

Portage Town Council Meeting

Wednesday, Nov 9, 2022
Portage Town Hall
25880 N 9000 W Portage, Utah 84331

Town Minutes

Attendance: Mayor Max Huggins, Council Member Mariah Huggins, Council Member Tyson Nelson, Council Member Terra Bell, Council Member Sam Patterson, Clerk Gina Marble, Treasurer Debbie Lucas

Visitors: Martina John, Norma Lasa, Misty Beck, Nic Tree, Mr. Beck

Mayor Huggins called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Opening Ceremony

Pledge: Councilmember Bell

Prayer: Councilmember Nelson

Public Comments-Martina commented on water, we should have an ordinance that states we should only supply water to the town. Portage is about 80 to 90 percent in a drought right now.

Review and approve minutes of the Oct 12, 2022 Council meeting.

I'll make a motion to approve the minutes from Oct 12th 2022 by Councilmember Nelson. Seconded by Councilmember Huggins. All aye. Motion approves.

1. Review and approval of Oct 12-Nov 9, 2022 Bills and Payroll.

I'll make a motion to approve Bills and Payroll for Oct 12-Nov 9 by Councilmember Huggins. Seconded by Councilmember Nelson. All aye. Motion approves.

2. Review financial reports, bank reconciliations, and Water adjustments or write-offs. The council reviewed the reports. The Council agreed with the reports.

3. Box Elder Mosquito Abatement District Tax increase-Nic Tree, Nic reported to the council he was appointed by the council to sit on the board. There are 17 volunteers, the district is proposing a tax increase to help cover the cost. The increased average is about 25% a house hold is about \$9.00 a year. The district held a public hearing last night November 8, it was voted on. The Mosquito Abatement will come and spray if you call them. The council thanked Nic for his service.

4. Snow Plow drivers and maintenance-Mayor Huggins stated that Mike can't commit to driving the truck this year. Mayor Huggins and Councilmember Patterson volunteered to take turns plowing the roads this year. Mayor Huggins reported that he did talk to the county to see if they would be interested in plowing the roads, the county will charge for salt and an hourly rate for the employee. The salt is 51.00 a ton and the employee is about \$50.00 and hour and if it's a bad storm we will be the last for them to get to the roads probably won't get plowed until later in the day. The county is going to get back to me if we want to go with that.

Councilmember Nelson stated we can try and get some bids with other companies also. Councilmember Huggins asked if it was in the budget, Councilmember Patterson stated it was. Mayor Huggins stated he plowed the town and it took about 4 hours.

5. Planning Commission report-Mayor Huggins reported they discussed the public comments and if the chair person had a vote, Air B&B's rentals and dog kennels definitions and how many dogs are allowed in state and county.

6.Sheriff Department- was not present.

7.State of Utah v Gustafson update, ATC internet update-Mayor Huggins reported that the town received a letter asked if the town had any issues with Mr. Gustafson being released from his probation early. Mayor Huggins reported that his fines have been paid in full. Councilmember Nelson sated he believes he should serve his sentence and shouldn't get off early, Councilmember Nelson is going to write a letter.

Mayor Huggins reported on the ATC internet update- Mayor Huggins reported that ATC hooked up the fire stations internet and they have 10 to 12 houses to do in town.

Mayor Huggins reported that he talk to dominion energy regarding bring natural gas into town, we are still on the list for that to happen. They are only doing one town this year due to the budget. They will contact us when they know more.

7. Water Update-Councilmember Nelson, Councilmember Nelson reported that the study was completed this morning, we have to fix some information and it will be done soon. We had rural water come up and we scoped the water lines, he was very pleased with the way they looked very minimal damage. They recommended dong it every year. The water is in great shape he was amazed at how much water we are getting.

8.General Park Update-Councilmember Huggins reported the park sprinkler lines got blown out and is ready for spring, Trevor is doing all the mower maintenance for the winter.

Roads- Roads Update-Councilmember Patterson reported He was looking into getting all the culvert's cleaned out, he was going to build something like an auger.

Fire Department- Nic Tree reported the fire department is doing well they are assisting Plymouth more and we are always looking for more volunteers. The fire department will pay for all your training. The council thanked him for all his time and service.

I'll make a motion to adjourn by Councilmember Huggins. Seconded by Councilmember Nelson. All aye. Motion approves.

Meeting adjourns at 6:51pm

Gina Marble: Portage Clerk and Recorder

Max Huggins: Mayor