

Torrey Town Minutes
Regular Meeting held October 13, 2011
Torrey Town Hall
6:00 pm

Present Mayor Adus Dorsey II

Council Members Present

Janet Hansen

Curtis Cook

Council Members Absent

Jen Howe

Jamie Austin

Welcome: Mayor Adus Dorsey welcomed and called the meeting of October 13, 2011 to order at 6:00 pm. Mayor Dorsey stated that this meeting was the regularly monthly meeting. A motion to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2011 meeting was made by Janet Hansen and seconded by Curtis Cook. All voted in favor.

Financial Report: Colleen Dudleston: She asked each council member to go over their individual accounts and asked if they had any questions regarding their expenses and balance. Colleen explained that in order to apply for bonds the town needed to have what is called a “sinking” fund in the water department. That is where the town has to save up to 5% of their revenue from the water department for maintenance items. Colleen said she would have to set aside 650.00 month in order to meet that requirement. When the town applies for bonds they have to show they are saving. Colleen said with the town’s permission she would like to go to the bank and set up the account. The council gave their permission.

Colleen gave a revenue analysis of the water. She explained the actual gallons of water used and the water available. She presented the bill that were paid and the ones to be paid and asked for any comments or concerns about the bills.

Maintenance Report Chad Williams: Mayor Dorsey in the absence of Chad gave the maintenance report. He discussed the repairs that have been made on the mountain. Mayor had some concerns on the main water line. He has talked to FEMA and wondered if we could get emergency funds to help with the water line. The town had a water leak at the Torrey Green House on Friday night. Ron Moosman was called to fix the leak as Chad was unavailable. Mayor Dorsey said Chad has marked all the valves with in town with stakes so we will know where everything located and this will make it easier to find the valves in the winter. The Mayor commented that he felt the town was “ahead of the game” with the water system.

Council Member Reports.

Parks Janet Hansen: The final event and use of the pavilion was held on Oct. 8th. The

pavilion can now be winterized. Most of the work that needed to be done in the park is finished with the exception of the block that is needed to be placed around the playground equipment and the backstop fixed on the baseball field. The backstop can be done when the ground freezes and a truck can drive on it. Janet would like tables in the pavilion to be lightly sanded and oiled. The smaller dark one needs tighten as well as sanded and oiled.

Janet suggested we find some way to heat the pavilion either with heaters or by running a propane line. On three occasions when we have rented the pavilion it was very cold and uncomfortable for the users. The new cabinets will be installed sometime after the hunts are over.

Jan Stringham suggested using some portable heaters that will heat the pavilion.

The ponderosa pines are dying with what Janet thinks are beetles. Janet wants us to look into saving these trees. She has contacted Kelly Washburn from the Natural Resources to help us find a remedy for the trees. She also suggested that the town need arborists to be on the tree committee. She also suggested that the town send someone to tree school being offered to learn how to better protect and take care of our trees. The school/workshop is four days and then we would have a person who is qualified to work on our trees. Janet felt that proper tree care is an investment that would have substantial return. She would call a meeting with the tree committee to go over this problem. She would like this discussed at our work meeting.

Janet asked the council if they would like to sponsor a lighting contest like they did last year and hold the Christmas Hoe Down again this year. The consensus was to talk about it in the work board meeting. Janet also thanked everyone for their support on push-ups in the park. About 90 people attended. The money earned from this event will go towards a new cement slab for the basketball court.

Also was discussed about applying for a grant from the Utah Trust at Risk. The town could receive up to 5% of their liability insurance policies they hold. Janet was going to look into it and see if we could do that.

Roads. Curtis The roads look great. The suggestion was made that we raise the valve boxes so that every time it rains they won't fill up with dirt and water which makes is hard to access the valve

Cemetery Jennifer Howe... Colleen Dudleston gave an update on the cemetery because Councilmember Howe was absent. Brandon Jenson finished the GPS on the cemetery and using that and the information that was given to us from the people at the State cemetery archives, the town is now cross referencing all gravesites and putting together a plat map that would show where all the graves are located. Chad will then stake and label the different plots, and lots. Jen is working on a new entrance for the cemetery and is asking for suggestions in raising money for that project, or anyone willing to work on the project.

Planning and Zoning

Jan Stringham said of the surveys concerning annexation that have come in to date, 75

percent would like to be annexed. Not all of the surveys are in yet. The committee is going to ask if citizens would do a door to door to sign petitions to be annexed in. The committee would assign people to work in each quadrant. They would also explain about petitioning the town for annexation. Jan said the committee had sent out a total of 385 surveys. Some were sent to property owners who paid property taxes but were not connected to the water system. He felt that they had sent a survey to everyone. The committee is studying the annexation law and becoming knowledgeable. He indicated that later they would have a public meeting to present the information. The question was asked about the water rates and if there would be any changes. About 125 surveys have been returned.

Mayor Business

Mayor Dorsey would like to file for a grant with the CIB that would help in upgrading our water system. The Application was turned in by Oct 1st. so we could be on the February meeting. The application was for 1.3 million dollars. Colleen said we still had two years left on one of our bond payments. The Mayor feels like if we could defer payment on the bond until the other one is paid off, there is a possibility that we could afford payments on another bond. We would have to see what the payments would be. The payments would be dependent on the amount of the grant. There was no motion taken on whether or not the town would actually get or accept the grant. The Mayor stated that this was just an application to get on the budget cycle.

The website was discussed and the Mayor wanted to see if we could improve the website as it is graded on by the state. This grading is based partly on how easy the website can be navigated.

He encouraged the council to bring into the office when they felt there should be announcements on the website, updates and list any events that should be on the website.

Old business

Employee benefits and Cemetery ordinances.

Paula Pace Clerk said the Employee's handbook and revision of the cemetery ordinances would be discussed at the work meeting on Oct. 25 at 3'oclock. She is working on the handbook and has parts of the cemetery ordinance revised. She also stated that there would be a cost to revising the ordinance and sending to the Lawyer for writing. The last ordinance revision cost was about \$200.00. The council felt it would be good to have all the amendments and resolutions of the cemetery on one ordinance.

New business

The town clerk read the election resolution concerning canceling of the elections. She explained why they could do that and that they had to have a resolution in place. The motion was made by Curtis Cook and seconded by Janet Hansen. Roll call vote was taken and Curtis Cook, Janet Hansen and Mayor Adus Dorsey voted aye. The resolution passed. Another resolution was read requesting admission to the public employee's noncontributory retirement system. The motion was made by councilmember Curtis Cook to accept the resolution and seconded by Janet Hansen. The motion passed with three

votes in favor of it. Those voting in favor were Janet Hansen, Curtis Cook and Mayor Adus Dorsey

Acceptance of councilmembers.
This will be done at the next board meeting.

Citizens input.

Neal Busk came and had concerns about his water bill and how high it was. He has a leak on his side of the water line. He was glad that the town found the leak. Mayor explained what a double check valve was and how it worked. The town provided a stop valve so Neal could put one between his house and sprinkler system. He had concerns over the back flow of the water. The Mayor discussed with him how it worked. Neal was complimentary about our water system and how much it has improved since he first came to Torrey.

Colleen Dudleston. Her son is a sterling scholar and would like to use the Town newsletter as a venue to solicit donations for his service project. He would like to sponsor a family for the holidays. The Council approved it under the condition that he personally come to the office and present and letter and asking for permission.

A motion was made to adjourn by Janet Hansen and was seconded by Curtis. All was in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:33.