

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
HELD AT THE CITY CENTER
AUGUST 18, 1992

The meeting was called to order by Mayor D. Lynn Crook at 7PM. Councilmembers present: Keith Broadhead, David Hathaway, Hortt Carter and Max Holman. Gerald Fowkes was excused due to illness. Hortt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Citizens present: Janet Hathaway, Mike Olson, Clay Jensen, and Carla Wall.

Approval of the Minutes of August 4th & 11th, 1992: Max moved to approve the Minutes of August 4th, David seconded, passed 4-0. Max moved to approve the Minutes of August 11th as corrected, Hortt seconded, passed 4-0.

Report on Auction: Hortt reported the backhoe was sold for \$1800, the tractor for \$500, the small gun for \$20, the 357 for \$110 and the 30-06 for \$165. Several bikes were also sold.

Copy Machine Contract: Elaine reported the copy machine had been serviced and a major part replaced. That the lease expired in September. Hortt moved the copy machine be purchased for \$432 and a repairman out of Orem be used as needed, Keith seconded, passed 4-0.

MFA Resolution: Elaine reported the Municipal Finance Association had requested Santaquin pass a resolution withdrawing their membership. Nancy Hess, Bureau of Water Pollution Control, said it was necessary for Santaquin to maintain this membership as Santaquin is using money the Bureau of Water Pollution Control financed through MFA. This information was given to and approved by MFA.

Update on Water Project: Keith reported Schedule A would be complete tomorrow and Schedule B (water tank, springs, & etc) would be completed in September. That the water tank was complete and tested 20% higher than required (at least). That the development of the springs should start next week and cleanup along the streets was in progress.

Keith reported the water restriction was successful, that they were maintaining the storage level.

Keith reported there is no water at the Boy Scout Camp. That Payson and Santaquin Fire Department each took a tanker of water to fill the swimming pool at the camp.

Forest Service: Mark Sensibough, of the Forest Service, reported to the Council on the Nebo Loop project. He said the turnouts and information stops would be located on the main road from Nephi to Payson. He said information being made available would include air quality, wildlife, grazing, geology, general history of the area and history of the C.C. work. That video tapes of the area would be made available through local merchants. David ask if attention would be given to the Santaquin Canyon road. Mark replied not at this time, maybe a little gravel but nothing major. Mayor Crook said the road needs consideration now. Keith ask if a traffic study had ever been

done. Answer NO. Mr. Sensibough gave an update on the PicNc facilities. David suggest a map of canyon roads with access to the freeway be placed at the crossroads on the loop. Council thanked Mr. Sensibough for the information and the opportunity for input. Mr. Sensibough suggest people of Santaquin be surveyed to determine their desired improvements for the canyon.

Business License: Hortt moved a "Home Occupation" license be approved for Bennie Lee, Keith seconded, passed 4-0. Hortt tabled a business license application for Lynn Robbins untill she could be present to answer questions.

Report on Cherry Days Celebration: Carla Carter reviewed earnings from the celebration. As all figures were not in a final figure could not be determined. Keith stated he would be sending out "Thank You" letters to everyone who helped. Mayor Crook reported he had received many compliments on the celebration. The committee agreed to stay on one more year.

Mike Olson, Payson Chronicle, stated he would donate the Little Buck-a-Roo flyers at a cost of \$112.50. Council thanked Mike.

Bills: Keith moved to approve the bills, except \$112.50 to the Chronicle, in the amount of \$31,397.75, Max seconded, passed 4-0.

Miscellaneous: Mayor Crook reported the second part of the two year CDBG Grant, \$33,000, was available upon request.

Mayor Crook read a letter from the Health Department requiring upgrades at the animal pound. David agreed to insure the pound complies.

Mayor Crook read a letter from ULGT Insurance stating the links on the swing at the City Center needed replaced and the rest of the facilities were in compliance.

Mayor Crook read a letter (attached) to be sent to Dee Hansen, Director of Natural Resources. David moved the letter be approved and sent, Hortt seconded, passed 4-0. It was agreed a copy of the letter be sent to Governor Bangerter, Tim Provan the Director of Wildlife Resources, Representative Bill Wright, Representative Tim Moran, Senator Eldon Money and the newspapers.

Mayor Crook reported current coverage with ULGT Insurance would cover the city if a private school were in a rented room at the City Center.

