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### TOWN INFORMATION

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Lenny Brinkerhoff

### Town Council Members:

Bruce Densley (Mayor)  
William Adams, Danyale Blackmore,  
Jean Krause, and Jay Lee

### Planning and Zoning Members:

Steve Maisfield (Chair)  
Lori Rose, Dan Snyder, Kniesha Grow, and  
Valerie Wenz,

### DATES TO REMEMBER

April 9: P & Z Meeting 6:30 pm  
April 19: Easter Egg Hunt & Arbor  
Day Celebration 10:00 am  
April 23: Town Council Meeting  
7:00 pm

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The following is a general summary of Town Council proceedings. It is NOT an approved set of minutes.

### Summary of the Town Council Meeting held March 26, 2014

#### **Work Meeting:**

- a. Jason Smith was not present to update the Council on the Kolob Road re-alignment, the Capital Facilities Plan, and Impact Fees.
- b. Gina Amoldt discussed with the Council the Arbor Day Celebration which will be held in conjunction with the Easter Egg Hunt. She stated that not more than \$50 was needed to cover the cost of the eggs and candy. She also mentioned that donations would be greatly appreciated. The Mayor stated that a Town Official would be present to read the Tree City USA Proclamation. The event will be held on April 19, beginning at 10:00 am. Council Member Bill Adams informed the Council that that same day there would be a motorcycle ride honoring veterans. The ride will begin at Vernon Worthen Park in St. George and end at the Virgin Town Park. Contact the Town Office for more details on these two events.
- c. The Council discussed a fee for civic groups using the Town Hall. Council Member Bill Adams stated that he had reviewed the policies of Toquerville, LaVerkin and Hurricane. He said that all three towns had passed resolutions stating their policies. He suggested that Virgin Town add to the fee schedule the policy of charging a \$75 refundable deposit fee to residents. This fee would be returned if no damage had been done. Mayor Densley stated that the Town Office should not be available to non residents, non profit groups, or for more than two hours. The Council agreed that more research was needed on the subject.
- d. The Council continued discussion of the Rural Water suggestions for changing the water rates. Mayor Bruce Densley stated that Council Member Jay Lee had brought up the fact that the Coal Pits property had been purchased with water fund money, so it could be sold to build up the water fund. Council Member Jean Krause stated that she understood the problem to be that the Water Conservancy District had raised their rates several times, but the Town had not passed those raises onto citizens. For this reason, the Town was paying out more than they were taking in. It was mentioned that a new person was now in charge of these assessments at Rural Water and he had several new ideas. The Council agreed that this new

person should be invited to the April Town Council Meeting to go over his suggestions. In the mean time, the Council would like citizen input on the matter. Mayor Densley then stated that some repairs were needed on the water tank. He was not sure how intensive it would be or how much it would cost, but the repairs were needed. He also stated that the park fund had \$5000 that needed to be spent by June. The Council asked for citizen input on where to spend the money.

**e.** Mayor Densley stated that several people had requested the Town Newsletter go back to being mailed in the water bills. He stated that this was possible because the Town had recently purchased a paper folder, which saved the staff a lot of time. After much discussion, the Council decided to mail the April Newsletter in the water bills, asking for citizen's opinions.

**f.** The Council discussed possibly hiring part time help for Maintenance Supervisor, Chris Holm, during the summer months. Mayor Densley stated that the population had doubled over the last ten years, and Chris had a lot to do. He stated that the person must be over 18 and local citizens would be give priority. The Council agreed. The Mayor also stated that the County had offered to spray the weeds along the roads in Town for \$40 an hour plus the cost of the chemical. The Council agreed that this was a great deal, considering the County would use their large truck sprayer.

**g.** Council Member Danyale Blackmore informed the Council that Kim Campbell, historical architect for the project, did not wish to change the plans and lower the specs on the Old Church. She also stated the none of the contractors had contacted Mr. Campbell to speak with him on the issue. It was suggested that the project be put out for bid again, including the proper wording, which would allow the Town to award two separate portions of the project. Mayor Densley stated that the \$5000 of park money could be put towards the project if needed. The Council agreed to advertise the project again.

### ***Regular Meeting:***

**1.** Mayor Bruce Densley called the meeting to order.

**2.** Bill Adams led the Pledge of Allegiance and Bruce Densley offered an Invocation.

**3.** No Conflicts of Interest were disclosed.

**4.** Mayor Densley presented Cecil Lee, Alecia Lee and Annika Amodt the Citizens of the Month Award for the Valentine's Day hearts they had secretly distributed around Town on the holiday. He thanked them for taking time and effort to brighten people's holiday.

### ***Old Business Action Items:***

**5.** The Council unanimously approved the February 19, 2014 Special Meeting draft minutes, after making grammatical changes.

