

Town of Leeds

Agenda Town of Leeds Town Council Wednesday, April 28, 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Town of Leeds Town Council will hold a **PUBLIC MEETING** on Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

If you are interested in participating remotely via Zoom, please contact Town Hall at 879-2447 or email Clerk@LeedsTown.org for the Zoom details.

Regular Meeting 7:00pm.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Declaration of Abstentions or Conflicts
4. Consent Agenda:
 - a. Tonight's Agenda
 - b. Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2021
5. Citizen Comments: No action may be taken on a matter raised under this agenda item. (Three minutes per person).
6. Announcements:
 - a. Dumpster Days, May 21-23, Dumpsters Located on Cherry Lane
7. Public Hearing: None
8. Action Items:
 - a. Appointment of Aseneth Steed as Leeds Clerk/Recorder
 - b. Discussion and Possible Action, Ordinance 2021-01, Beekeeping Ordinance
9. Discussion Items:
 - a. Parking
 - b. General and Master Transportation Plan Proposal Review Process
10. Citizen Comments: No action may be taken on a matter raised under this agenda item. (Three minutes per person).
11. Staff Reports
12. Closed Meeting: A Closed Meeting may be held for any item identified under Utah Code section 52-4-205.
13. Adjournment

The Town of Leeds will make reasonable accommodations for persons needing assistance to participate in this public meeting. Persons requesting assistance are asked to call the Leeds Town Hall at 879-2447 at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

The Town of Leeds is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Certificate of Posting; The undersigned Clerk/Recorder does hereby certify that the above notice was posted April 24, 2021 at these public places being at **Leeds Town Hall, Leeds Post Office, the Utah Public Meeting Notice website <http://pmn.utah.gov>, and the Town of Leeds website www.leedstown.org.**



Aseneth Steed
Acting Clerk/Recorder

Town of Leeds

Town Council Meeting for Wednesday, April 28, 2021

Regular Meeting 7 PM

1. Call to Order:

Mayor Peterson called to order the regular meeting of the Leeds Town Council at 7 PM on Wednesday, April 28, 2021. This was an in-person meeting with an electronic option.

ROLL CALL:

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
MAYOR: WAYNE PETERSON	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
COUNCILMEMBER: ALAN ROBERTS	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
COUNCILMEMBER: DANIELLE STIRLING	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
COUNCILMEMBER: LORRIE HUNSAKER	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
COUNCILMEMBER: STEPHEN WILSON	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>

2. Pledge of Allegiance: Stephen Wilson

3. Declaration of Abstentions or Conflicts: None

4. Approval of Consent Agenda

Councilmember Hunsaker moved to approve tonight's agenda and meeting minutes of April 14th, 2021. 2nd by Councilmember Wilson. Motion passed in a Roll Call Vote.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
MAYOR: WAYNE PETERSON	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
COUNCILMEMBER: ALAN ROBERTS	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
COUNCILMEMBER: DANIELLE STIRLING	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
COUNCILMEMBER: LORRIE HUNSAKER	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
COUNCILMEMBER: STEPHEN WILSON	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

5. Citizen Comments:

(Mayor Peterson stated he would repeat citizen comments so those in Town Hall would be able to hear their comments.)

Jim Coleman (Online) – I'm very delighted as the new owner of the property at the north end of Main Street which we have named, Leeds Outpost; and the things we are trying to do to help add to the beautiful spirit of Leeds and the community activities going on. I just wanted to mention that we have had several suggestions from the town's people

about starting a farmer's market. I would like to make a public invitation to those that might have an interest, we have scheduled a meeting at the Outpost on May 6th at 10:00 in the morning in Suite #6 for those interested in participating in some of the organization and ideas for having a farmer's market at the property. If those interested could show up at the property at 545 N Main Street and if they have any questions or comments before that they can email me at JIM@relorep.com. I'm happy to be a part of this great activity with the Leeds community.

Lynn Potter (Online) – You probably know that we submitted our excavation plans to Sunrise, he had questions that I would like answered. Does an existing dirt road be held subject to the Hillside Ordinance and, two, does existing manmade piles of dirt and their slope also?

Mayor Peterson – This is the first I'm hearing of that particular exchange with Sunrise Engineering but I will follow up with Sunrise and find out what their questions are and get whatever information is needed by them on that.

