

# MINUTES OF THE HUNTSVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018

7:00 p.m.

Huntsville Town Hall, 7309 East 200 South, Huntsville, UT

Name	Title	Status
James A. Truett	Mayor	Present
Bill White	Council Member	Present
Bill Wangsgard	Council Member	Present
Max Ferre'	Council Member	Present
Wendy McKay	Council Member	Present
Beckki Endicott	Recorder	Present
William Morris	Legal Counsel	Excused

**Citizens:** Jim Vaugnan, Ruston McKay, Doug Allen, Harrison Endicott, Allen Endicott, Briana Bingham, Blake Bingham, Laurie Van Zandt, Randy Lloyd, Logan Rawson, David Rawson, Ron Gault, Jeff Pledger, Jake & Rebecca Songer, Dawson Hedges, Rex Harris, Judy Gault, Peter Bienek

1-Mayor Truett called the meeting to order. There is a full quorum present.

2-The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Logan Rawson and Harrison Endicott.

3-Opening Ceremony was led by CM Bill Wangsgard.

4-Citizen Comments:

**Ruston McKay** wanted to express appreciation for the work the Council does and stated he doesn't always agree with the Council, but he knows they put in a lot of work and he appreciates it. Ruston wanted to comment that there were dogs at the park during the Huntsville Marathon. During the public events that we have, he would like to see the Town enforce the animal ordinances for the Park. Ruston would like to see fines issued. Mayor Truett would like to see some additional signs. CM Wangsgard wanted to respond to Ruston and said that he approached all of those that he saw who brought their dogs. He concurred with Ruston and said the attitude he received was not very good and stated Huntsville Town needed to keep at this.

CM McKay suggested a good Eagle Scout project would be to put the doggie bags at the Park. Ruston stated if the bags are provided then it would encourage them to bring them to the Park. He continued, if we fined the dog owners, they might start obeying the rules. Peter wondered if there was a different place to put up a doggie bag station. The business section, the pathway and Cemetery Point was suggested.

5-Approval of Town Council Minutes for Meeting held August 16th, 2018. CM Wangsgard **motioned to approve the Town Council Minutes for the meeting held August 16th, 2018.** CM Ferre' seconded the motion. All votes aye. The TC minutes for August 16, 2018 are approved.

6-Eagle Scout Presentation: Harrison Endicott. Harrison approached the Town Council about the finishing of his Eagle Scout Project. He approached the Town Council 3 months ago about providing and building 30 crosses for the Huntsville Cemetery. Harrison was able to get some paint for the bases and so they are going to finish painting the bases this weekend and then hand them over to Huntsville Town when finished.

7-Eagle Scout Presentation: Logan Rawson. Logan was able to make a power point presentation to the Town Council to propose a project for the Town for his Eagle Project. He is going to replace the wood and stain the bleachers in the park. Logan provided a list of the supplies for the project and stated the project would be done with his troop this week.

8-Kiwanis presentation by Jim Vaughan. Jim Vaughan introduced himself as a member of the Kiwanis for 31 years. Kiwanis is a long-standing service club not only throughout our state but in 86 countries. Kiwanis international charges dues and kicks back half of the membership fees to local clubs. His home club is in Clearfield, Utah. Some examples of projects they have done are building some local playgrounds and landscaping projects. Kiwanis are all volunteers and they love to promote service in the local schools. They have clubs for every age group. He is leaving some literature for anyone to look at for after the meeting along with his card for anyone that is interested. **(See Attachment #1)**

9-Sheriff Department Report: Lt. Jeff Pledger. Lt Pledger stated that calls for service were down for this last month. Doug Allen forwarded an email to Lt. Pledger about speeders on 7700 East. This is where the traffic is being redirected for the Huntsville Corner construction.

On Monday, there was an incident of someone exposing himself to some women on the walking trail north of Town. Lt. Pledger thinks this is an isolated incident but wanted everyone to be aware.

County wide there have been an increase in residential and car burglaries. He stated it hasn't hit the Valley as hard as it has in Ogden. He is reminding residents they should lock their cars and keep their valuables out of sight. There have been 116 car break ins in our area and 94 have been due to unlocked vehicles. In the recreation areas, cars and windows have been broken to get at valuables.

Lt. Pledger stated they are running a citizen police academy. The program runs about 7 weeks. The purpose is to educate the public about how law enforcement works. There is a course that starts on October 10<sup>th</sup>. It is not limited to elected officials. It is open for everyone. If anyone is interested, please contact Lt. Pledger.

Lt. Pledger responded to Ruston McKay regarding the complaint about the dogs. He stated that he was up here for the marathon. He asked several dog owners to leave and they left the area. CM McKay stated that she and Ron Gault are working on the animal ordinances.