Hortt suggest the Council meet with Brad Peterson and RaNae Reed, Arts Council members, regarding storage of supplies and cleaning.

Max reported a room could not be ready to rent, for a private school, by Saturday. Max and Hortt agreed to meet with the school representatives Thursday at 4PM.

Mayor Crook reported he had instructed Al, Police Chief, to notify a citizen that it is necessary for her to come before the Judge, on several dog complaints, August 24th. Mayor Crook further stated the Judge had agreed community service hours could be assigned to resolve these old complaints.

Hortt presented mileage reimbursement for Lee Leifson, Building Inspector. Council approved.

Hortt reported on complaints of raw sewage at the B&K Cabins. Over crowding and using the adjacent lot for garbage and personal use was also discussed. It was reported the Health Department would not cooperate. Hortt agreed to contact the owner of the rentals regarding these problems.


David reported the Fire Department had taken parts from an old truck and put them on the truck donated by Utah Power & Light making it a new brush truck. They would now like to make the old truck into a light and supply truck. Keith moved to approve \$735 for lights, stating the Fire Department agreed to match this with funds earned at their Mud Digs, Hortt seconded, passed 4-0.

David reported the Fire Department donated \$300 to the Cherry Days Fund and \$200 to the Burn Center from Mud Dig proceeds.

David reported the compliance date for the HIV shots had come. That the EMTs and Firemen would be receiving the shots in two weeks. David further stated a \$70,000 fine could be assessed for non-compliance.

Keith reviewed the information letter, on the sewer project, being sent out to the citizens. Hortt moved to approve the letter, Max seconded, passed 4-0. Hortt moved to publish the letter in a large spread in the Payson Chronicle for \$112.50.

Approved this 1st day of September, 1992


D Lynn Crook, Mayor


Elaine Tasker, Recorder



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August 19, 1992

Dee Hansen
Executive Director of Natural Resources
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Dear Mr. Hansen:

I feel it is necessary to write to you and let you know what happened prior to and after your phone call pledging cooperation to Santaquin City in acquiring an acre of land for a culinary water tank. Everyone in Utah should realize water is the most valuable commodity there is in the west, especially culinary water. We feel the actions of Wildlife Resources employees have caused valuable winter range for deer and elk to be lost twenty to thirty years sooner than it should have been.

Before your first phone call in December 1991 we had tried to negotiate with the Salt Lake office to acquire the needed acre on site #2. Kathrine Quinn must have been assigned to derail us. She did a very good job of this.

We then tried to purchase site #3, we thought it was on private property, but upon a survey it showed the fence was off and the site was still owned by the State. We were back negotiating with your office. That was about the time of your phone call as a result of the efforts of Senator Money.

We then started negotiating with Rodney John and John Fairchild of the Springville office. We told them we would pay \$1500 for the acre at site #3, which is three times the value, or give them three acres of a forty we owned south and west of this area for one acre. We were told that it would be no advantage to the Fish & Game as they already had the use of our forty acres. After several meetings, with Representative Bill Wright sitting in on part of them, they finally agreed that if we would pay the value of the land each year in a lease, we could lease the acre at site #3 instead of going to site #4. We refused to pay the value of land each year as rent.

After negotiations had failed with your people, as we were told by Tim Provan it would take at least forty five days to complete a sale, even after going to the governor to intercede for us. Finally in desperation we decided to condemn site #4 as we couldn't get an agreement there either. Prior to the court date we even offered Wildlife Resources to sell them the forty acres mentioned here in trade and cash if an agreement could be consummated before the court date to condemn Site #4.

We finally settled, on the courthouse steps, with the private owners for eight culinary water connections, a promise to annex their 120 acres as soon as feasible and practical and other minor concessions which will start the development of the bench area.

We have already annexed twenty acres next to the City boundary, and have requests to annex several additional parcels of land for building. One request is to annex everything south of the present city boundary to the water tanks.

You can see because of the short sightedness and attitude of your employees, especially the three mentioned in this letter, winter wildlife range east and south of Santaquin known as the bench will be lost to you many years before it would have been. We suggest when another city or town has a similiar problem you cooperate instead of arrogantly telling them trading one acre for three is no advantage to you because you already have use of their land.

To improve an eighty year old water system in a period of drought Santaquin had to appeal to Congress to force reasonable negotiations with the Forest Service. You know we finally went to the governor to try to negotiate with Wildlife Resources. Even the Utah County gave us a hard time to get a building permit.

