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William Adams, Danyale Blackmore,
Jean Krause, and Jay Lee

Planning and Zoning Members:

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 15: Father's Day
June 11: P & Z Meeting 6:30 pm
June 25: 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 Special Town Council Meeting held May 13, 2014

Regular Meeting/Action Items:

1. Council Member Jean Krause conducted the meeting until Mayor Bruce Densley arrived. The meeting was called to order by Council Member Jean Krause. Danyale Blackmore was absent.

2. Jay Lee offered an Invocation and Bill Adams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. No Conflicts of Interest were disclosed.

4. The Council closed the Public Meeting and opened the Public Hearing to hear public comments on opening and amending the 2013-2014 Budget and approving the 2014-2015 Budget.

a. Town Accountant, Candus Tibbits, explained the amendments on the 2013-2014 Budget. She stated that the total expense amendments in the general government fund was \$17,859 which came from the sidewalk grant, attorney's fees, wages, and insurance. The Zion Canyon Police fee had gone from \$34,000 to \$50,000. The other major change was there was nothing budgeted from the engineering section, but the Town had paid out \$112,000 for the new Kolob Road. The changes from the Roads Department were minor. She reported that there was no increase in revenue to offset the increases in general expenses. The Accountant explained to the public present how to read and understand the budget. Candus Tibbits explained that the property tax numbers came from the County, not the Town. It was explained that the Town will probably be under budget by about \$10,000 to \$20,000 in the water revenue department.

b. The Council took public comment on the 2014-2015 Budget. They discussed the property taxes and the projected number, which should be on the conservative side, especially because most of the money comes in November. Mayor Bruce Densley replied to a public phone call about how much the Town had paid out for the Kolob Road. The Mayor said that the Town had paid roughly \$30,000, but the money would be reimbursed.

5. The Council closed the Public Hearing and opened the Public Meeting to discuss the Budgets.

New Business/Action Items:

6. Council Member Jean Krause stated that the only change that had been made to the

Amended budget was that the previous Zoning Administrator had been paid \$1200. The Council unanimously approved the Amended Budget.

7. The Council discussed the 2014-2015 Proposed Budget. Items discussed were: increasing property taxes (which cannot be done because it is mandated by the County), increasing permit fees, the cost of police services and the possibility of changing to an alternative police protection, increasing the P & Z Chairman's compensation, increasing computer web support, increasing office supplies, and raising attorney fees from \$5,000 to \$10,000. It was decided that the \$1,000 for election could be moved because there was no municipal election this year. The Council also discussed whether extra money from the Kolob Road could be used for other Town road projects. The answer was not known. The Mayor asked if the Town had enough money to purchase a used truck. Candus Tibbits, Town Accountant, suggested that the Council should consider that they were budgeting for a deficit of \$56,000 and that more money should be brought into Town. It was also reported that the Town did not have the money to pay for the water tank repairs that were needed. The Council unanimously moved to table the 2014-2015 budget, which would be passed at the May 28, 2014 meeting.

8. The Council unanimously agreed to appoint Jean Krause as the Mayor Pro-Tem.

9. The Council unanimously agreed to reject the bid from Precision Engineering for the Old Church Restoration and Accessory Building, stating that the bid for \$90,000 was too high.

Council Comments:

Mayor Densley updated the Council on the Hurricane Valley Fire District. He reported that Hurricane and Washington may be joining the District and there may be a station being built in Coral Canyon. He felt both of these actions would benefit Virgin residents. The Mayor then stated that there were plans to build a large resort, hotel and convention center at the new Kolob Road intersection. The Mayor also reported that the winery project was still being pursued. He felt that these types of businesses would make up for the loss of jobs due to the loss of Short Term Rentals and provide an excellent tax base for Virgin.

10. The Council unanimously adjourned the Public Meeting.

Summary of the Town Council Meeting held May 28, 2014

A. Work Meeting/Non-Action Items:

1. Mayor Pro Tem Jean Krause reported that Jason Smith would not be present, but Interstate Rock had began mobilizing equipment and marking lines, etc for the new Kolob Road. She also stated that the Council had not given Mr. Smith the information that he had asked for to finish the Capital Facilities Plan. The Council agreed to get the information to him.

2. The Council discussed the Business License requirements for Jack Ruggles. The Mayor had asked before the meeting that Mr. Ruggles be sent a letter asking him to provide the Town proof of insurance within ten days or his business license would not be renewed. It was reported that 2008 was the last time proof of insurance had been provided for his business. The Council agreed that the letter should also invite Mr. Ruggles to attend the June Town Council Meeting to discuss the issue.