6. Announcements: Mayor Peterson – Dumpster Days are about a month away and will be on May 21st through May 23rd, the dumpsters will be located on Cherry Lane. I've been approached by some members of the community that are interested in trying to organize a clean-up day and I think having it in conjunction with Dumpster Days would be an excellent time to do that. So there will be more details following. If people have thoughts and ideas on particular parts of town that need attention please share them with me. Call Town Hall or send an email to Mayor@Leedstown.org and we would be happy to incorporate them into the plans for the next Dumpster Days.

7. Public Hearing: None

8. Action items:

a. Appointment of Aseneth Steed as Leeds Clerk/Recorder

Mayor Peterson – As everyone is quite likely aware our previous Clerk/Recorder relocated to Alabama and as a result her last day as our Clerk/Recorder was at the end of January. Since that time we have had three listings on the Work Force Services site, we have had ads in the Senior Sampler so we have had the opportunity for everyone to know that the position is open. During that time period as well our bookkeeper Aseneth Steed has stepped forward and taken on more and more of the tasks of Leeds Clerk/Recorder. As a result I'm very confident that Aseneth is capable and well prepared to step into the role of Leeds Clerk/Recorder. It is a very important position in an election year, which this is. One of the responsibilities of the Clerk/Recorder is to oversee that election process and that process is starting right now at the end of the month. There is the official posting of the open positions and from that a whole series of events going forward. It is with pleasure that I put forward the name, it is subject to approval by Town Council, but the name is Aseneth Steed to serve as the next Leeds Town Clerk/Recorder. Are there any questions from Council or any motion from Council on this, looking for advice and consent on that.

Councilmember Stirling made a motion to accept Aseneth Steed as the next Leeds Town Clerk/Recorder, Councilmember Hunsaker seconded the motion. Mayor Peterson called for a Roll Call Vote.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
MAYOR: WAYNE PETERSON	x	_____	_____	_____
COUNCILMEMBER: ALAN ROBERTS	x	_____	_____	_____
COUNCILMEMBER: DANIELLE STIRLING	x	_____	_____	_____
COUNCILMEMBER: LORRIE HUNSAKER	x	_____	_____	_____
COUNCILMEMBER: STEPHEN WILSON	x	_____	_____	_____

Mayor Peterson – Aseneth I look forward to working with you in your new position and appreciate the work you have done on behalf of the Town to this point.

b. Discussion and possible action, Ordinance 2021-01, Beekeeping Ordinance

Mayor Peterson – There were some suggestions made at the previous meeting, and I updated the Ordinance with language to try and reflect that. There is the new draft in front of Council this evening that was emailed for consideration. Is there any discussion at this point before we look for any kind of action item on it from Town Council?

Councilmember Stirling – I would like to introduce Jared Taylor, he is actually the President of the Utah Beekeepers Association, and I would like if it would be okay to have him address us with his information as President of that.

Mayor Peterson – I don't have any difficulties with that, anybody on Council?

Jared Taylor – I am a beekeeper; about 20 years ago I started my own practice. We run roughly one thousand hives in the Washington County area. We do keep bees in Washington County about six months of the year. I've been around beekeeping quite a bit. I have not actually had a chance to review your Ordinance. My position on it is that it is not needed, there are a couple of reasons why. I might be a little bit wrong on this, but I do believe Leeds city has a nuisance ordinance already, which would cover any problems you would have with bees. If bees are getting into somebody's yard, pool, or hummingbird feeder there is a reason why. A lot of that can be mitigated really easy. The owner should be responsible for that and your nuisance ordinance will cover that. Also, anybody needs to take their own responsibility if you have a pool it is your responsibility to have a fence around it, you're right that won't keep bees out but if bees are going into a swimming pool there is a lack of maintenance in the swimming pool. Bees want to go to fresh water, if they can find a fresh water source that is where they will go to. I get hundreds of calls throughout each year as just me or my business with people wanting tips. Hey, we've got this problem

what do you suggest we do? I will counsel them and try to find a solution to their problem. The State of Utah already has a bee law intact which requires a beekeeper to be registered with the State of Utah. We, as commercial beekeepers are, but the law says that any beekeeper one hive to a million hives needs to be registered with the State of Utah. They do require yearly inspections; the State of Utah does not have the funding to do those inspections. The County has hired a bee inspector, mainly that bee inspectors' job is to field phone calls and respond on any problems there are but not to actually do inspections. If you limit beekeeping in your town then you limit the resources available to you. As a beekeeper in Washington County I or someone I know responds to bee problems, I give them my number. Most beekeepers I know want to help and respond to problems. There's paperwork, money, and accountability involved for the town, so save yourself some trouble use the State Laws and work with the local beekeepers.

