



**MINUTES OF THE SPRINGDALE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2021**

This Council meeting did not have an anchor location and was conducted entirely via electronic means. Council members connected remotely. The meeting was available to the public for live viewing/listening and included a public hearing whereby public comments could be made electronically. If a member of the public did not have access to the internet, they could join the meeting audio via telephone.

The Special Meeting convened at 4:00pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Pro Tem Adrian Player, Council members Randy Aton, Lisa Zumpft, and Suzanne Elger

EXCUSED: Mayor Stanley J. Smith

ALSO PRESENT: Town Manager Rick Wixom, Town Attorney Greg Hardman, and Town Clerk Darci Carlson recording. See attached sheet for attendees signed into the meeting.

Motion made by Lisa Zumpft to approve the Special Meeting agenda for January 13, 2021.

Seconded by Randy Aton.

Elger: Aye

Aton: Aye

Player: Aye

Zumpft: Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Suzanne Elger to go into Closed Session for discussion of pending or reasonably imminent litigation. Seconded by Lisa Zumpft.

Elger: Aye

Aton: Aye

Player: Aye

Zumpft: Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Closed Session commenced at 4:04pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Pro Tem Adrian Player, Council members Randy Aton, Lisa Zumpft, and Suzanne Elger

EXCUSED: Mayor Stanley J. Smith

ALSO PRESENT: Town Manager Rick Wixom, Town Attorney Greg Hardman, and Town Clerk Darci Carlson recording.

Closed Session ended at 4:56pm. No action was required of the Closed Session.

The Closed Session was re-opened at 4:59pm for a brief announcement by Town Attorney Greg Hardman. The Closed Session ended at 5:01pm.

The Regular Meeting commenced at 5:02pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Pro Tem Adrian Player, Council members Randy Aton, Lisa Zumpft, and Suzanne Elger

EXCUSED: Mayor Stanley J. Smith

ALSO PRESENT: Town Manager Rick Wixom, Director of Community Development Tom Dansie, Town Treasurer Dawn Brecke, Police Chief Garen Brecke, Parks and Recreation Director Ryan Gubler, Public Works Superintendent Robby Totten, Streets Superintendent Robert George and Town Clerk Darci Carlson recording. See attached sheet for attendees signed into the meeting.

Motion made by Lisa Zumpft to approve the agenda striking Item C7. Seconded by Suzanne Elger.

Player: Aye

Zumpft: Aye

Elger: Aye

Aton: Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Wixom indicated Mayor Smith had received a letter from Tyler Young resigning from the Commission.

A. Discussion and Information

1. General announcements: Public Officials training was scheduled for Thursday, January 21st from 9:30am – 1:00pm. The training would include a review of the Open and Public Meetings Act and a workshop on Facilitating Effective and Interactive Online Meetings and Work Groups.

2. Zion National Park update: Superintendent Bradybaugh reported.

- December 2020 visitation was 32% higher than December 2019 and 53% higher than December 2018. September, October, November and December set all time visitation records. Much of the visitation was driven by COVID and people wanting to get out and visit their public lands.
- Preliminary visitation totals for 2020 were 3.61 million visitors compared to 4.51 million in 2019; a difference of about 20%.
- The Great American Outdoors Act was signed into law recently and would provide funding for major deferred maintenance projects in National Parks. In the near term, there was a high likelihood the South Campground would undergo a complete restoration. Over the next several years the Park would also undertake a number of remediation, repair and construction projects.
- Looking ahead to the upcoming visitor season, shuttles would likely start February 13th and continue for several weekends. The full-time shuttle schedule for the Park and Town would start about March 6th. The Park anticipated a continuation of the shuttle ticketing system since COVID impacts continued. Visitor contact activity would continue outside the Visitor Center. Superintendent Bradybaugh asked for help to push out messaging related to appropriate use of public lands and 'Leave no Trace'.
- On January 26th various local officials would meet to discuss the upcoming visitor season and shuttle operations.
- The Park was working hard to get first responders and key personnel immunized.