3. Jay Lee introduced Carson and Shelly Ferrin. Carson was currently serving as the BMX Track President and Shelly ran the computer. He also reported that the BMX Track had just received a new donated printer. A sand box had been built with plans for a slide and swing to be installed. Jay Lee explained that it took a lot of time to submit the money, write checks, and deposit the money. He wondered about leasing the Track to someone, just to save time and effort. Danyale Blackmore explained that the BLM contract did not allow the Track or property to be leased. Reapplying and patenting the BLM land was discussed and the Council decided to hurry the process along. She stated that Jerald Pratt, an engineer, had volunteered to produce the concept plan for free.

4. The Town had been approached about purchasing 25 shares of water. Danyale Blackmore stated that the Town could not afford it, even though it was a good price and the Town needed the water. She suggested that the Town needed to slow down in expenditures and sell the Coal Pits property in order to pay for the shares. Jay Lee stated that the Town had already spent all the Water Fund Budget by purchasing the previous water shares. He reminded the Council that they did not really even have enough money to fix the water tank. Bill Adams stated that he agreed, but the Town did not have to pay for the shares this year, only tie the water shares up for the year. He reported that the bank had agreed to carry the Town, accepting as little as \$1 per year. He felt the Town should not pass up the opportunity and should purchase the water before all the water was gone. Mayor Pro Tem Jean Krause reported that the price was \$2,500 per share and the going rate seemed to be around \$4,500 a share. Danyale Blackmore stated that she wished to verify that the Town did not have to pay upfront. The Council agreed that the details should be researched before proceeding.

B. Regular Meeting:

1. Mayor Pro Tem Jean Krause called the meeting to order. Mayor Bruce Densley was present via speaker phone. The Council discussed with Jason Smith the issue of building a gate to keep parties out of the Munn property.

2. Bill Adams led the Pledge of Allegiance. No Invocation was offered.

3. No Conflicts of Interest were disclosed. Council Member Danyale Blackmore stated that she had had Ex Parte Communications with Council Member Jay Lee, because they had discussed the Resolution 14-052814-6 Supporting the leasing of residential housing for less than 30 consecutive days "Short Term Leasing". Jean Krause stated that she had spoken to several citizens about the same issue.

Old Business Action Items:

4. The Council approved the February 26, 2014 draft minutes, with the grammatical changes. Danyale Blackmore abstained.

5. The Council approved the April 23, 2014 Town Council Meeting draft minutes, after making grammatical changes. Danyale Blackmore abstained.

6. The Council unanimously moved to table the May 13, 2014 Special Meeting draft minutes.

7. The Council unanimously approved the April Invoices and Checks. They discussed the payments that were made to Springdale Police Department for September and October, 2013.

New Business Action Items:

8. Mayor Pro-Tem Jean Krause reported that no bid was turned in for the Old Church Restoration. Danyale Blackmore suggested that the Town wait until fall, when contractors were looking for work. The Council asked Monica Bowcutt, Town Clerk, to ask CIB how long they would hold the money for the project.

9. No bids were turned in for the Old Church Support Building Project.

10. Mayor Pro Tem Jean Krause explained that the Council had discussed the Budget in detail at the Special Meeting. Jay Lee stated that the Town was budgeting \$17,266 over last years salaries and wages. He suggested that the Town should, instead, hire Monica Bowcutt as a full time employee. Mayor Densley stated, via phone, that he felt Chris, Monica, and the new part time employee deserved a raise. Jay Lee also thought that the impact fees and interest paid were inverted on the budget and needed to be corrected. He was also concerned that there was \$60,000 revenue in class C road funds, but the expenses showed only \$40,383. He wondered where \$19,000 was being used to balance a short fall. Jean Krause stated that she would ask Candus Tibbitts, Town Accountant, the questions and resolve the issues before the Budget was turned into the State. The Council approved Resolution 14-052814-4 Adopting Proposed Budget for 2014/2015. Danyale Blackmore abstained.

11. The Council unanimously approved the Resolution 14-052814-5 Appointing Ashley Averett as Emergency Certified Water Contact. Mr. Averett had agreed to help Virgin Town in the case of an emergency and Chris Holm was not available.

12. Monica Bowcutt reported the votes for the new Town Park were: Pocket Park-5, Wilcox Park-14, and Pocketville Park-35. The new Town Park will be named Pocketville Park.