10-CM Bill White: Presentation/Report on current water supply in Huntsville Town. **(See Attachment #2)** In 2010, Bill White came to the Town to volunteer to help with the Water Committee. He was not a full-time resident at the time. In 2011, CM White received an email

from Mayor Truett asking him to put together a water rights policy for those annexing into Town which he did and has been working on Huntsville's water supply situation ever since. Tonight, he has prepared a power point presentation regarding the problems the Water Committee has faced with over the last years and the process that they are going through to resolve the issues.

There are two different types of problems they are working on with regards to water. The first, how much water they are producing from the springs that flow into Town. Second, does Huntsville have a secondary source of water in case the primary source of water fails? **See Slide #2.** Every year Huntsville has to file a report with the State of Utah to tell them how they are doing with regards to these two issues. We have been reporting to the State of Utah that we are producing 180 gallons per minutes (gpm) but our meters have been broken for several years and those numbers are based on estimation of data prior to those years. Huntsville has now installed new meters and recognized we are only producing 150 gpm. It is unknown if the spring has diminished over the years of it the Town data has been off.

The town has spent a lot of time and money to develop new source capacity without levying a very large tax increase on residents by obtaining grants. **See Slide #3**

Currently the state mandates the well should be producing 197 gpm and that requirement will grow as we increase hookups. Currently Huntsville is producing 150 gpm. **See Slide #4.** CM White explained when the water treatment plant was constructed, the engineers who designed the plant, told water engineers and Town officials to solicit more connections for water, to a maximum of 750, in order to pay back the loan on the new treatment plant. They recommended as many water connections as they could hook up so that they could make the payment on the water plant. They didn't consider the amount of water they needed coming into the water treatment plant for those 750 connections. Unfortunately, there are letters floating around out there with promises of water. There aren't any copies and we don't know how many are out there. CM White showed the audience a copy of one of letters that he has been presented with. This family has retained an attorney and will sue the Town for water. In the last month, CM White has been made aware of 16 of these particular letters.

#### **See Slide#5 & #6**

In 2011, the Town hired Sunrise engineering to review water system and make recommendations. Sunrise notified the Town stating it is legally non-compliant in source capacity and redundancy. Sunrise report paints dire picture for the Town's water future and Sunrise recommended the Town immediately begin search for additional water resources.

In 2017, the Town drilled the "Nugget Well" on Monastery property. The well was located in the second-best place on the monastery property and they had disappointing results. They hit a dry hole. The Nugget Well produced about 15 gpm. After that time, CM Bill White purchased the Monastery property. According to Huntsville's contract with the Monastery, the Town could drill two more wells and the Town Water Engineer suggested the location near the Monastery Springs. CM Bill White said no, like the monks did before, suggesting it might impact the Monastery Springs. CM Bill White recused himself from any negotiating for a contract with the Town. His business partner and a team from the Town did their own negotiating for a new

contract. The most critical aspect for the Town is that they have a redundant water source. The new well can only be used as a back-up source. **See Slide #6.**

To summarize, **See Slide #7.** The water committee has now accomplished what they set out to do which was to create a secure supply of water for the Town of Huntsville. What was not accomplished was creating enough source capacity to start hooking up new people outside of Town. Recently, these water letters are now popping up. Residents have been asking CM White, if you are supposed to be producing 200 gmp and only really producing 150 gmp, how come we aren't running out of water? There are three reasons. The first, The Town has replaced all of the aging water lines. Second, the Town has metered all of homes in Huntsville. Many older homes had leaks and the metering forced everyone to fix their leaks. This saved a ton of water. The third thing the committee did was to limit the water and impose extra charges for extra usage. One of the things that is making the biggest difference in the water usage in Town is the that one third of the Town are part time residents. The 100 homes is the difference in the water flow of 150 gpm and 200 gpm. If all of the part-time homes were occupied full time, Huntsville would need all of that flow.

CM White is pleading with the Town Council to consider who they are allowing to hook up to water.

### **Mayor Truett**

#### **11 – Department Reports.**

Marathon: Mayor Truett stated they just completed the 7<sup>th</sup> Huntsville Marathon. They have decided to change the start time to 7 a.m. for next year. It was a warm day and several people went off in ambulances. There were about 40 people that qualified for the Boston marathon.

Internet Connection: The Mayor signed up for Liberty Broad Band. Michael Zindel was the rep and it was good service at a very good price. Mayor Truett believes they should consider switching the Town over to a more consistent internet at Town Hall.

The Huntsville Corner (Pathway): The project will be completed on October 1<sup>st</sup>. The guard rail will be end and the path will come out north of 7700 East. Ruston commented there are parking problems where the pathway will go out. Ruston thinks there will be others will park there to go for their bike rides. Mayor Truett explained that bike riding on the Highway 39 was unsafe and that was the reason they did this. If parking becomes an issue in the future, the TC will address it at that time.

