

**Minutes of the Amalga Town Council Meeting
Amalga Town Hall
February 9, 2011**

Attending:

Mayor: David Wood

Council Members: John Clark, Paul Hansen, David Williams, Rick Fannesbeck

Others Attending: Morris Hansen, Steve Krebs – Questar Gas, Carolyn Nelson – Cache Chamber of Commerce, Sid Munk

Reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance

Rick Fannesbeck made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2011 council meeting. The motion was seconded by John Clark and all voted in favor.

Steve Krebs from Questar Gas Company met with the council to discuss natural gas service to the town.

Carolyn Nelson from the Cache Chamber of Commerce met with the council to discuss benefits to the town from membership in the chamber. They provide information about chamber members to the public. There are discounts available for purchases from other members of the chamber. Chamber members meet monthly to educate members about various topics. The chamber is working to encourage municipalities in the valley to join. There are 11 communities who are currently members of the Cache Chamber of Commerce. Council members discussed efforts to promote agriculture in the valley through the chamber of commerce.

Munk Road Encroachment Application

Sid Munk met with the council to discuss his application for a road encroachment permit. Munks are planning to bore a pipeline under the town roads rather than cutting through the road. They have completed the encroachment application and Sid presented it to the council. He would like to start work on the project next Wednesday, February 16th.

John Clark made a motion to accept Munk's road encroachment application. The motion was seconded by Paul Hansen and all voted in favor.

Dog Licensing Fee

David suggested that the town increase the fee for licensing fee for dogs. The fee is currently \$10 for female and male dogs and \$5 for spayed and neutered dogs. David would like to raise each of these fees by \$5 to \$15 and \$10. The kennel fee would stay at \$50.

Rick Fannesbeck made a motion to increase the dog licensing fee to \$15 for male and female dogs, \$10 for spayed and neutered dogs. Voting in favor, Rick, David, John. Opposed: David Williams, Paul - vote was 3 in favor, 2 opposed.

Water Rates

The council discussed the current rate structure. The water system needs to generate sufficient funds to cover operating and maintenance costs. There system also needs provide funds for periodic upgrades. The system currently generates approximately \$25,000 above annual operating costs. The council considered several options to revise the water rates. This discussion will be continued at a future council meeting.

RAPZ Tax

Paul discussed some projects the town could fund with this year's RAPZ tax grant. Some of the projects that were discussed included upgrades to the park for equipment, extending the new walkway at the park, extending or enclosing the bowery, or building a serving area for the pavilion in the park. The council also discussed extending the paved parking area at the park further west to the tennis court. Paul will prepare an application to be submitted to the county.

Compensation for Town Employees

The council discussed the making adjustments to compensation for council members and town employees. These have not been adjusted for some time. Proposed adjustments are as follows:

Position	Current Compensation	Proposed Compensation
Mayor	\$50 per month (\$600 per year)	\$1,200 per year
Council Members	\$25 per month (\$300 per year)	\$600 per year
Clerk	\$1,000 per year	\$2,000 per year
Treasurer	\$10 per hour	\$10 per hour
Utility Billing Clerk	\$13 per hour	\$13 per hour
Park Work	\$8.50 per hour	\$9.00 per hour
Mosquito Abatement Work	\$8.50 per hour	\$9.00 per hour

State law requires that proposed adjustments to compensation for elected officials and statutory officers be published in the newspaper and a public hearing held prior to the approval of the changes. This would include the mayor, council members, treasurer and recorder. Other employee compensation can be adjusted by resolution of the council without a public hearing. John Clark noted that the planning and zoning committee is working on some modifications to town ordinances that will also need to be presented at a public hearing. He suggested that the hearing for adjusting compensation be held at the same public hearing. This issue will be discussed again when the items from the planning and zoning committee are ready for a public hearing.

Council Member Reports

John Clark noted that letters were sent to 13 town residents who may need to obtain a current business license. He hasn't heard back from any of these individuals yet. The council discussed charging a higher license fee for larger businesses in the town. John thought the planning and zoning committee should consider the town's role in regulating businesses through licenses. John thought that licensing was intended to protect residents in residential areas from having businesses encroach on the character of their residential neighborhood. He was concerned that doing away with ordinances regarding businesses in the town may attract undesirable types of operations wanting to operate without any regulation.

John contacted Richmond and Smithfield about business licensing fees. Richmond charges all businesses \$25. John suggested that the council consider increasing Amalga's business license fee.

John prepared an information letter for new town residents. The letter provides some information about the town. John will add council member responsibilities to the letter. Mayor Wood offered to deliver this letter to new residents. John suggested that another letter be sent to remind residents about the need to follow town ordinances when building or remodeling property in the town.

Paul will complete the RAPZ tax application and turn in to the county.

David Williams reported some progress on collecting past due utility accounts. The Schreiber Foods account has now been corrected. David Williams suggested that the town needs to

purchase Microsoft Office for the town computer. He estimated the cost to be \$300 to \$400. This will help maintain documents that are created in this software. He made a motion for the town to purchase Microsoft Office for the town computer. Paul seconded the motion and all voted in favor of this action. David Williams also suggested the town consider updating the billing computer.

Rick Fannesbeck discussed the newly completed Amalga/Trenton water system interconnect building. There will be some tests on the system next week. The water will be turned off at David Wood's corner while testing of the new interconnect system are conducted. This will be February 21st (Monday) around 10:00 am and will last about 3 hours. Rick will notify each of the residents in the affected areas.

Rick reported an issue with the newly installed submersible pump in the town water well. This isn't pumping at capacity. The problem has been traced to an issue with the power source. Rick noted that some additional equipment needs to be installed to complete the electronic monitoring system of the water system. There will be some additional cost to the town for adding the Schreiber's Foods meter to the telemetry system. Rick was not sure how much extra cost would be involved.

Rick is monitoring work done by Shane Perkins on the water system. Rick will do the Blue Stakes marking and the water testing to reduce the cost of these services to the town. Some work on the water system needs to be done by a certified system operator. Rick will have Shane bid on all major projects he will be doing for the town in the future.

Mayor Wood reviewed a proposal by UDOT to reroute the road from Highway 218 to the roads leading to Schreiber Foods. UDOT would like to purchase some land from Matt Turner to move the road that leads from highway 218 to Schreiber Foods. UDOT will update the intersection at 2400 West 6200 North with turn lanes for trucks if they can purchase this land from Turners. If they can't buy this property, they will update the road near Harry Rindlisbacher's home instead.

Mayor Wood reported that he is working with Newton on how to proceed with the town's combined justice court. He also has contacted Parsons Construction and they have agreed to reseed the roads they worked on last fall. The gravel chips have come loose from these roads. They will do this work next summer.

The council reviewed town disbursements for February. Paul Hansen made a motion to approve the disbursements. John Clark seconded the motion and all voted in favor of this action.

A motion to adjourn was made by Rick Fannesbeck and seconded by David Williams. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 pm.