

**Torrey Town Minutes  
Regular Meeting held January 9, 2014  
Town Hall 75 E 100 No.  
6:00 pm**

**Mayor Adus Dorsey II Present**

**Council Members Present**

Jennifer Howe

Pat Kearney

Dustin Oyler

**Absent**

Ty Markham

**Welcome:** Mayor Adus Dorsey welcomed the people and called the meeting January 9, 2014, to order at 6:00 pm. Mayor Dorsey stated that this meeting was the regular monthly meeting.

**Administrative Business**

Mayor Dorsey called for motion to accept the minutes of the December Meeting. Councilmember Pat Kearney asked the question about a reference that was made to bids being out on the chlorinator for the town. The Mayor explained it was not actually a bid, but estimated costs of the chlorinator station that was part of the water project

**Motion: To accept the minutes of regular meeting held December 12, 2013**

**Made by: Council Member Jen Howe**

**Seconded by: Council Member Pat Kearney**

**All council members voted in favor. Motion carried.**

**New Council Members and Mayor sworn in by Clerk Paula Pace.**

**Council Member Dustin Oyler Pat Kearney and Mayor Adus Dorsey**

**Financial Report: Colleen Dudleston.**

Councilmember Jen Howe questioned the bill to Semi Services. Treasurer, Colleen explained it was a bill for a snowplow blade.

**Motion: To approve the December 2013 payroll and payment of the bill listed on December Invoice register.**

**By: Council member Jen Howe**

**Seconded by: Councilmember Pat Kearney**

**Vote: All were in favor. Motion carried**

Water disconnection notice. Treasurer Colleen Dudleston had a question as to whether or not to terminate the water connection of Gene Russell who is deceased; Chad said they would just cap the line until someone could be responsible for the water bill. None of the other people on the line would be affected.

## **Community Concerns**

### **Charlotte Hunt resident of Torrey and business owner**

Charlotte had three concerns pertaining to the business community of Torrey that she would like to address. She had three concerns.

1. She was concerned that Mayor Dorsey had crossed the line of impartiality and good judgment several times in recent newspaper articles. She read those statements which seemed rude and offensive should not be coming from the Mayor. Torrey town businesses work hard year round and should be supported by the Mayor and the council.
2. The Hunt family has had businesses in the Torrey since the mid-1940s. Mrs. Hunt was concerned about a personal vendetta that seems to be taking place against their current restaurant on Main Street; citing an incident during Tour of Utah in which she felt the behavior of Mayor Dorsey was in appropriate for an elected official.
3. Mrs. Hunt questioned who is in Charge of the Torrey Town Website? Their business was left off the website and they were the only ones within the town limits that had been omitted. Her question was "Why are we picking and choosing." She wanted all the business listed on the website. It is her hope that the town council would consider making some serious changes to the way the towns business is being conducted. We should all support each other in business and do what is in the best interest of Torrey Town. There should be no room for favoritism and all businesses should be treated fairly.

The Council had some discussion with Mrs. Hunt. Clerk Paula Pace said that she felt that the business had been unintentionally left off when the business changed names. She would make sure that the webmaster was notified and the business would be put back on the web site.

**Dave VanDyke.** Resident of Wayne County. Representing Randall Stutman.

Mr. VanDyke voiced concerns about the writings of Adus Dorsey in the Insider, (a local newspaper) Mr. VanDyke would like to know when the Mayor writes is he writing as the Mayor, or as Adus Dorsey citizen. He feels the two are inseparable. Mr. Vandyke voiced concern about where is Mr. Dorsey was getting his information: is he getting and using the information through his position as mayor, or is he getting his information as a citizen, filing a GRAMA request and going to the county recorder to obtain the records. Mr. VanDyke stated his client's concern was the article regarding annexation. Mr. VanDyke said Mayor Dorsey referred to an individual, although he did not use his name, with enough information given that it was unquestionable as to it was. Mr. VanDyke felt that when Mayor Dorsey writes articles that confront an individual for standing up for his right, it stops others from standing up and raising a concern for fear they may be singled out and made to feel like an "idiot." Mr. VanDyke felt the article written by the Mayor gave misinformation, slandered and defamed an individual and he wrote this as the Mayor. He felt the Mayor was picking and choosing who to go after and that is clearly inappropriate.

Mr. VanDyke requested that the Council take action on this issue. His client requested a written apology and admission from the Mayor he had done something inappropriate and take responsibility for it.

Mr. VanDyke said the Mayor could take the position that “no I didn’t do anything wrong and I am above the law” and deal with what comes along with it.

He asked if the Torrey town had an ethic committee.

Mr. VanDyke felt it was inappropriate for the Mayor to use his position to write in the paper. He said he asked the county if any GRAMA requests had been filed with the county from January 2012 until a couple of weeks ago. He said the answer was no. The Mayor said a GRAMA request had been filed.

Mr. VanDyke quoted several statements from the paper that he felt were inappropriate for the Mayor to write.

Mr. VanDyke again stated that his client would like the action to be some kind of apology or some other action that shows that the town council is serious about what goes on and the mayor understands his position and his responsibilities.

