

WORK SESSION—NOVEMBER 21, 2019
INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Minutes of the Huntsville Town Council Work Session, held at the Huntsville Town Hall, 7309 East 200 South at 6:00 PM regarding the Independence Day Celebration.

Attending: Mayor Truett, CM Bill Wangsgard, CM Wendy McKay, Richard Sorenson, Jeff Larsen, CM Max Ferre, CM Blake Bingham, Terry Murphy, Liz Poulter, Suzanne Ferre

CM Wendy McKay started the meeting by welcoming everyone. She started the meeting by reviewing the smaller celebration that took place in 2019. There was lot of feedback from residents. She stated the celebration was held the weekend before the 4th of July in 2019. The 4th of July falls on a Saturday in 2020. The committee is meeting to decide if the Independence Day Celebration should be held on the actual date of Saturday, July 4th in 2020. CM McKay stated she has heard that residents love the 4th of July on the actual date of the 4th but many really enjoyed the smaller celebration. She asked the committee what they could do to hold the 4th of July on Saturday the 4th for 2020 and still keep the small town feel that the last celebration had.

Mayor Truett stated he would like to see the 4th of July on the 4th but he, also really enjoyed the smaller celebration. He believes the disruption in the schedule last year really cut down on the crowd. Mayor Truett stated Huntsville Town is in good financial shape. He doesn't believe that the 4th of July is needed as a fundraiser, but he would like to see the celebration not lose money. The breakfast event in the past has been an event that supported the financial goals of the celebration. He feels that having a breakfast would be a good thing for residents and help the celebration not to lose money. Mayor Truett commented they should plan the breakfast with limited food and then when they run out, the breakfast would end. He recommends planning on smaller attendance from that of 2 years ago. Mayor Truett also commented there was not a need to advertise the breakfast or the celebration. CM McKay stated she thinks the snack shack will have to be open the whole day and manned in shifts in order to not lose money on the 4th.

CM Max Ferre asked if there were food trucks that could come to the park and pay us for coming. CM Wendy McKay responded that any vendor that came into the Town celebration paid \$300 for coming. CM Bill Wangsgard asked about parking. CM McKay stated the last two years they have not had a parking plan and it has gone very smoothly.

Jeff Larsen stated he has heard residents have missed the breakfast. He didn't want to burden any one person with the responsibility of the breakfast. CM McKay asked how the committee felt about compensating the person that ran the breakfast every year. He also thinks that preselling tickets to residents would allow them to get a good count. Mayor Truett commented again that the breakfast would more than compensate for the expenses for the day. CM Ferre asked if Mike Engstrom could be compensated. Mayor Truett was supportive of this idea.

Liz likes the idea of a small celebration and has supported the American Legion Breakfast in the past.

Blake would like to see a smaller celebration. He is still concerned with using the same volunteers every year and the rate of volunteer burn out. Blake liked the idea of the celebration events in the morning and then letting residents celebrate with their families in the afternoon.

Richard stated he liked the smaller celebration but also like the celebration on the 4th of July.

CM McKay reviewed the events for the day and asked about the DJ and the hypnotist. She felt the cost was worth it. Richard mentioned the DJ was very good, and his time fills up very fast. CM McKay will book the DJ right away.

Mayor Truett asked who would chair the celebration. CM McKay stated she would not be available. She will be out of Town.

Mayor Truett reminded CM McKay of the flag raising and the retiring of the flag. Liz stated her favorite part of the flag retirement is the horses. CM McKay will ask Steve Johnson if he is available to do that.

As far as the games are concerned, CM McKay stated there are families that have volunteered for the games on the 4th.

CM Ferre commented that the grills they usually use for the breakfast were sold and unavailable. CM Wendy McKay asked Max to follow up with the previous owner and see if they would be willing to rent the grills to us.

CM Blake Bingham will reach out to Mike Engstrom regarding running the breakfast. CM McKay stated the Baker's have volunteered to run the games.

CM McKay made a motion to adjourn. CM Wangsgard seconded the motion. All votes aye. Meeting is adjourned.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Beckki Endicott, Recorder