### **CM Wendy McKay**

#### **10. Department Reports.**

Animal Ordinance: CM McKay stated she is working with Ron Gualt on this animal ordinance.

Pickle Ball Courts: She is looking forward to getting signage this week. Cement sidewalks will go in the next couple of weeks. She is hoping to have a grand opening before snow.

**CM Bill White**

**12. Department Reports.**

**The Parks District:** CM White is a member of that board. They are getting \$52,800.00 for Huntsville Park. Since they did not collect taxes on the Huntsville residents, Huntsville will give them \$8800 for the year and then our budget with them will be \$52,800.00.

**Rebecca Songer** asked what the \$52,800.00 was earmarked for. CM White stated the TC is in the process of trying to put together the budget for that \$52,800.00. If there are items that residents would like to see, then they needed to contact the Town Council. Rebecca commented that she would like to see lacrosse goals.

CM McKay wanted to know if Huntsville has been allowed a vote on the Parks District Board. CM White responded he is an advisor. State Law requirements dictates to have a vote, Huntsville must be in the District. Since Huntsville is not in the district, then we don't have a vote. CM White explained they are hoping to have a fix for the law when the election is finished. In the interim, Huntsville will have a proxy to sit on the board. Also, Huntsville would only get 1 out of 9 votes anyway, and the terms of the money disbursement has already been set.

Mayor Truett commented it is a great opportunity for the Town to be involved in the Parks District.

**GPS Mapping Grant:** Brian Deeter contacted CM White about a grant for a GPS mapping the town water system and they were approved for that grant. The amount of the grant is \$60,000.

**CM Max Ferre:**

**13. Department Reports:**

CM Ferre' stated they are working on the debris on the road over by the Jefferson Hunt Campground access.

CM Ferre' stated the rock on the Town Shed is coming off. He has contacted the builder without any response. He will continue to work on getting someone to fix the side rock.

CM McKay wanted to know about the pavement to the west of the Mercantile. She wanted to know if that can be paved. Doug Allen stated that they are working on a project there right now. CM Ferre' stated he would look at that spot and see what is happening there.

**CM Bill Wangsgard:**

**14. Department Reports:**

Mosquito abatement has been coming to the end of the season.

It has been a big benefit to the Town to have some of these Eagle Scout Projects to the Town.

**16. Citizen Comments.**

**Doug Allen** wanted to thank the Town Council about the work that they do. Doug Allen wanted to comment about CM White's presentation regarding the water supply in Huntsville. He wanted to let the Town Council know that sometimes it is very hard to say "no" to people that want

water. Doug wanted to remind the Town Council that there are 642 people that are dependent on the water that the Town provides.

17. Approval of Bills, July 2018. **CM Ferre made a motion to approve the bills for July 2018.** CM White seconded the motion. All votes aye. Bills are approved.

CM White made a motion to adjourn the meeting. CM Ferre' seconded. All votes aye.  
**Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.**



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Beckki Endicott, Recorder



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# HUNTSVILLE TOWN CULINARY WATER ISSUES

SEPTEMBER 2018

Attachment #2  
TC Meeting 9-20-18



# PROBLEM

## SOURCE CAPACITY AND REDUNDANCY

- THE STATE OF UTAH REQUIRES MUNICIPALITIES TO PROVIDE CLEAN CULINARY WATER TO EACH HOUSE (SOURCE CAPACITY), PROVIDE WATER STORAGE FOR FIRE PROTECTION, AND HAVE A SECONDARY SOURCE IN CASE OF SYSTEM FAILURES (REDUNDANCY).
- HUNTSVILLE TOWN DOES NOT MEET STATE STANDARDS FOR SOURCE CAPACITY OR REDUNDANCY.
  - THE SPRINGS WE SHARE WITH THE MONASTERY HAVE REDUCED FLOW
  - THERE ARE MANY BUILDING LOTS IN TOWN THAT STILL NEED WATER SERVICE
  - TOWN ISSUED AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF WATER COMMITMENT LETTERS TO PROPERTY OWNERS OUTSIDE OF TOWN. THIS CREATES A POTENTIAL LIABILITY FOR ADDITIONAL WATER OR MONETARY DAMAGES.