Ms. Elger commented she was in the Narrows recently and delighted to see no garbage or graffiti. She commended Park personnel for doing a great job cleaning up the area.

3. Council department reports:

Mr. Player reported:

- The Public Works and Streets Departments were hard working crews. They had been dealing with a few irrigation leaks in Town.
- A pre-construction meeting was scheduled to discuss irrigation meter installation for Town irrigation customers.
- There was no update related to the Mosquito Abatement Board.

Ms. Zumpft reported:

- Met with Rick Wixom and Jack Burns about reinstallation of the Zion National Park kiosk sign at the south parking lot (across from the Majestic View). More information would come on the content of this sign.
- Art Review Board met mid-December to consider two applications which would be considered by the Council tonight.
- Attended two Washington County Tourism Camping meetings to discuss the reinvigoration of multi-agency communications related to tourist camping messaging.
- *Wreaths Across America* ceremony was successful. Ms. Zumpft thanked Ms. Carlson for organizing the event and Katy Brown for her singing of the National Anthem.
- Participated in a call with the Utah Cultural Alliance. Governor Cox proposed \$150,000,000 in budget funding to help rural internet connections in Utah which could eventually benefit the arts. Ms. Zumpft said Utah was #2 in the country as it related to supporting the arts during COVID. She noted many artists were still struggling.
- The Zion Regional Collaborative meeting was scheduled for January 26th. The group was still waiting on approval of the Scenic Byway designation.

Ms. Elger reported:

- The Town Trails Committee would meet tomorrow. After their December meeting, each committee member reached out to their assigned local stakeholder contact (resident or business owner) to work on getting access to their lands for the Town trail.
- The History Center Design/Development Review would be submitted to the Planning Commission in February. Work was being done on the landscaping and how to best manage the retail space.
- The Parking Committee would meet again before the next Council meeting.

Mr. Aton reported:

- Alpha Engineering completed the bid package for the Tiley Hill sidewalk project which would be sent out for bid.
- The Winderland Lane Committee had not met recently but in the last meeting discussed potentially moving the crosswalk from the up-canyon side to the down-canyon side. UDOT was not overly encouraging due to costs.
- Options and design of the Lion Boulevard sidewalk project were being discussed. The final design would be completed in July but construction not likely until 2023.
- Highlights of work completed by the Streets Department included installation of a new flagpole at the cemetery; placement of boulders at the entrance to the Pioneer Cemetery; storm waffles placed on Balanced Rock to help with slope erosion; no turn signs installed on Foothill and Red Hawk; and, removal of Christmas lights on public properties.
- Hurricane Valley Fire District monthly totals were provided (Attachment #1). The District added six (6) more full-time employees but were still looking to add an additional twelve (12). They desperately needed to increase staffing to ease the call burden on existing firefighters. Additionally, the Fire District contacted Senator Vickers and Representative Last requesting a change to state fire code that would allow the local fire board to initiate a Truth in Taxation process rather than the County Commissioners. Given the growth in the county, call service had increased 14% but property tax revenues had only increased 6%.

- The Fire District offered the use of its decontamination machine for any public buildings.
- The District intended to provide an after-action report related to the Bumbleberry fire.

4. Community questions and comments: None were asked.

B. Legislative Action Items

1. Ordinance 2021-01 – Revising Section 4-5-7 of Town Code to update fees related to the collection and disposal of residential solid waste and the collection of residential recycling – In August the Council approved a new agreement with the Washington County Solid Waste District, and, Washington County Solid Waste District approved a new agreement with Republic Services for collection and disposal of residential solid waste and recycling.