13. Danyale Blackmore made a motion to approve Resolution #14-052814-6 Supporting the leasing of residential housing for less than 30 consecutive days "Short Term Leasing". Bruce Densley, Jean Krause, and Bill Adams voted no. The motion failed. Bill Adams stated that he was in favor of short timer leasing, however the resolution, as written, was too vague and would have ruined the zoning. He stated that VULU would cease to exist if the resolution had been approved. He suggested that the Council ask P & Z to provide an ordinance that defined what short term leasing should be and implement this ordinance into VULU. Jean Krause stated that the resolution allowed the current short term leaser home owners to continue renting while P & Z worked on the ordinance.

Council Comments:

* Bill Adams stated that he wanted P & Z to immediately begin the process of an ordinance to address the issue of Short Term Leasing. He wanted the Commission to look at if the Town should have an area zoned for residential Short Term Leasing or whether it should be applied to all zones as a CUP. He was hoping to have several Public Hearings to hear what the citizens thought and then let the majority rule. Council Members Adams and Lee agreed that the lawsuit was a separate issue because it dealt with the homes that were grandfathered in. Danyale Blackmore stated that standards needed to be set to protect citizens and the Town as a whole. Bruce Densley stated that many other towns had banned the use and he thought that the issue should be placed on a ballot. He stated that he was in favor of the use, just not in the middle of a residential zone.

* Jay Lee stated that he had seen on the reports that the police department had been asked to do a extra patrol in Town. Danyale Blackmore explained that she had been asked by a concerned citizen to have them patrol near the trailer park. Jay lee also stated that he would like to know who and where the police department was patrolling and/or making arrests, perhaps a list of names. The Mayor stated that he would bring that suggestion up at the Police Department meeting.

Open Forum:

* Cindy Escude stated that names should only be public knowledge when they had been charged. She also felt that she, as a citizen, had a right to call the police when she wanted to. The Council agreed. Cindy stated that the Short Term Leasing issue had started over a year ago, with the P & Z putting out an ordinance, taking public comments and holding many hearings. She questioned why the Town would start the process over again. She also wondered why the Council would start the process again, without knowing the outcome of the lawsuit.

14. The Council unanimously adjourned the Public.

COUNCIL CORNER

Exciting things are happening in our town! Dirt is finally being moved on our new Kolob road with completion due this fall. We may need to change a name or two, (e.g., Old Kolob Road and New Kolob Road??) Residents might start thinking about this. Our new town park will be called Pocketville Park as a result of your votes. The park is looking much nicer and we hope to have new restrooms in place by this fall. Also, Welcome Max Malan! Max has joined our town workforce and will work part time with Chris on various projects. Several businesses are looking into the possibility of coming to our town. They are of the type that would bring tourist dollars to town, adding to our tax base and hopefully eliminate the need for local tax hikes. In addition they would provide job opportunities for our citizens. The county is also strongly considering making our dumpster site a manned site to control the problems we are constantly having there. An other hot issue is the question of allowing motels (aka short term rentals) in our residentially zoned areas. I am hopeful we can resolve this soon.

May we all have a great and enjoyable summer!!

Bruce Densley

Planning & Zoning Commission Updates

Hello All!

My fellow Planning & Zoning commission members and I have begun the process to update Virgin Town's General Plan. This is a task that we are excited to take on and have started determining the best way to gather and compile the information to complete the update. This is something that will require input from you, the citizen's. We will have many opportunities for you all to express your opinions and the first being done at the town's 4th of July celebration. We will have a booth set up for you to give us input on the topic's you want to see addressed. We thank you in advance for your participation!

Kniesha Grow

Happy
Dad
Father's
Day

Pocketville Park is the new town park name winner!

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.

The Town is desperately in need of someone to oversee the 4th of July festivities! Please contact the office if you would like to volunteer (OR HELP IN ANY WAY!)

Please join with Girl Scouts of Utah Troop 737 in attending the **1st Annual Flag Retirement Ceremony and Military Tribute** sponsored by the Lions Club of St. George.

Saturday, June 14, 7:30 pm in the Dixie Sunbowl.

Congress has authorized that flags worn beyond repair are to be destroyed by fire in a dignified manner, showing respect and reverence.

Any personal flags you have that are in need of the proper retirement, may be donated.

Please call August Lee at 635-0829 by Thursday, June 13, 2014.

How would you like to be contacted to give input/opinion for the General Plan rewriting? email? phone? Let the office know!

Watch for upcoming events:

- Citizen Input for the General Plan at the 4th of July
- Ice cream social in August to discuss the General Plan



