

**Minutes of the Amalga Town Council Meeting
Amalga Town Hall
October 12, 2011**

Attending:

Mayor: David Wood

Council Members: John Clark, Paul Hansen, Rick Fannesbeck, (Scott Gittins absent)

Others Attending: Morris Hansen, April Turner, Brandon Turner, Deputy Douglas from the Sheriff's Department.

Reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance

John Clark made a motion to accept minutes from the September 7 council meeting. The motion was seconded by Paul Hansen and all voted in favor.

Public Comments

Brandon Turner would like to replace some trash cans in the town park as an Eagle Scout Project. The cans have been ordered and Brandon will organize efforts to install these in the park. Nick Fannesbeck would like to oversee the installation of some benches in the park for an Eagle Scout project. Paul suggested that Brandon and Nick coordinate their projects so that they could do the cement work for each project at the same time.

Rick Fannesbeck made a motion to accept both Eagle Scout projects. The motion was seconded by Paul Hansen and all voted in favor of this action.

Deputy Douglas from the sheriff's department noted that officers have been doing some additional traffic patrol work in the town. There were eight traffic citations issued last month. Deputy Douglas noted that the department responds to a couple of calls for assistance each month from Schrieber Foods. These calls usually are for injuries that occur at the plant. These calls count towards the town's allotted time from the department. Deputy Douglas noted that the sheriff's department will no longer send officers out to do vehicle identification number inspection. The time for these calls had also been charged to the town where the vehicle owner lived. The department will now require vehicles to be brought to the sheriff's office to be checked.

April Turner talked to council members about wanting to change the required distance that ag buildings must be from homes. Turners would like to construct a barn on their property, but they had planned to build it closer to their home than the current zoning ordinance allows. April plans to meet with the Planning and Zoning Committee to discuss this matter. The county discussed who should pay the legal notice fee for the meeting to discuss a possible change to the zoning code. The county has advised the town that these costs should be paid by those requesting the zone change.

The owner of the Always Able tree trimming company asked the council about relocating his business from Nibley to Amalga. His business has expanded to a point that it no longer meets the permitted use originally granted by Nibley. The council discussed zoning issues that may apply if he moved his business to Amalga. There is an area of the town that is zoned for mixed commercial and residential use. Other areas of the town are zoned for residential or agricultural use. His business would need to have a change in the zoning in order to locate in these areas.

Municipal Election Judges

The council discussed appointing election judges for the November municipal election.

Individuals discussed included Ludean Hansen, Marilyn Munk, Sheri Wright, and Roberta

Hoffman as an alternate. David will contact them to see if they will be judges for the election. Paul made a motion to accept the four nominees for judges. John seconded the motion and all voted in favor of this action.

Planning and Zoning Committee Members

John noted that there are some vacancies on the planning and zoning committee that need to be filled. Individuals discussed by the council to serve on this committee were Lance Gates and Howarad Kunz. John made a motion to appoint these individuals to the committee. They replace Clayton Showell and Shawn Hansen, who have resigned. Rick Fannesbeck seconded the motion and all voted in favor of this action.

League of Cities and Towns Convention

The council discussed the League of Cities and Towns convention. Paul thought that the information was helpful and he enjoyed being with town leaders. John noted that he learned that the town needs to adopt some formal protocol for conducting its meetings.

Meet the Candidates Night

The council discussed scheduling a “Meet the Candidates Night” for the upcoming election. This was scheduled this for the Thursday October 27th at 7:00 pm. David will get a flyer printed advertising this and get some refreshments for after the meeting. Paul will contact Grant Koford about this meeting.

Town Fee Schedule

The council discussed items on the fee schedule that need to be updated. The monthly base charge for water is now \$15 and a dog license is \$15. The council discussed changing the business license fee from \$5. The town cannot use this fee to generate revenue for the town. It can only be used to offset the cost of regulating business licenses. The council discussed increasing the large commercial business license fee to \$25. The commercial license fee would apply to Schreiber Foods and the Walco Farm Store. John made a motion to approve the updates discussed to the town fee schedule. The motion was seconded by Paul Hansen and all voted in favor of this action.

Water Sales outside Town Boundaries

The town had placed a temporary restriction on culinary water sales outside of its boundaries. The restriction was for a period of 6 months and this time has expired.

John proposed that the town utility ordinance be amended to add a new paragraph 5.7 stating that no water connection will be granted to, nor will water be sold to anyone outside the town boundaries. Existing connections outside of the town boundaries will continue to receive water and will be charged one and a half the rate charged to residents of the town. Paul Made a motion to accept the proposed change to the Amalga Town utility ordinance regarding water use outside of the town. The motion was seconded by Rick Fannesbeck. All council members voted in favor of this action.