As a result, the Council revised Chapter 4-5 of Town Code and updated the fee schedule to reflect changes made in these two agreements. A few of these revisions needed to be fixed including a correction to the monthly residential rate. The correct rate for the start of the agreement term was \$4.55, not \$4.45. Also, the recycling rate shown as \$4.91 did not include a pass-through charge for the recycling container. The actual amount was \$5.66 per residence per month plus a 3% billing and collection fee to the Town.

This agenda item corrected these amounts under section 4-5-7. Apologies were extended for the needed changes.

Motion made by Lisa Zumpft to approve Ordinance 2021-01 revising Section 4-5-7 of Town Code to update fees related to the collection and disposal of residential solid waste and the collection of residential recycling and direct the Mayor Pro Tem to sign. Seconded by Suzanne Elger.

Player: Aye

Zumpft: Aye

Elger: Aye

Aton: Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

C. Administrative Action Items

1. Discussion of the Washington County Tortoise Habitat Conservation Program (HCP) and consideration of the First Amended Interlocal Agreement supporting the HCP Plan – Cameron Rognan, Administrator of the Habitat Conservation Plan for Washington County was in attendance to present to the Council. In 1996 Washington County was awarded a permit from the Fish and Wildlife Service to relocate desert tortoises threatened by development. This permit expired in 2016 but HCP renegotiated a renewed contract for another 25-year term. Mr. Rognan indicated municipalities that have tortoise habitat receive umbrella protection under this permit so private property can continue to be developed.

- The amended agreement lowered the impact fee, and updated maps indicating where mandatory tortoise fences were required.
- Mr. Rognan offered to meet with the proper personnel in Springdale to consider impacted areas where tortoises should be relocated.
- If the Council decided not to approve the agreement, the Town would no longer receive umbrella protection. In addition, private property owners would need to independently work with the Fish and Wildlife Service to develop a plan which could be difficult and frustrating. This agreement could be withdrawn at any point and Springdale was not obligated for the 25-year term.

Mr. Player frequently saw desert tortoises and felt the Council should support this agreement.

- Mr. Aton agreed and said it was the right thing to do to protect the desert tortoise species and residents.

Motion made by Randy Aton to approve the First Amended Interlocal Agreement supporting the renewed Mojave Desert Tortoise Incidental Take Permit issued to Washington County and authorize the Mayor Pro Tem to sign. Seconded by Suzanne Elger.

Player: Aye

Zumpft: Aye

Elger: Aye

Aton: Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

2. Approval of an amendment to the Solid Waste Collection Agreement between Washington County Special Service District No. 1 and the Town of Springdale to change the stated rate of \$4.45 to the correct amount of \$4.55 per the direction of the District Attorney – There was no additional Council discussion.

Motion made by Lisa Zumpft to approve the amendment to the Solid Waste Collection Agreement between Washington County Special Service District No. 1 and the Town of Springdale to change the stated rate of \$4.45 to the correct amount of \$4.55 per the direction of the District Attorney and direct the Mayor Pro Tem to sign. Seconded by Randy Aton.

Player: Aye

Zumpft: Aye

Elger: Aye

Aton: Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Resolution 2021-01, a Resolution revising the fee schedule for Town operations to include a change to recycling fees – There was no additional Council discussion.

Motion made by Lisa Zumpft to approve Resolution 2021-01, a Resolution revising the fee schedule for Town operations to include a change to recycling fees and direct the Mayor Pro Tem to sign. Seconded by Suzanne Elger.

Player: Aye

Zumpft: Aye

Elger: Aye

Aton: Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

4. Consideration and possible approval of the Art Review Board recommendations for renovations to the mosaic wall in Town Park and creation of tortoise sculptures for placement on various Town properties – Mr. Player disclosed he was involved in the manufacturing of the tortoise sculptures but would vote.

Ms. Zumpft had worked with the Art Review Board. She noted there was a request from Red Rock Weavers Guild to fix sprinklers in the area of mosaic wall panel 10.