Council member Pat Kearney commented that this is an opportunity for a new tone with the new council and she hoped the council will take their jobs seriously. She was concerned over the newspaper articles and hope as a council they could work together and address the issues in a civilized and respectful manner.

The Mayor called for a vote of confidence from the council that he could do his perform his job as Mayor.

Council member Jen Howe said she felt the mayor had done wonderful things for the town. She felt that he should keep things separate when he writes in the paper. Council Member Pat Kearney said she had his vote of confidence. She hoped people would recognize just how much time it took to be Mayor

The Mayor said he would promise to continue to do his job and that he would keep town business out of his personal life and his newspaper articles. Mayor said “I am sorry if I offended.... believe me I am very sorry I wrote those articles that I caused the problem.”

It was his promise that any other future articles would always put Torrey in a good light.

**Vote: Jen yes Pat Yes, Dustin yes, Ty absent.**

Mayor said the council would have a work meeting and discuss the website and the town policies and procedures.

Mayor Dorsey stated we need a Mayor Pro Temp. in the event he is absent.

**Motion: Jen Howe would be the Mayor Pro Temp**

**Made by: Pat Kearney**

**Seconded by: Dustin Oyler**

**Vote: All were in Favor Motion carried.**

**No permits were issued at this time.**

**Water project. Chad Williams: Maintenance Report.** Chad Williams described the yet to be built chlorination station and its operation. He reported on upcoming upgrades, maintenance, waterline repairs and the projected costs. Mayor Adus Dorsey explained again the purpose of the chlorination station.

There is a work order out to a repair a leak on Randall Stutman property. This will eliminate some two inch lines and reinstall two meter on his property. The cost estimate is \$1204.00 from Jacksons Excavation.

The Mayor asked for a report on grants received in 2013. Colleen said we have received about \$1000.00 for planting trees. We have also received grant money for playground, cemetery, and tree maintenance.

**Annexation:** The Mayor wished to proceed with the Vote on annexation. Based on the information we had received he felt we could go ahead. Council member Pat Kearney had questions as to what exactly Richard Chamberlain said. There was discussion about notifications to affected citizens. Clerk Paula Pace explained to the council everything she sent to Richard Chamberlain and asked him if there was any other information he needed. Councilmember Kearney asked if the council members were bonded and Treasurer Colleen said she would check into it. Council member Dustin Oyler had concerns about the roads in the new annexation. The Mayor said there were only two roads that the town would maintain. The other roads need to be brought up to the towns specifications before they are accepted by the town for further maintenance. Colleen explained how the B& C money worked with the new roads: as far as services go the town fire department provides the fire protection.

**The motion was made to annex the west Sandcreek area.**

**By: Councilmember Jen Howe**

**Seconded by Council Member Pat Kearney**

After discussion with the council, the motion was withdrawn by councilmember Jen Howe. A new motion was made.

**New Motion: To postpone the annexation vote until February when we have assurance that all council members are bonded and covered by insurance and question about the process have been adequately answered.**

**By: Jen Howe**

**Seconded by: Pat Kearney**

**Roll Call Vote: Dustin aye Jen Aye Pat Kearney Aye.**

Mayor Dorsey would like to hold a work meeting with the council to go over policies and procedures.

**Planning and Zoning: Darrel Mansel**

The Planning & Zoning Town is updating a comprehensive building and zoning ordinance. There are several issues that need to be attended to. There is possible money from the legislative that could be used to help write a comprehensive land use ordinance. Mayor Dorsey said perhaps in July planners will be brought to the six county area and we would be able to use their expertise to help with the planning ordinances.

The planning and zoning are making an attempt to rewrite the sign and lighting ordinance. Darrel felt they could rewrite the sign ordinance in a short amount of time. Lighting guidelines could be fairly easy and any amendments to the sign ordinances could be easily done. **He felt they could update the sign ordinance and have it ready for the February meeting for a vote.**

The Mayor said the town was working with Garkane in placing new lights around town to test out. Darrell also said there could possibly be three vacancies on the P&Z. Names should be submitted to the council for possible consideration.

A work meeting will be held on Tuesday Jan 28<sup>th</sup> for the council and planning and zoning at 6:00  
Agenda items #8, 9 and 10 will be discussed at the work meeting.

The Mayor asked the clerk to make a list of the things that could be on the projects list for CIB money Darrel Mansel said he had received an e-mail from Annette Black asking if they could build a house on Boyd Black's three acre property. The council said if it meets the town ordinance they could build on the property. The property needed to be surveyed, and a transfer of title.

It was also asked if the General Plan could be found on the Website. It has been on there but does not seem to be showing up now. Clerk Pace said she would check into it. The council discussed adjustments that could be made to the Website. Business could be added to the website. **The Mayor said we would make the website an agenda item each month**

The Mayor asked for community concerns

**Motion: To adjourn the Meeting**

**By: Mayor Adus Dorsey**

**Seconded by: Jen Howe.**

**Vote all were in Favor Motion carried**

**Meeting was adjourned at 7:42**