Parking at the Town Park

The council discussed ways to keep cars from being parked overnight at the town park. There is currently no ordinance restricting overnight parking at the town park. John will check with the Utah League of Cities and Towns about a sample ordinance on parking restrictions that the town could use. The council considered putting up signs stating that no overnight parking is allowed to see if this helps eliminate any problems. Paul will get signs to install at the park.

Pop Machine Business License

The Logan Pepsi distributing company will be handling the pop machine at the town hall. They need to apply for a business license. They will pay the town a commission of ten percent of sales from the machine instead of paying the town for the electricity for the machine.

Council Member Reports

John is now the administrator of the town website and can update it. John would like to have Josh Hanks train him on operating the website. John would like the town web site address to be listed on the utility bills so residents can have access to the information on the website.

John prepared copies of the annexation plan that was adopted at the last council meeting. This will now be part of the town zoning ordinances. In reviewing maps prepared with the annexation plan, it was discovered that Trenton has already annexed an area that was included in Amalga's expansion area under the plan. The map will need to be revised to correct this portion of the plan.

John noted that there has been some interest in annexation. Olagues have asked for an annexation application for some of their property. Vic and Nancy Bingham have also asked for an application for annexation.

John reported that the zone map for the town needs to be updated. The Planning and zoning committee has been discussing how some areas of wetland should be labeled on the map. John thought that the topography should dictate how the map is labeled. The committee is working to resolve this issue. The process to update the map will continue and it will eventually be voted on by the town council. The committee is also reviewing some issues related to the residential zone. Town currently uses dimensions (distance) to measure lots. There is some inconsistency in the zoning ordinance that needs to be addressed and the committee is working through this issue.

Paul Hansen reported that he replaced many of the florescent bulbs in the town hall. Some of the ballasts need to be replaced. Paul also noted that there are some sprinklers at the town hall and park that need repairs. Bill Leatham may not be interested in doing this work. Paul has been working on trimming trees at the town park and some along the town roads. He discussed needing to repair the fans in the town hall bathrooms. Paul also thought that some rooms in the town hall need to be painted.

Hayden Humphreys is working on an Eagle Scout project and will work with Paul to get it organized. He is considering a project to clean and organize the storage area of the town hall.

Paul discussed ways to get the youth involved in projects in the town. He suggested sending thank you notes to those who work on Eagle Scout projects for the town. Paul discussed some problems with the electrical service at the park. Paul was concerned that the park be safe for people renting the pavilions and using the park. Eric is working on winterizing the park.

Rick Fonesbeck reported that the proposed project to loop the water pipe near Perkins and Rindlisbacher's homes will not be done. There have been some complaints from residents in that area about discolored water. Craig Rasmussen suggested installing a fire hydrant in this area and flushing the lines regularly to see if this will solve the problem. Running the water outside may also help flush the lines for these residents. David thought that there was an existing hydrant near the area and new one wouldn't be necessary. Shane has flushed and repaired the hydrants this fall. This may be causing the discolored water in the south end of the town. Paul suggested that town notify residents before the hydrants are flushed to help residents be prepared for some issues with their water. Rocky Mountain Power is scheduled to work on an issue at the new well this week. The council discussed access to the electronic water system controls. Someone from the town needs access to the new interconnect building in case of an emergency. A protocol for procedures for the interconnect system needs to be developed and coordinated between Amalga and Trenton.

Rick noted that shut off notices were delivered to some residents who were not making payments on their accounts. Payment arrangements were made with Fairbanks to get their account paid off. Ten day notices requesting payments have been sent to some delinquent accounts. 48 hour shut off notices need to be delivered to those who haven't responded to the ten day notice. The council discussed concern that the ten day notice lists the town hall number for account holders to call, but no one is at the town hall to answer the phone.

The council discussed purchasing an update to the utility billing software. This will cost about \$1,500. The current program is no longer supported by the company. John recommended the town purchase the new billing program. John made a motion that the town purchase the new utility billing software for \$1,525 from Elderado Software. The motion was seconded and all voted in favor of this action.

Rod Page and Jill Price have moved from the town but have outstanding balances on their utility accounts. The council discussed taking these accounts to small claims court to try to collect the balances.

David Wood thought that the fire truck in the town hall garage needs to be moved. David will talk to Jay Downs about getting this moved somewhere.

The council reviewed town disbursements for October. John made a motion to approve the disbursements. Paul seconded the motion and all voted in favor of approving the disbursements.

A motion to adjourn was made by Rick and seconded by Paul. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 pm.