**6.** The Council unanimously approved the February, 2014 Invoices and Checks. They discussed the bill from US Bank. Town Clerk, Monica Bowcutt, reported that this was the Town Credit Card that Chris Holms used and there were purchased orders that matched each purchase. The Council also discussed the \$30,000 bill from Rosenberg Engineers for the Kolob Road re-alignment. Monica Bowcutt reported that it was a bill for 3 months work. She also reported that part of the match had been turned into UDOT and the Town would be receiving money within the week.

### ***New Business Action Items:***

**7.** Mayor Densley stated that bids had been received for the Kolob Road re-alignment. All bids had been just under 1 million dollars. Mayor Densley stated that Interstate Rock had come in with the lowest bid and would begin work on April 1, 2014. They would be building a bridge, instead of using box culverts. He stated that the work would take about 5 months and that the project would be under budget. The Mayor also stated that a new road was a much better alternative to repairing the old Kolob road. He said that if the old road was repaired up to standard, the Town would have to take property, which would cause many years of delay and a lot of money paid to land owners. After the new road was done, the the Mayor stated that the Town would improve the old road with chip and seal. The Council unanimously awarded the Kolob Road Re-alignment to Interstate Rock.

**8.** The Council discussed the possible approval of the Resolution to amend the Purchase Order Policy, raising the Purchase Order limit from the current \$100 up to \$500. The Council explained that the auditors had asked the Town to change the amount because there were times where no purchase order was connected to a purchase. It would be easier to follow the Ordinance if the amount was higher. Council Member Jay Lee asked if it was a requirement to run bids twice, because it was very expensive. Monica Bowcutt answered that it was State Code. The motion to approve the resolution passed unanimously.

**9.** The Council discussed possibly changing the job description of the Zoning Administrator. The Mayor explained that it was very complex to get a single lot building permit and he wished to clarify the duties in order to shorten the time. A citizen suggested that excavation permits should also be overseen by the Zoning Administrator. Another citizen stated that the Zoning Administrator was to be the eyes and ears of the Planning and Zoning, but also worked with the Town Council. Because of this, it was suggested that the position should be placed back in VULU, in order to give it adequate power, and also it should be a paid position. The Council unanimously tabled the item until more research could be done. Mayor Densley then stated that he had found out that the Town could ask about CC&R's and if the builder was in compliance, but the Town could not enforce CC&R's.

### ***Open Forum:***

\* Cindy Escude asked if any decision had been made about the pending litigation on short term rentals, which had been discussed in closed sessions. Mayor Densley stated that the Town Attorney had been present for executive meetings and should have his recommendations back to the Council within a few days.

\* John Ely reminded the Council about the drainage issue, which he had brought before the Council over a year ago. He asked that something be done about the problem before a major washout happened.

\* Kasen Smith stated he was present on behalf of the Muntz property. Mayor Densley stated that he wanted the property owner to be aware that it was not a given that an RV Park would be approved for the property. He also stated that it had been



rumored that work had begun on the project before approval had been given. Mr. Smith replied that the property owner understood they were not entitled to anything. The work that was being done on the property was strictly agricultural, for the purpose of farming the ground. Trees were being taken out in order to minimize the hazard caused by flooding and to beautify the property. The trees would be replanted in a better location and the hope was that a walkway would be made for town folk to use. He stated that the Army Core of engineers was coming to review the work the coming week, but no work had been done in the river or to the river, so he believed no permit was needed. The Mayor stated that he did not want the property owner to spend time and money and then find out the project could not be done. Mr. Smith responded that they were well aware of the process and were not assuming anything.

\* Darren Cottam from On Point Consulting was present to discuss a proposal to help with street maintenance. He stated that he had many years of experience in the asphalt business. His proposal would include a review of all streets in Town, followed by compiling a spreadsheet that showed what was needed and how much it would cost to maintain the streets for 5 to 7 years. This review would cost the Town a one time fee of \$1200. The Council agreed that this item should be placed on the April agenda.

### **Council Comments:**

\* Jean Krause stated that the Town was in need of getting all ordinances changed to digital format and on the website, which was called codification. She stated that codification companies charged thousands of dollars to do the job. Council Member Krause stated she would like to volunteer to do the codification, but it would possibly take awhile. She stated that she could bring her computer and scanner to the office, or she could 'check out' a number of ordinances and scan everything at home. She stated she would prefer the latter option. The Council did not state any objections.

\* Danyale Blackmore stated that she had attended a ZC3 meeting. She informed the Council that there would be a Healthy Virgin River Presentation on May 1. The Committee was continuing to work on a Corridor Recreation Strategy, which would tie all corridor town's recreation information together, to be used by the tourists. She also stated that there was grant money available to help make interactive plans for towns.

\* Jay Lee stated that the BMX Track and season was up and running. He reported that Liahona Boys Academy had volunteered at the Track and Scholzens had donated shovels, hoes, brooms, etc.

