MINUTES OF THE HUNTSVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, January 5th, 2017
7:00 p.m.
Huntsville Town Hall

Town Council: Mayor Jim Truett
Council Member Mike Engstrom
Council Member Doug Allen
Council Member Bill Wangsgard
Council Member Bill White
Clerk/Recorder Gail Ahlstrom

Citizens: Lt. Talbot Ron Gault Artie Powell
Richard Sorensen

Mayor Truett called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance. There is a quorum present. Mayor Truett wished everyone a Happy New Year.

The pledge was led by Artie Powell.

Opening Ceremony was led by CM Engstrom.

***Mayor Truett:**
Town Council Department Assignments: (See Attachment #1)
Mayor Truett went over the 2017 Council department assignments and for the most part things were left as they were. With the exception of Land Use Permit Inspector which was moved from CM Allen to CM Engstrom, the Cemetery Department and Memorial Day Liaison was moved from CM White to CM Wangsgard, and the Ice Rink Coordinator was moved from CM Wangsgard to CM White.

CM Allen's responsibilities are: Mayor Pro-Tempe, Huntsville Water Works Board Liaison, Military Liaison Special Programs, 4th of July Team Member, Excavation Permit/Utilities/Blue Stakes, Town Shop Organizer, Town Building Facilities/Crew Manager, Truck & Equipment Maintenance Director, Culinary Water Department (infrastructure), Road Department, and Snow Removal.

CM White's responsibilities are: Newsletter/public relations, Town website, Forest Service Liaison, 4th of July Team Member, TV Translator Liaison, Weber County Art Council Liaison, Tree Committee Representative, Culinary Water Department (admin/legal) Landfill Department, and Ice Rink Coordinator.

CM Wangsgard's responsibilities are: Mosquito Abatement Board, Parks Department, Sports & Recreation Department, Emergency Preparedness CERT Coordinator, Ogden Valley Pathways Liaison, 4th of July Team Member, Animal Control Liaison, Animal Shelter Liaison, Town Clean-up Organizer, History Department.

CM Engstrom's responsibilities are: Town Building Official, Building Permits Department, Business Licenses, Planning Commission Liaison, Ordinance Enforcement, Zoning & Ordinances, 4th of July Team Member, Huntsville Marathon Liaison, and Land Use Permit Inspector.

Mayor Truett's responsibilities are: General Admin, Financial, Personnel, Legal, Public Safety, WACOG Representative, WACOG Co-Chair, W.C. Sheriff Dept. Liaison, Fire District Board Member Treasurer, 4th of July Team Member, Huntsville Marathon Board Member, Special Projects/Monastery Liaison, Town Event Coordinator Liaison/Star Primm, and UTA Liaison.

Appointments to Planning Commission: (See Attachment #2)
Mayor Truett asked Ron Gault, Planning Commission Chairman if he needed anyone new for the Planning Commission? Ron replied that he has an excellent Commission right now. The Mayor asked Ron to take this next week to think if there is someone in the community who would like to get involved with town government, serving on the PC is a great place to start. The Town will need one more member appointed to the Appeals Authority.

Appointments:
Mayor Truett re-appointed the following: Gail Ahlstrom as Clerk/Recorder, Ramona Clapperton as Water Billing Supervisor, Linda Laws as Treasurer, Brett Allen as TV Translator/Hamm Radio, Bill Morris as the Town's Attorney, and Scott Richardson as the Culinary Water Depart. supervisor. Velma Ahlstrom, Sheryl Andrews, and Lavon Allen as Town Historians; Ron Gault, Rex Harris, Sandy Hunter, Karen Klein, Brent Ahlstrom, and Preston Cox as Planning Commissioners, and Steve Songer, Bruce Ahlstrom, Artie Powell, Rod Layton as Appeal Authority Members and Star Primm as the Town's Special Event Coordinator.

Discussion on Craig Peterson's House Fire: (See Attachment #3)
Mayor Truett spoke with Fire Marshal Brandon Thueson and asked him to write a short summary of happened to Craig Peterson's home and if there were any fire code violations. The investigation is still underway. Mayor Truett read from the Fire Marshal Thueson's letter. "On December 27, 2016, at approx. 12:10 AM, Weber Fire District was dispatched to the report of a structure fire at 650 South 7600 East, Huntsville. The first units on scene were from Station 65. The first arriving crew believed that there was a chimney fire as there was active fire venting from the chimney. The paramedic unit (MA65) was assigned to check the interior to make sure nobody was inside and to check conditions. As they prepared for entry they found that the first floor had already collapsed into the basement and that there was heavy fire in the basement and on the first floor.

The fact that the floor had collapsed indicated obvious structure instability and increased hazards to firefighters so firefighters were forced into a "defensive" operational mode which means the fire had to be battled from the exterior.

