

Minutes of the regular council meeting September 27, 1979 held at city hall 68 East Main St. Santaquin, UT. Called to order at 7:08 P. M.

Present were Mayor Robert Steele, Councilmen Jake Kester, Dee Clement, Fred Thompson, Sherman Jones, and Recorder Steve Smith as well as several members of the citizenry.

Minutes of the September 13, and August 22, 1979 meetings were read, Clement Kester made the motion that they be accepted and approved, Councilman Clement seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Ross Syphus of Engineering Associates has on hand to discuss an application for grant funds to develop the recently acquired spring and also other projects the town is facing. Sewer studies were discussed and the best possible place for one. Possibly the development of a new well and other items were briefly discussed. Mr. Syphus expressed the willingness to come to council meetings on a more regular basis to keep in touch and help were ever possible. Clement Kester made the motion that Engineering Associates be authorized and instructed to go forth with the present applications and further studies, Fred Thompson made the second and it was approved unanimously.

A Public Hearing was then held to discuss the recent increase in the water rates. This was attended by Doyle Crook, Idona Crook, Jake Wierman, Ines Stock, Irene Johnson, Michael Olson, Ramona Rosenlund, Edith Jarvis, Norma Holman, Frank Tuckett, S. E. Williams, Adele Stanley, Thays Stanley, H.E. Bradley, Bill Van Ausdal, F. H. Holladay, Michael B. Christensen, Wayne E. Smith, Howard W. Baucom, Howard Armstrong, and those of the city council previously mentioned.

Clement Kester began the discussion with an opening statement about the rate increase and the public's reaction. He felt that possibly a mistake had been made and the council was reconsidering its action in the matter. Possibly spreading the increase over a broader segment of the public rather than those who are using the overage.

Some of the feelings were that the people who have some pride and try and keep a nice yard shouldn't be the one penalized. It was felt by Doyle Crook that the decision was untimely and unjust that it should be left up to the council until after the election. Questioning of the need for the raise and the amount of the raise. It was also felt that we were not utilizing the water to our best advantage and some improvement is needed. Idona claimed that the raise made us higher than any one else and Steve Smith sighted a couple of examples which were contrary to her statement. She also felt that we were over spending and presented 240 signatures which protested the rate raise. It should be noted that not all signatures were valid. She stated amounts that were available in the water fund, indicating that there were ample funds in the water department. A misunderstanding about the size of a proposed water line on the east side of the freeway was discussed. Fire protection, pressure and volume there was the main topic. Doyle Crook was asked to respond on previous city commitments and liability and ownership of the water line that is now there. He said that Ed Westover did not own nor put in the existing line that the city had done the line and the state of Utah had done some work previously, that Ed had only done the area within the subdivision itself. Mayor Steele read a letter from Mr. Westover. Doyle Crook said that Ed was to grow with the water and nothing else. Howard Armstrong added that Ed didn't put in the line and that we as a city should not be responsible for any expense to put a larger line in. Some felt that no annexation should be allowed. It was agreed that no annexation should take place until our problems are resolved. What would increase in rates go to where would the money be spent. Where is the impact fee going that people are paying was asked. Some of it went to the 200 North Street improvement. Steve Smith indicated that Ed Westover felt that enough impact fees had been paid in the area of his subdivision to pay for the needed waterline there. Idona Crook said that that was not true.

Setting up a policy that those who sub divide should pay all of the expense and impact rather than penalize the citizens already here. The Mayor asked for the feeling of those present indicating if they would go a long with a straight across the board raise and a lower overage charge. He asked what kind of a raise they felt would be in line. Clement Kester asked if they would go for a \$6.50 and a 20¢ overage charge. The general feeling was to leave the rates were they were previous to the increase until after the upcoming election. The council agreed to roll back the increase until more study could be done. Those interested with helping in the study were asked to come forward with no one demonstrating an interest, with the exception of Larue who said she would be willing to help.

Dog ordinance hearing was then started after a brief break. Clement Kester then read the ordinance in its entire length pausing for public input and suggestions. Very few comments were made by those present who included Irene Johnson, Ines Stock, Howard Armstrong, Howard W. Baucom, H. E. Bradley, Bill Van Ausdal, Edith Jarvis, Ramona Rosenlund, Michael Olson, as well as those of the council as before mentioned. Some clarification of definitions took place. This meeting was mainly for public input and another would be held at a latter date for the final passage of the ord. Copies of which can be obtained at city hall.

A City clean up was suggested by Dee Clement with the dump being open for some extended hours and the city trucks available on Saturddy Oct 6 to assist if the citizens needed some help.

Sherman Jones asked for clarification of the dump hours during the fall and the rest of the year. Jack Stock represented by his wife would like to only be open on Fridays and Saturdays. It was agreed to allow this standard practice after the end of the following weeks clean up drive. Stocks would be willing to open when a person called them and asked that it be open to facilitate a special need.

The purchase of a Burroughs Accounting machine was discussed. This machine would provide the means to do all of the city water bills, check writing, and provide a means of keeping an in house accounting system. Clement Kester made the motion to purchase the machine, Sherman Jones seconded and it passed unanimously.

Peterson Underground Equipment came to Santaquin and demonstrated a pipe pulling machine to purchase out of the street dept. as this would eliminate most of the cuts we now make to put in water lines. The demonstration was very impressive as reported by Fred Thompson and Clement Kester. The cost would be approximately \$1900.00 for a reconditioned machine fully quaranteed as a new piece of equipment. Sherman Jones made the motion that the machine be bought, this was seconded by Fred Thompson and approved unanimously.

Steele Coombs zoning violation was then discussed and Clement Kester made the motion that the city pursue through legal action the violation. Sherman Jones seconded after some discussion as to the problem and the need to correct the same to protect our interest. The council voted unanimously to take legal action.

A work sheet for the preparation of a revised budget was distributed for each council member to work on and study.

Steve Smith brought up and discussed the purchase of the new fire engine that was demonstrated today. Mayor Steele suggested that this be tabled until a Public Hearing could be held to discuss the purchase. The use and repair of the old pumper was discussed as well and the trucks age. It is felt by the fire department that the truck is not worth repairing. Presently the city is without adequate fire protection with the pumper broke and inoperable.

The price of the new truck would be \$49,900.00 with a gun mounted mid-ship. It is the best truck for the money and at a very competitive price. The public hearing was set for October 4, 1979 at 7:00 P.M.

Fees for services from the office and library fees were discussed and approved as outlined by Steve Smith, these are on file in the city office.

Clement Kester pointed out that the end of the three month trial period for the City Administrator had come to and end. He felt that several things were getting done that previously for years haven't been and recommended and proposed that The City Manager be retained. It was felt that a good job was being done and it was proposed to keep him at the previously decided rate of \$625.00 Bi-weekly. Mr. Kesters proposals were seconded by Fred Thompson and passed unanimously. Steve Smith discussed equipping the fire truck, police cars and the army van with radios and/or crystals to provide better and needed communication between the parties involved.

Items in a councilmembers box will be put out for each member to go through they were asked to discard the unwanted items and take with them the items they want.

It was decided that the city will remain with the existing fire agreement with the County and indicate to the County Commissioners our willingness to continue.

Clement Kester briefly discussed the water budget and suggested the elimination of the proposed improvements to allow enough revenue to install a water line along the frontage road. The expenditure to do this project was made into a motion by Mr. Kester and seconded by Sherman Jones and passed unanimously. The materials will be bought out of the water fund and the labor performed by the city under the supervision of the city manager.

Fred Thompson made the motion to adjourn and this was seconded by Clement Kester and passed unanimously.