- Jan Passek addressed the Council and said the group would skip this panel for the time being but come back to it once sprinkler water was not hitting the wall.

Ms. Zumpft asked if the Girl Scouts had been contacted regarding their panel.

- Ms. Passek said the Guild had been unsuccessful at this time.

Motion made by Lisa Zumpft to approve the recommendations of the Art Review Board for renovations to the mosaic wall in Town Park and the creation of tortoise sculptures for placement on various Town properties. Seconded by Suzanne Elger.

Player: Aye

Zumpft: Aye

Aton: Aye

Elger: Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Review and consideration of two RAP Tax applications for public art installations – Mr. Aton liked the tortoise sculptures and the idea of using the old water meter covers.

Ms. Elger noted the Art Review Board had concerns with sharp edges on the tortoise sculptures and asked if they could be softened. Despite the locations, the sculptures were imminently climbable.

- Mr. Player agreed the edges were sharp however, Dawn Brecke suggested warning signs could be installed. He was not in favor of the artist or welder making adjustments to the design.

Ms. Carlson mentioned interpretive signs would be developed in conjunction with the sculptures to educate the public about desert tortoises.

Mr. Aton did not think it necessary to take all sharp objects out of Town. He supported the artist and said signs were a perfectly good way to handle the safety aspects.

Motion made by Lisa Zumpft to approve the two RAP tax applications for public art installations as presented by staff. Seconded by Randy Aton.

Player: Aye

Zumpft: Aye

Aton: Aye

Elger: Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

6. Public Budget Hearing - Resolution 2021-02 to open and amend the FY 2020-21 budget – Mr. Wixom provided a summary of the amendments: 1) Installation of an irrigation line from Lion Boulevard up Paradise Lane to the Jolley-Gifford Cemetery which would include conduit for future fiber optic installation; 2) A public affairs/relations project to develop a communication plan that would provide the Town guidance and assistance in land use development, particularly with properties outside the Town's land use authority; 3) A 2% cost of living adjustment for Town employees; 4) Moenave Trail surfacing; 5) RAP tax funding as just approved.

Questions from Council to staff: For the cemetery irrigation line, Ms. Zumpft asked if it would go along the Moenave Trail.

- Mr. Wixom said trenching would be done under the trail line through the Moenave Subdivision in the public property right-of-way adjacent to Winderland Lane. Across the Matilda/Winderland and Lion/Winderland intersections, the line would be horizontally bored.

Regarding the public affairs money, Ms. Elger asked about the campaign, audience and time frame.

- Staff was working on a Request for Statement of Qualifications to identify firms that would meet objectives including experience with land use and zoning, small town pressures, developing a public education component, and assembling stakeholder groups or entities that could provide financial support.
- The list of qualified firms would be asked to submit a proposal based on a more specific scope. Staff intended to bring a contract back for Council consideration in March.

Ms. Elger asked what costs would be covered with the \$60,000 being requested.

- Based on conversations with firms recommended by the Utah League of Cities and Towns, staff was basing the funding request off an estimated range of costs. Until the project scope was fully defined, costs to address marketing and communications plans, stakeholder engagement, and media buys, were unknown at this time.

Once identified, Mr. Aton asked how long the Town would engage the public affairs firm.

- Depending upon the scope, Mr. Wixom indicated engagement with the public affairs firm would depend upon the deliverables identified. There would likely be discreet phases of the project.

Questions from the public to staff: None were asked.

Motion made by Suzanne Elger to go into public hearing for discussion of the Budget Amendment #3. Seconded by Lisa Zumpft.

Player: Aye

Elger: Aye

Aton: Aye

Zumpft: Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Public comment: No public comments were made.

Motion made by Suzanne Elger to close public hearing. Seconded by Lisa Zumpft.

Player: Aye

Elger: Aye

Aton: Aye

Zumpft: Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Council deliberation: There was no more Council discussion.