Some of the other challenges the fire crews faced included difficult access due to a single dead end roadway/driveway that was only plowed enough to fit one vehicle on it. This meant that the first engine down the lane blocked the access for any other vehicles. The nearest fire hydrant was located approx. 400 feet away near 600 S 7600 E. (the hydrant is within the required distance allowed by code). Tender 65 was utilized to relay pump to E65 to help with water pressure and flow. Temperatures were extremely cold that night and firefighters endured a long incident in -8' F temperature. The incident took approx. 12 hours to complete. The fire is under investigation; however it does appear to be an accidental fire."

Discussion and/or action on proposed Ordinance 2017-01-05: To establish 2017 TC meetings: (See Attachment #4) Mayor Truett asked the Council if their schedules still accommodated the Thursday night schedule for Council meetings**. CM Allen made a motion to continue holding the Regular Council Meetings on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. and adopt Ordinance 2017-01-05 to establish a time and place for Regular Council Meetings as presented.** CM White seconded. All votes aye. Motion passed.

Roll Call:	Mayor Truett	Yea	CM White	Yea
	CM Engstrom	Yea	CM Allen	Yea
	CM Wangsgard	Yea		

Set Public Hearing Date for discussion on compensation for Mayoral position: (See Attachment #5) CM White said he came up with the idea that the Mayor should receive some compensation for the huge amount of time they put into the job. Being the Mayor is a huge commitment of 20-30 hours a week. It seems fair to CM White that the Mayor should receive some kind of compensation for doing this. Most cities are hiring a city manager. City managers can make a lot of money. Huntsville is asking the Mayor fill that job. We have been lucky in that the past 8 years the Mayor Truett has dedicated a lot of time to this job. The next Mayor will have to do the same thing. CM White doesn't know how the public will feels about this. The Council will need to hold a public hearing to let people voice their opinions. CM White proposed $1000 a month which would be a very low hourly wage. This might offset some costs for someone giving up work hours and family time. Maybe give someone, who wanted to serve but couldn't because of finance, the chance to run. **CM White made a motion to set a public hearing to discuss compensation for the Mayoral position for Jan. 19, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.** CM Wangsgard seconded. All votes aye. Motion passed. Mayor Truett abstained from the vote.

Roll Call:	Mayor Truett	Abstained	CM White	Yea
	CM Engstrom	Yea	CM Allen	Yea
	CM Wangsgard	Yea		

Ron Gault suggested having the Mayor prepare a list of things he does for the Town in a typical month. CM White said what he would like to talk about the difference of having a Mayor who is fully committed as opposed to a Mayor who just shows up. A motivated Mayor could bring in a lot amount of money to the Town. Jim has brought a lot business deals to the town, bringing in a lot of money. The Council wants to encourage that type of work ethic.

Money might not be a motivator for everyone but it takes so much time out of your life and you give up potential for income from other sources. CM White feels that this is a fairness issue. Mayor Truett said he has been lucky with his job and he is able to set his own schedule most of the time. He does travel a lot and it has been difficult to get to all the meetings. If someone has a vigorous objection to this, it will flush out who the next mayor will be.

***Council Member Allen:**

Department Reports:

CM Allen reported that Brad Layton is working on the electrical for the cemetery shed. CM Allen reported that both snowplows broke down this week. Gary Probasco and Lonny Bailey were both driving their own plows to help the town out. The new plow has been fixed four times since the Town purchased it. Gary Probasco has been remodeling the plow and has been amazing with what he has done. We are so fortunate to have him working for us. CM Engstrom said that plow is not even a year old; it should still be under warranty. CM Engstrom suggested pursuing some type of compensation. CM Allen will contact the dealer and explain the issues that have been happening and give them a chance to stand behind their product. The issues are not with the truck, but with the plow.

CM Allen reported that the Town hired Dave Messerley to help with the plowing, he owns Bulldog Drilling, and he has done some work for the town. Dave is an experienced driver and knows how to run machinery. He has his CDL and had a background check with the DMV done, Dave should be an asset to the town.

***Council Member Engstrom:**

Department Reports:

CM Engstrom reported that he is working with Star Primm on a RAMP grant request to remodel the old bathrooms by the playground, and turn them back into functioning bathrooms. CM Engstrom had an architect have looked at the drawings and they think there is plenty of room for two stalls. They will be ADA compatible. CM Engstrom put together a rough sketch with specs and sent them to Chad Roberts. CM Engstrom is hoping to obtain two bids by next week. Bids are part of the grant process. The Town gets points if the town can match with labor or money. Lee Primm has volunteered to do the concrete work. CM Engstrom volunteered to do the electrical. CM Engstrom asked if the Council will consider putting up some cash as well. The higher the match the better chance the town has in getting the grant. The idea with this bathroom is not to satisfy the masses, but to help the mother who has young children. A new septic system will also need to be installed. Remodeling the old restrooms will cost a lot less than building a new structure.

