

Torrey Town Minutes
Regular Meeting held December 12, 2013
Town Hall. 75 E 100 No.
6:00 pm

Mayor Adus Dorsey II Present

Council Members Present

Curtis Cook
Janet Hansen
Ty Markham Skyped In
Jennifer Howe

Welcome: Mayor Adus Dorsey welcomed the people and called the meeting of December 12, 2013, to order at 6:38 pm. Mayor Dorsey stated that this meeting was the regular monthly meeting. A motion was made to accept the minutes of regular meeting held November 14, 2013; with corrections, by Council member Janet Hansen seconded by Council member Jen Howe. All council members voted in favor.

Financial Report: Colleen Dudleston. Colleen gave a six month budget report. She felt that the budget was looking good at this point. Some areas were a little over and some were a bit under, but over all we were where we should be at this time. Colleen gave a reconciliation report, cash summary, check, and individual department report. The Mayor asked the question if there were any major differences in the dollar amount spent this year as compared to the this time last year, Colleen said we are right where we should be for a six month check. Mayor Dorsey asked about the maintenance budget and some of the money spent, Colleen explained we are within our set budget. Councilmember Jen Howe had some questions about the retirement disbursements and how much was going into the state retirement. Colleen clarified it and explained that so much a month goes for Chad and that 25.00 goes for Paula as a post retirement and said she would get further information to help the council better understand how the retirement disbursements work. A question was asked about a check made out to an individual and Colleen explained a donation was made to the senior citizens angel tree in Torrey Towns name and in order for Diane to cash it; it had to be in her name.

Motion: To accept the financial report and approve payment of the bills and checks.

By: Council member Janet Hansen

Seconded by Council member Curtis Cook

Vote: All were in favor. Motion carried.

Permits None

Mayor Dorsey recognized outgoing council members Janet Hansen and Curtis Cook for all of their hard work and dedication they have given to Torrey Town. Each was presented with a poinsettia and a plaque. Both Janet and Curtis said they enjoyed their time on the council

Leigh McGinnis Park Superintendent: Superintendent McGinnis wanted to let everyone know some of the things that were going on at the park. She first thanked everyone as well as the businesses for their patience while the park was working on reopening the Hickman bridge trail. The work on the trail is

completed and it looks great. They are in the process of taking down a hazardous tree by the petroglyph boardwalk. A crew from Canyonlands will be here to help and the highway will be closed while the tree is being removed. By the end of next week the boardwalk will be opened again.

The park has hired a contractor to do an environmental impact statement on Livestock grazing and trailing through the park. Public Scoping meetings will be held in the late spring and early summer for public input on how to best manage the grazing.

The park just hired a new resource chief from Kamath Falls Oregon, Terry Fisk. He and his wife are living in the park.

Superintendent McGinnis said the visitation in Nov. was up 4.4% despite the government shutdown. Superintendent McGinnis stated how important volunteers are to the park. There were 106 people who volunteered at the park this year for a total of 2725 hours of work.

She thanked all of those who came to the Park Holiday Open House sponsored by the History Association. She felt it was a huge success and hope to extend it for next year. The park is looking for other ways and events to bring the people to the park. Councilmember Jen Howe expressed how great it was for the park and the community to work together. Councilmember Janet also expressed how happy she was to have the superintendent here and letting us know what is going on in the park.

Superintendent McGinnis said she would be coming periodically to let the town know of what was happening in the park.

Motion: To postpone the annexation process until the town has further looked in the procedures and process of annexation.

Seconded by Council member Curtis Cook

Vote All were in Favor Motion carried

Mayor would like to have it resolved by February and more information will be given in the regular town council January meeting.

Park Janet Hansen. The Hoe Down was well attended and everyone had a good time. Janet suggested that the town advertise more for the Hoe Down. She hopes we will continue the tradition. She also expressed her gratitude to the town for the years she has served as council member.

Streets and Water Curtis Cook. Curtis had nothing new to report on the Chlorination plant. The roads seem to be doing fine. He said he was very glad to have served on the council and found it to be a good experience

Cemetery Council member Jen Howe. Nothing to report.

Planning and Zoning. Ty Markham said the planning and Zoning was moving along in the direction they hoped.

Mayor Report: Mayor Dorsey said there have not been any protests on the Chlorination plant. He is awaiting a report from Jones and De Mille on the cost of the plant. Bids are going on right now for the plant. He stated we are getting clearances, right a ways and other input for the plant. The town has purchased new equipment for the snow plow and a few repairs will be necessary. The Mayor said he was working aggressively on the annexation process and the education has been great. He felt we could move forward on the annexation.

Community Input Karen Whar Torrey. Ask the question” What is the chlorination station?” Mayor explained that we send monthly water reports to the state and when the water does not meet the standards we have to chlorinate. This station will help regulate the exact amount of chlorination that is needed in the water and he stated it will not be used on a regular basis. The town is installing the system with the funds from the water grant money. The plant will be located on the land that we lease from the forest service, and we had to go through the process of public input in order to build the plant.

Colleen Dudleston Torrey. Colleen has been in touch with Shirley Silversmith of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. She would like to see an education and cultural event here in Torrey in the summer of 2014. Colleen would like to pursue this opportunity if the council would approve her doing so. The council agreed that would great and for her to continue to pursue it. The Mayor said the county has also started an events committee and encouraged Colleen to look into that to help plan the event.

Dave VanDyke Asked if he should fill out a form on an item that he would like to discuss. The Mayor said if it would require action it would be best if he filled out a form and requested to be on the agenda for the January meeting.

Motion: To Adjourn the meeting

Made By: Jen Howe

Seconded by Janet Hansen

Motion Carried. All voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15