Motion made by Suzanne Elger to adopt Resolution 2021-02, a Resolution amending the budget for the Town of Springdale fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, Budget Amendment #3, and direct the Mayor Pro Tem to sign. Seconded by Lisa Zumpft.

Player: Aye

Elger: Aye

Aton: Aye

Zumpft: Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

7. Correction to the term appointment of Tyler Young to the Planning Commission updating the expiration from January 2021 to January 2022 – This item was struck from the agenda.

8. Appointment of Dawn McComb as Planning Commissioner for term expiring February 2023 –

Mr. Player acknowledged there had been input from the Planning Commission on this item. Given the recent resignation of Tyler Young, the Council could proceed with the appointment or wait to see how this change impacted the configuration of the Commission.

- Even if the item was tabled, Mr. Dansie indicated the Planning Commission would still have quorum to conduct their work.

Mr. Player did not feel comfortable moving forward until the Planning Commission Chair reported back about Ms. McComb's response regarding attendance.

- Ms. Elger agreed. She said the Planning Commission had some difficulties with attendance since 2019 and made policy changes in response.
- Mr. Aton did not feel it appropriate to move forward with the appointment tonight given Planning Commission concerns.

Motion made by Suzanne Elger to defer the appointment of Dawn McComb as Planning Commissioner until the February Town Council meeting. Seconded by Randy Aton.

Player: Aye

Elger: Aye

Aton: Aye

Zumpft: Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

9. Appointment of Tom Kenaston as Planning Commission First Alternate for term expiring August 2023. There was no Council discussion.

Motion made by Suzanne Elger to defer the appointment of Tom Kenaston as Planning Commission First Alternate to the February Council meeting. Seconded by Randy Aton.

Player: Aye

Elger: Aye

Aton: Aye

Zumpft: Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

10. Appointment of Kyla Topham as Planning Commission Second Alternate for term expiring January 2024 – There was no Council discussion.

Motion made by Suzanne Elger to defer the appointment of Kyla Topham as Planning Commission Second Alternate to the February Town Council meeting. Seconded by Randy Aton.