\* Bruce Densley reported that Virgin had a total of 38 citations, 27 warnings, and 26 incidents in February. He also stated that a citizen had been assaulted while at the dumpsters. The Mayor had asked that the Police Department patrol the road more often.

**The Council unanimously adjourned the Public.**

## Planning & Zoning Commission Updates

Spring is here! And the Planning commission has already started some much needed spring cleaning in our ordinances. Currently we are working on cleaning up some inconsistencies in VULU and reworking the building permit process so that it is a more streamlined and easier process to follow.

As mentioned before we are gathering ideas about topics to include in new Town Survey. This document drives changes and or additions to the Ordinances. These changes are a reflection of the majority "will" of the Town. These changes are only approved when the Town Council votes on them. Some changes may be perceived by a few as 'infringements on their rights', but because we live in an a democracy, the majority will is the way to follow. Please send to BROAD / GENERAL topics or ideas which we could perhaps include in the survey to the Town of Virgin Office.

We greatly appreciate the help and input we have received from residents in town and look forward to doing more in the months to come.

-Dan Snyder

## COUNCIL CORNER

First of all, I want to thank all of those who voted for me. I just hope that my actions will always portray the trust you have given me. I also want to thank all of you who do so much good in our community. For good neighbors and friends. Together we can do grand things (and we will!). Darcey said short is better for this corner, and I listen to Darcey. One more thought: Freedom is not doing what you like, but liking what you do. God bless America, and all of us, and protect us from freedom robbing governments.

- Jay Lee

## CITIZEN OF THE MONTH AWARD



March: Congratulations to Annika Amodt, Alecia Lee, and Cecil Lee for their Valentine's Day Service.



The Town Council will discuss increasing water rates at the April Town Council Meeting. Let your voice be heard! Contact the Town Office for more information.



## VIRGIN TOWN CITIZEN OF THE MONTH



The Town Council would like to honor citizens who help our town...behind the scenes! Here's how it works: 1- Watch for people who are positively affecting our town. (being friendly, sweeping sidewalks, smiling, encouraging youth, volunteering at Town functions, ANYTHING that is positive) 2- Let the Town Clerk, Monica, know who it is and what they did. 3- The Council will invite this person to the Town Council Meeting to be recognized. *IT'S THAT SIMPLE!* When multiple names are submitted in one month, all persons will be recognized! So keep your eyes open and do some good yourself.



Which name do you like for the new Town Park?

- Pocketville Park
- Pocket Cove
- Pocket Cove Park
- Pocket Park
- Wilco Park
- The Hollow
- Kolod Terrace Park
- Pocketville Hollow
- Wilcox Veterans Memorial Park

Let your Officials know what name you like best!



**Sorry... Closed**

The Town Office will be closed on Thursday, April 10, 2014.



The next dumpster days will be May 9-12, 2014

## COMMUNITY TREK PREP NIGHT



- May 3, 2014  
- 7:00 pm

- Bring your family, some jam, and an blanket
- Come to get more info about the trek and enjoy homemade bread
- Informational packet and supplies will be handed out
- Plus a movie in the park on a big screen!



Would you like to receive this newsletter printed out on paper and in your water bill? Or do you prefer to receive it the digital way via email? Please let the Town Office or your Council Members know.



## Arbor Day Celebration & Easter Egg Hunt



April 19, 2014  
10:00 am  
New Town Park



Bring your families, grandkids, & friends!

Volunteers and donations are needed. Contact the Town Office for more info.

## Memorial Service for Margaret M Zufelt

(Mother of Shauna Johnson)  
Saturday, April 26, 2014  
1:00 pm  
Virgin Ward Chapel



The Virgin Town Princess will be crowned on Saturday, April 5, 2014. Good luck girls!!



### Vaccination Clinic

Saturday, April 26  
9 am-12 pm

Canyon Community Center,  
Springdale

Fees range between \$12 & \$20

Accepted payment methods:  
cash or checks



### Earth Day Booth

Saturday, April 19,  
11 am - 5 pm  
Bit 'n Spur Lawn in  
Springdale



### Current Animals for Adoption

For more information, call the  
DDR at 435-772-3105, or visit  
their website at  
[www.doggyduderanch.com](http://www.doggyduderanch.com).  
We are on Facebook! "Like"  
us at Zion Animal Lovers



### VIRGIN TOWN BMX TRACK RACE SCHEDULE

April 12  
April 19  
May 9  
May 10  
May 24



June 14  
June 28  
July 5  
July 19  
August 2

August 16  
August 30  
September 13  
September 27  
October 11

October 25  
November 8



Sign ups 9-10:30

Racing at 11:00

Info: Fred Smith 632-0585

**JOKE  
TIME!**

Q: What did the crop say to the farmer?

A: Why are you always picking on me?

Q: What bus crossed the ocean?

A: Columbus

Q: What kind of chain is edible?

A: A food chain

**Too Funny**

*Happy  
Easter*



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something in the  
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call  
Darcey Spendlove at  
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