Fiscal Year 2005 Budget will be handled at a special meeting to be held Monday, June 27, 2005, at 7:00PM, at #2 Castle Valley Drive.**

12) Discussion and possible action re: Monitoring Wells Project.

The Town does not have a contract yet. Utah Geologic Survey wants to hold off long enough to be sure the archaeological work is complete before the Town signs a contract because the driller would have to be here within three weeks of signing.

13) Discussion and possible action re: Appointments to Board of Adjustments.

No one new has presented themselves yet. One or two members will be remaining from the old board, and a total of five members are needed to compose the board. **Rebecca will post a flier, and also put something in the papers, advertising for interested persons to apply to join the Board of Adjustment.** Mark Webster may be interested.

NEW BUSINESS

14) Discussion & possible action re: Proposed Town Budget for Fiscal Year 2005-2006.

In order to fulfill the State requirement for a public hearing, **this agenda item will be placed as an action item on the Special Meeting agenda, at 7:00 PM, on June 27, 2005, at the community building.** The proposed budget includes an income of \$132,112, with expenses balancing that total. Income is made up mostly of property tax, B&C road funds, and sales tax. The budget has not changed much over the past five years.

Rebecca noted for the record that the year end figures listed on the handout are incomplete, and should not be taken to be accurate.

15) Comments by Council Members. None.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

16) Communications to/from the Town.

[Note from the Clerk: The Building Department Report was intended to be included as a regular part of the agenda under the list of reports, but was accidentally left off, so the written report was given to the Council members as a communication to the Town for this meeting.] (Building Department Report included with these minutes)

The State Department of Commerce requires the Town to keep their contact information available and updated for the Department to give out in case someone requests information in order to wage a law suit against the Town. (letter included with these minutes) **Rebecca will follow the instructions to update the information if it is not up to date.**

Bruce read aloud Jim Adamson's written response to the Town's request for him to look into complaints about issues on Lot 100 (letter included). **The specific complaints that Adamson says are up to the Town to deal with are junk cars, junk materials stored on the lot and the trailer that was moved onto the lot.** The State places the responsibility with the town to specify through its ordinances, what may be stored, in what quantities, for how long, etc.

A certified letter was sent, but no record of it being picked up has come back to the Town. Once the letter is received, a thirty day time period for Robin to begin dealing with complaints will begin. There is no further clarity with regard to who will serve as the responsible party in terms of lot ownership.

A letter was faxed from the Town in support of the Land Exchange proposed between the BLM and SITLA, to the Utah delegation: Jim Matheson, Bob Bennett, Orin Hatch, Chris Cannon and Rob Bishop. (letter included) This land exchange would be very favorable, both for Castle Valley and for SITLA.

Bruce read aloud a letter from Jim Adamson detailing the clean-up of contaminated soil and the removal of an illegal 1,000 underground fuel tank on Lot 53. (letter included) Jim Martin will not have bulk fuel storage on his property in the future.

Grand County sent a memo confirming that the County will file residential building department updates with the State on behalf of Castle Valley, thus fulfilling the new filing requirements of HB 136 and HB 105. (memo included)

[Note from the Clerk: Bulletins, newsletters and announcements for water conservation or other rural life issues conferences, meetings and workshops are provided as part of the communications to the Town, and are placed in people's in-boxes or posted as appropriate on an on-going basis.]

A memo was received from the State Legislative Printing Office outlining a Resolution encouraging local government entities to use mediation as a preferred option to deal with disputes. (memo included)

Utah League of Cities and Towns sent a memo that "Planning" will be the designated topic for the September 15, SLC, meeting of the UT League of Cities and Towns.(memo included) Utah rural summit. Southern Utah University.

Pam Hackley submitted to Bruce a copy of the new USFS Planning regulations, i.e., how changes are made and what they mean. **Rebecca will have a copy available in the office if anyone wants one.**

17) Open Public Comment Period.

Catherine has submitted a bill for her portion of the septic system survey grant. This will be reviewed in connection with Jerry's information for the larger budget picture before being paid, and will be a reimbursement from Mike Lowe, i.e., it will come out of the general fund to meet Catherine's request.

Catherine reported that she now has Prairie Dawg's records for pumping going back five years as part of the septic survey. Personal records of septic system locations and pumping histories are still being researched. Catherine is meeting with Prairie Dawg to see if there are any records from before the current owners bought the business five years ago.

Bob passed on a caution to drivers, related to him from Pam Hackley, to be aware that there is an increase in unlicensed kids on ORVs traveling on the roads. Discussion ensued. Road use by these unlicensed vehicles is illegal. Most ORVs cannot be made “street-legal”. Nephi had inquired about licensing ORVs with the sheriff department, but may not have specified “on-road vs. off-road” In the past, approaching the parents of the kids riding on the roads has been somewhat successful.

Dar brought in a copy of an article and picture published in the Times Independent newspaper about the Route 128 overhang issue. The State knocked down some of the problematic overhanging rock with a stick thus “fixing” the problem. The warning signs have been removed, as the Town had advocated.

Treasurer’s Report: No report. Rebecca read aloud the list of bills so the Council had information to pay the bills. A list of the bills presented is included with these minutes.

18) Payment of Bills:

Robert moved, and Bob seconded, to pay the bills as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

19) Executive Session: None needed.

ADJOURNMENT

Bob moved, and Robert seconded the motion, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 7:35 PM.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

REBECCA MARTIN, CLERK/RECORDER