## PROBLEM (CONT.)

- THE TOWN DOES NOT HAVE THE MONEY TO DEVELOP NEW SOURCE CAPACITY WITHOUT:
  - 1) LEVYING A VERY LARGE TAX INCREASE ON RESIDENTS
  - 2) OBTAINING GRANTS (DOUBTFUL)
  - 3) INDEBTING THE TOWN FOR DECADES
    - ALREADY HAVE A \$1,000,000 LOAN

## CONDITION OF CURRENT SUPPLY

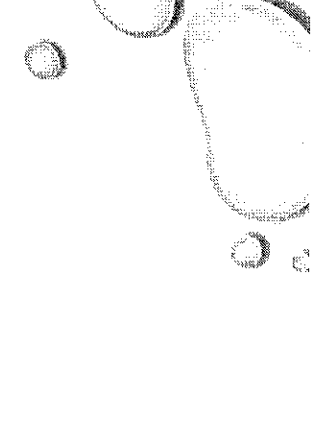
- STATE MANDATED SOURCE CAPACITY IS 197 GPM AND WILL GROW AS WE INCREASE HOOKUPS
- CURRENTLY WE ARE PRODUCING 150 GPM
  - EFFECTS OF DROUGHT AND FUTURE DECLINES
- FUTURE COMMITMENTS WE KNOW OF
  - 30-50 LOTS IN TOWN
- UNKNOWN # OF COMMITMENTS OUTSIDE OF TOWN MADE BY PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATIONS

# TOWN'S LATEST QUEST FOR WATER

- 2011 – TOWN HIRES SUNRISE ENGINEERING TO REVIEW WATER SYSTEM AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS
  - SUNRISE NOTIFIES TOWN IT IS LEGALLY NON-COMPLIANT IN SOURCE CAPACITY AND REDUNDANCY
  - SUNRISE REPORT PAINTS DIRE PICTURE FOR TOWN'S WATER FUTURE
  - SUNRISE RECOMMENDS TOWN IMMEDIATELY BEGIN SEARCH FOR ADDITIONAL WATER RESOURCES
- 2011 – MAYOR TRUETT DELIVERS SUNRISE REPORT TO BILL WHITE AND ASKS HIM TO WORK WITH WATER TEAM TO CREATE WATER POLICY FOR PROPERTY OWNERS ANNEXING LAND INTO TOWN.
- 2012 – WATER COMMITTEE MEETS WITH MONKS TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITY OF DEVELOPING ADDITIONAL WATER SOURCES ON MONASTERY PROPERTY.
- 2014 – TOWN NEGOTIATES WITH MONKS RIGHT TO DEVELOP ADDITIONAL WATER ON MONASTERY PROPERTY IN CONFINED AREA.
- 2014 – JEFF HOLT OFFERS TO HELP TOWN SECURE GRANT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF WATER RESOURCES. TOWN SUCCEEDS IN OBTAINING \$600,000 GRANT IN 2015.



## QUEST FOR WATER CONTINUED

- 2017 – TOWN DRILLS “NUGGET WELL” ON MONASTERY PROPERTY. DISAPPOINTING RESULTS
  - 2018 – TOWN DRILLS “WISHING WELL” ON MONASTERY PROPERTY NEAR SPRINGS. PROMISING RESULTS.
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## CONTRACT WITH NEW OWNERS OF MONASTERY

- WISHING WELL CAN ONLY BE USED AS A REDUNDANT SOURCE. WELL MAY NOT BE USED TO INCREASE SOURCE CAPACITY TO ALLOW ADDITIONAL WATER CONNECTIONS.
- WELL CAN ONLY BE USED IF SPRINGS DROP BELOW 150 GPM. THAT PROVISION CAPS TOWN'S SOURCE CAPACITY AT 150 GPM.
- FIRST 100 GPM BELONGS EXCLUSIVELY TO TOWN TO CREATE REDUNDANT SUPPLY.
- IF EXCESS CAPACITY EXISTS, IT BELONGS TO PROPERTY OWNERS.
- TOWN HAS OPTION TO PURCHASE ANY EXCESS CAPACITY FROM MONASTERY OWNERS.

## SUMMARY

- THE FUNDING AND COMPLETION OF THE WISHING WELL WAS A HERCULEAN TASK THAT TOOK YEARS TO ACCOMPLISH.
- WISHING WELL INSURES TOWN WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ITS CURRENT CITIZENS WITH CULINARY WATER.
- WISHING WELL DOES NOT PROVIDE TOWN WITH ANY ADDITIONAL SOURCE CAPACITY TO ADD NEW CONNECTIONS.
- TOWN STILL HAS 30 – 50 UNDEVELOPED LOTS THAT WILL NEED WATER.
- TOWN HAS UNKNOWN NUMBER OF COMMITMENTS TO SERVE WATER TO OUTSIDE TOWN RESIDENTS.
- IF STATE FORCES TOWN TO SECURE ADDITIONAL SOURCE CAPACITY BECAUSE OF NON-COMPLIANCE, IT WILL LIKELY COST MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO ACCOMPLISH.