**Portage Town Council Meeting**

Wednesday February 10, 2021

Portage Town Hall

25880 N 9000 W Portage, Utah 84331

Town Minutes

**Attendance:** Mayor Nic Tree, Council Member Tyson Nelson, Council Member Tyson Nielson, Council Member Martina John, Clerk Kori Williams, Katherine Munns, Treasurer Debbie Lucas

**Visitors:** Amanda Loftiss, Seth Loftiss, Ed Rogers, Sgt. Bennett, Norma Lasa

Mayor Tree called to meeting to order at 6:00pm.

**Opening Ceremony**

**Pledge:** Council Member Nielson **Prayer:** Mayor Tree

1. Review and Approve minutes from January 13, 2021 Town Council Meeting.

**Motion to accept the minutes from January 13, 2021 with corrections by Member Nielson.**

 **Seconded by Council Member Nelson. All aye. Motion approved**

1. Review and Approve January 13, 2020 - February 10, 2021 Bills/Payroll.

**Member Nelson** We have two different from Miller gas, are they both propane?

**Katherine Munns** Yes, the one from January came a little late.

**Member Nelson** How big of tanks does the Fire Department have?

**Mayor Tree** 2, 500-gallon tanks.

**Member Nelson** Maybe we should consider getting 1,000-gallon tanks and buying in when propane is cheaper?

**Motion to pay the bills for January 13, 2020- February 10, 2021 by Council Member Nelson. Seconded by Council Member Nelson. All aye. Motion approved.**

1. Review Financial Report, Bank Reconciliation and Water Adjustments or Write-offs.

Everything looked good and were signed.

1. Swear in new clerk

**Previous Clerk Katherine Munns swore in Kori Williams as new Clerk/Recorder of the Town of Portage.**

1. Discuss nuisance dogs

**Sgt. Bennet** So I went and talked to prosecutors and there are no current state laws that prohibits barking dogs. There is no county ordinance about barking dogs. There is an ordinance and state law about viscous dogs, but in both of those cases they have to be viscous. There is a general nuisance ordinance, so I was talking to the prosecutor about this and he says that he would not prosecute a barking dog on that ordinance. The only way you could really go about it is a city ordinance, but with a city ordinance you would need a prosecutor and give the violator there day in court.

**Mayor Tree suggests putting a notice on the Mayors Note for nuisance dogs and council members agree that is a good place to start.**

1. Discuss fire hydrant between Amanda Loftiss & Bob John

**Amanda Loftiss** Explained that the fire hydrant on the corner between her and neighbor Bob John’s home looks as if it were sinking. Although found out it is an optical illusion, because the water is built up, due to the covert being blocked. She is wondering how to go about getting the covert dug up to reduce the extra water.

**Member Nelson** Says he will look into the problem.

1. Discuss adding power to the town shed

**Amanda Loftiss** Explained that the town shed needs electricity to charge the lawn mower’s battery. Although since they do not know where the septic tank is in the shed, the electrician can not go forward with that.

**Katherine Munns** When the Whirl Away came, he said that the septic is probably under the shed, but they would have to cut a hole to figure out where its at. We just need to decide if that’s what we want to do.

**Amanda Loftiss** Either way we will probably have to move the shed to verify where it is located. So, we aren’t cutting holes everywhere in the bottom of the shed.

**Member Nelson** At what point do you just put a new septic tank in?

**Mayor Tree** The Grover guy says that he remembers doing it, and would come to a look once it thaws out. Let’s have him come look before we start tearing things apart.

**Council agrees that it’s a good idea to wait for the second opinion.**

**Sgt. Bennett** Reports 12 calls this month, 2 were noise complaints.

**Member Nielson motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Member John. All aye.**

Meeting adjourns at 6:35

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**Kori Williams: Portage Clerk and Recorder Nicolas Tree: Portage Mayor**