***Council Member Wangsgard:**

Discussion about ice rink and skate rentals:

CM Wangsgard wanted to talk about the ice rink; the ice has been beautiful this year. The rink is really big this year which is making it more difficult to plow and spray. The volunteers have been great. CM Wangsgard said he thinks that less than 10% of the people using the rink are from Huntsville. It costs the town gas, electricity, and a lot of volunteer hours. CM Wangsgard mentioned that there are other costs such as maintenance on the tractor, it is 10 years old and there are problems with both the tractor and the brush.

The clutch is about to go out, which is a $3,000 repair and the hydraulics are down right now. There have been some costs with repairing the implements because they get used hard. Mayor Truett brought up the idea of trading the old tractor in for a new one. CM Wangsgard put up a donation box by the ice rink last year and brought in $420. So far this year people have donated $160 which helps out.

CM Wangsgard brought up another issue; with the BBQ closing there is no one to rent out the ice skates. Right now the skates are in the Ice Shake with the tractor and it is a really tight fit. For a few days someone unlocked the Ice Shake and let people go in and get their own skates, and when they were done they just threw the skates into the shed or left them on the snow. CM Wangsgard reported that he changed the key, even with the new lock it happened again. CM White has a suspicion about who might have done this. He was talking to the ice rink volunteers and what they had decided was to take the skates and put them outside, and on the honor system, and let anybody use them. CM White drove by the rink and noticed boxes of skates on the snow and people were helping themselves to the skates. Sam Bellarosa brought up 25 pairs of new skates and donated them to the town. If the town is going to rent skates, there needs to be a place to store them and rent them out.

CM Wangsgard was hoping for some suggestions tonight. One idea would be to build another shed for the skates and get citizens in town to help. Right now the skates and boxes are mixed up, CM Wangsgard would like to get them sorted and organized again. Mayor Truett suggested using the toll booth building, it would be small but could work. Most of the skates could be stored in the Ice Shack and just put a couple pair of each size in the toll booth. The problem will be if the town has to pay someone to sit in the booth all day. CM Wangsgard said he has a couple of people who have offered to volunteer, but not every day. He suggested having someone there on Friday evenings, Saturdays, and occasions where people call and made a reservation for group activities. CM Engstrom suggested putting a sign on shed, which says "skate rentals will be available at these times--for special occasions please contact 801-745-0000."

CM White suggested offering season rentals for the town residents. One day a year we set all the skates out, they pay a small fee, and then bring them back at the end of the year and get a refund. If you're from out of town, you bring your own skates. CM White says his experience with the ice skates is if people know the town is renting out the skates then people call you saying they want to rent skates and you are basically on call all the time. CM White proposed renting skates to the kids in town for the season and all other groups will be on their own to find their own skates. Most of the kids in town already have their own skates; it's the visitors who bother you about renting skates. CM Allen wondered if this could be turned over to someone else, possibly a teenager looking for a part time job and make a business out of renting ice skates. CM White and CM Wangsgard will work together on this project.

***Council Member White:**

<u>Department Reports:</u>

CM White reported that they are about to start drilling the Nugget Well. The contract has been awarded; the bid came in at $238,000. The well will be dug 700' deep with a rotary drill. It should take a couple of weeks to drill. The drilling will be bringing his rig up this coming Monday.

CM White stated that they are hoping for 200 gpm, but if we only come up with 50 gpm, the well could be used on an emergency basis. CM Engstrom asked if they find water what the plan is to utilize it. Will it be immediately added to our usage or will it sit as a reserve well. Can you let a well site without using it? CM White replied that he has been talking with Richard Bay about this and the positive thing about well water is that the water is clean; it won't need to be treated. There are pumping costs. Sometimes if you don't exercise a well it can sand up, and then they are not as productive. We will need to utilize it to some degree or we will lose water.

Approval of Town Council minutes for meeting held Dec. 15th, 2016:
CM White made a motion to approve the minutes for TC meeting held Dec. 15th, 2016, as prepared. CM Wangsgard seconded. Minutes were approved.

Approval of Work Session minutes for meeting held Dec. 15th, 2016:
CM White made a motion to approve the minutes for WS meeting held Dec. 15th, 2016, as prepared. CM Engstrom seconded. Minutes were approved.

Approval of Bills for October, 2016:
CM Engstrom made a motion to approve the bills for October, 2016, as prepared. CM White seconded. Bills were approved.

Citizen Comments:
Ron Gault mentioned that he just received a letter from Alan Wainwright who works with Weber Pathways. They are applying for a RAMP grant to pave a half mile section of the trail that goes from Huntsville Town through Jefferson Campground. They are asking the Town for a letter of support of their project. Mayor Truett said he would be happy to sign the letter.

Mayor Truett mentioned that all items on the agenda have been addressed. CM White made a motion to adjourn. CM Engstrom seconded. All votes aye.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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Gail Ahlstrom, Clerk/Recorder James A. Truett, Mayor