Player: Aye

Elger: Aye

Aton: Aye

Zumpft: Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

D. Consent Agenda

Invoice Date	Invoice No.	Vendor	Amount	Budgeted	Description
11/8/2020	31031649	Anasazi Heating & Air Conditioning	\$ 5,600.00	Y	HVAC Zone update
12/7/2020	20K1169	Chemtech Ford	\$ 1,966.00	Y	Water Sample for WesTech
12/10/2020	12/10/20	City of La Verkin	\$ 1,500.00	Y	ZRC Regional Trail Environmental Study
11/20/2020	06484	City of St. George	\$ 3,053.32	Y	2nd Qtr. Police Dispatch Fee
12/22/2020	12/22/20	Cornilia Kallerud	\$ 735.38	Y	Mosaic RAP Project
11/30/2020	19-041-3	CRSA	\$ 2,495.00	Y	Town Hall Program
11/30/2020	20-033-4	CRSA	\$ 7,600.00	Y	History Center Billing
12/8/2020	2612	Emergency Vehicle Systems	\$ 4,890.00	N	Single Person Prisoner Cages
11/20/2020	2147	Environmental Techniques Int.	\$ 8,100.00	Y	ProOxide Delivery System
11/15/2020	11/15/20	Friedman, Emily	\$ 3,541.67	Y	ZRC Independent Contractor - Nov
12/15/2020	12/15/20	Friedman, Emily	\$ 3,541.67	Y	ZRC Independent Contractor - Dec
12/8/2020	11/6/2042	Mega Pro	\$ 1,512.00	Y	Butch Cassidy Hoodies & Shirts
12/11/2020	3/26/1904	MW Cloud Services	\$ 1,875.00	Y	G-Suite Migration
11/20/2020	IV119883	Parkeon Services	\$ 2,256.00	Y	Monthly Kiosk Fee
12/1/2020	12/01/20	Purchase Power	\$ 550.98	Y	Postage
12/10/2020	6607	Rees CPA	\$ 2,000.00	Y	Final Audit Billing
11/30/2020	0233-000677667	Republic Services	\$ 652.92	Y	Monthly Dumpster Fees
12/4/2020	1339	Rescue Plumbing LLC	\$ 877.00	N	Labor for Hands-Free Faucets at the CCC
12/2/2020	12/02/20 WTP	Rocky Mountain Power	\$ 921.06	Y	Monthly WTP Electric Bill
12/12/2020	12/11/20	Rocky Mountain Power	\$ 5,666.44	Y	Monthly Electric Bill
11/9/2020	23661	Rosenburg & Associates	\$ 525.00	Y	Erosion Hazard Study / BRIC App
10/12/2020	3844096	Safeware	\$ 2,031.95	Y	Public Order Team Equipment
12/11/2020	1549	Schraut, Mark	\$ 1,100.00	Y	Landslide Survey / Paradise Rd Legal Description
12/7/2020	131689	Southern Utah Distributing	\$ 2,184.24	Y	Park Bathroom Supplies
12/2/2020	18301	Straight Stripe	\$ 7,096.44	Y	Crack Seal Various Locations
12/3/2020	0114059	Sunrise Engineering	\$ 3,766.50	Y	Secondary Water Meter Project
12/9/2020	0114292	Sunrise Engineering	\$ 1,801.00	Y	Irrigation Master Billing - November
12/9/2020	0114295	Sunrise Engineering	\$ 1,640.00	Y	Wastewater Master Plan - November
11/24/2020	5064240	Thatcher Company	\$ 4,665.36	Y	Aluminum Sulfate
12/11/2020	12/11/20	Tiley, Albin	\$ 500.00	Y	Road Maint. Contributions 2019 & 2020
12/16/2020	9869317175	Verizon Wireless	\$ 2,260.43	Y	Monthly Cell Phone Bill
11/30/2020	98353	Washington County Solid Waste	\$ 4,072.01	Y	Monthly Garbage Billing
			\$ 90,977.37		

Motion made by Randy Aton to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Lisa Zumpft.

Player: Aye

Zumpft: Aye

Aton: Aye

Elger: Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

E. Administrative Non-Action Items

General Council Discussion: Ms. Zumpft was part of the Washington County Arts Council per the Commission assignments however she was unsure when the group expected to reconvene.

The Council discussed the Southwest Utah Public Health website and the ability to get information and make COVID vaccination appointments. Once all appointments were filled, they opened up a new window for another priority group. Vaccinations were currently going to first responders and teachers.

- Southwest Utah Public Health District staff were working to improve the process. People were asked to have patience.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 6:34pm made by Randy Aton. Seconded by Lisa Zumpft.

Player: Aye

Aton: Aye

Elger: Aye

Zumpft: Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Darci Carlson, Town Clerk

APPROVAL: _____ DATE: _____

A recording of the public meeting is available by contacting the Town Clerk's Office. Please call 435-772-3434 or email springdale@springdale.utah.gov for more information.



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REMOTE MEETING ATTENDANCE RECORD

Meeting: Town Council Regular Meeting 01/13/2021

Jeff Bradybaugh

Kyla Topham

Passek

Tom Kenaston

Cameron Rognan

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PENDING APPROVAL

DECEMBER 2020 TOTALS
ROCKVILLE

Medical Transports	3
Medical Refusals	4
CPTA	<u>2</u>
Total	9
Fire Responses	3

DECEMBER 2020 TOTALS
SPRINGDALE

Medical Transports	3
Medical Refusals	3
CPTA	<u>1</u>
Total	7
Fire Responses	0

DECEMBER 2020 TOTALS
ZION

Medical Transports	0
Medical Refusals	1
CPTA	<u>0</u>
Total	1
Fire Responses	0