Needless to say these proceedings have left a sour taste in our mouth. I have spent almost thirty years in public office, I have believed public officials and their appointees work for and represent the people, how ironic to find the Servants have become our Masters.

Sincerely



D. Lynn Crook
Mayor of Santaquin

cc/ Governor Norman Bangeter
Tim Provan, Wildlife Resources
Senator Eldon Money
Representative Bill Wright
Representative Tim Moron

Information Memo to People of Santaquin

TOPIC: Proposed Sewer Project

There has been so many false stories going around and propaganda in the news media, we feel we should inform the Citizens about the proposed sewer project.

The need for a sewer system remains clear. It would be irresponsible to continue to put raw sewage in the ground. It would eventually poison the underground water. It would also be irresponsible to abandon all of the work which has been accomplished to date at a cost of some \$227,000.

On October 13th we will go to court to try to get immediate occupancy of the Reed & Ricki Rowley property which consists of twenty two acres. You should understand the City must pay fair market value for the property even in condemnation. It is the opinion of our appraiser, also the owner has admitted, this orchard is old trees that have to be replanted if it again becomes productive. We have negotiated an option on the remaining twenty acres owned by Dale and Richard Saunders, who grow row crops, for the lagoons and storage ponds. It was stated to us by the protestors and the Farm Bureau, that they would protest any lagoon built within five miles of an orchard. It was then determined by the council that if we had to fight for a lagoon system near orchards we should fight for the best alternative, which is the Reed Rowley property. This eliminates going west of town where we would have to pump at a much greater expense.

We have carefully considered every option, and feel we only have two options. Option #1 is to place the lagoons north of town on the property of Reed & Ricki Rowley and Dale & Richard Saunders. Option #2 is to tie into Payson's sewer plant.

The Farm Bureau and the orchard owners have hired an engineering firm to try to prove going to Payson is the best option. They have been working with Payson City since about the first of May. We have heard many rumors of what is going on, but we have heard nothing officially from the Farm Bureau or Payson City, as of August 15th, regarding the feasibility and costs of going to Payson.

Putting the sewer lagoons on the Rowleys and Saunders property seems by far our best option. We, the City as well as State and Federal Agencies, have diligently investigated the effect of sewer lagoons in or adjacent to orchards and vegetable farms in Florida, California and in the state of Washington in the apple country. To date we have not found any solid information that the lagoons would cause any determinantal effect upon the orchards surrounding the lagoon. We know this is contrary to the propaganda seen and heard in the news media and etc. We are going to try to prove this in the court hearing.

The state and federal agencies, including Environmental Protection Agency, the State Division of Environmental Quality and Farmers Home Administration, who are giving the grants and loaning us the remainder of the money for the project are solidly behind the decision of the City Council to proceed with the lagoon system. With the Payson option they are concerned with the secondary impacts to farm land (building along the trunkline between Santaquin & Payson taking farm land out of production). They have indicated to us that they may not participate in the funding if we choose to go to Payson. Which means we could lose

\$1,700,000 in grants and \$3,000,000 in 0% interest money. They have attended almost all meetings with the fruit growers, attorneys and organizations who have protested the project and are still behind the project. About twelve small Cities in Utah during the past ten years have gone from sewer plants like Payson's to lagoons because aerated lagoons are cheaper and do a better job than the sewer plants for small cities.

If the court decision is in our favor we will proceed to have the sewer project bid in two different projects. One - make the connections and put in sewer lines in the City. Two - put in the connector lines from Santaquin north to sewer lagoons and to construct the sewer lagoons and storage ponds. We hope to go to bid in February where we expect to get as reasonable bid as we did on the water project. Construction would start as soon as spring breaks.

If the alternative to go to Payson is attractive enough to consider, we will place the decision before the people and allow you to vote on it.

As of this date, Payson is really not an option because we have not been given any official information that could be relied upon. We think it would be irresponsible to join something that has no guarantees and where the costs would be beyond our control.

We hope this information will answer some of your questions. If you have further questions contact Keith Broadhead, City Councilman over the water & sewer, or the Mayor

Sincerely,

D. Lynn Crook, Mayor

P.S. / Thank you for your cooperation on the outdoor watering restriction. This restriction will be enforced untill September 20th, 1992. - Remember NO DAYTIME WATERING, on your designated day you may water from midnight to 10AM and again from 6PM to midnight.