Mayor Peterson – Does anyone on Council have questions?

Councilmember Stirling – Can you go into a little more detail about the inspection that there is or is not someone that can come from Salt Lake to do that.

Jared Taylor – Because of funding they only will come down if there is a necessary urge.

Councilmember Stirling – So if our Ordinance requires them to have a bee inspection, the availability would be few and far between as well as the distance and the fact that it would be for just a couple of beehives behind their house?

Jared Taylor – Correct, trying to get someone to drive from Salt Lake down here and to stay overnight is very difficult.

Councilmember Hunsaker – Is it not true that they have contracted with inspectors in Washington County as they told me?

Jared Taylor – They have a bee inspector, but as for someone to actually do the inspections, no. I have talked to the beekeeper, his name is Casey Lockhouse, I asked him about inspections. I asked him to come inspect my hives, he said the County doesn't want to take on the liability of a private inspector doing those. So his job is just fielding phone calls and responding to problems as they arise.

Councilmember Hunsaker – This Ordinance that you didn't read is more a directive to give them a list, to give them some kind of education because they are not going to know you or to call you and if they call up there to get an inspection you're saying they won't get one. This ordinance is basically pulled from the state just to give local information to the town.

Jared Taylor – I do sell bees, I meet those people that get bees from Cal Ranch, IFA, and a lot of those people I do sell bees to. One of the first things I say is “where are you going to put your bees and how are you going to make sure they are not a problem?” They say “well, I don’t know.” I say “let’s sit down and have a discussion”, this discussion takes about an hour by the time we answer questions and get them going. Now at any point if you were to go to beekeeping Utah, the Utah Beekeepers Association page will come up. My name is on there as the President with a list of the other directors with phone numbers including my cell number. I can be contacted relatively easy. Now if there is a nuisance with a swimming pool or water a lot of times it’s from a lack of education. Why are they going to that swimming pool? That swimming pool is not properly being maintained. If that swimming pool had chlorine in it like it should to kill bacteria, bees will not go to that.

Councilmember Hunsaker – It did, and the bees did go, they were having to empty their filter every day, three times a day.

Jared Taylor – Proper chlorination was not there, I have a pool in my own personal yard. Not one bee got in that pool because I check the chlorine levels in that pool. Not only am I a beekeeper I also work for Washington City water department and I check chlorine levels. I know where levels need to be, pools require a higher level of chlorine and it needs to be tested and maintained to be sure it’s there. My neighbors all around me have pools, now and then I get a phone call “hey I’ve got bees in my pool,” I ask them if they have checked their chlorine level? They say the pool guy was here, and I tell them I understand that, did he check your chlorine? I’ll come check your chlorine. If there isn’t 50 ppm bees will be coming there. Add some chlorine, no more bees. Beekeeping is a necessity that we need. Who will you have respond if you don’t allow beekeepers in your community? Beekeepers want to be a part of your community.

Mayor Peterson – If I could share with you some of the things that are in the ordinance that you didn’t have the opportunity to read; in the actual introduction we say that we want to cooperate with the State and County bee laws. We are not trying to stop bees in Leeds at all, what we are trying to do is keep them alive, keep them pollinating that which grows in the Leeds area, and making sure that we can take prompter action. What I’ve heard you describe, and I don’t want to sound like I’m angry about it, but I’m concerned that you’re telling me that the state is ineffective with what they do and yet we that are here to hear the people say, “there’s this issue with bees” and we can respond quicker making phone calls to people such as yourself to say we have a problem here. I don’t know that it’s fair to blame the pool owner. My understanding is that there was not a fresh water source within a close distance to the hive that caused them to look for an alternative. I’m more than happy to utilize people such as yourself who want to keep bees healthy because that’s what I want to see and that’s the purpose of this ordinance. We are an agricultural community, it’s part of Leeds’s roots and history, but when bees are dead in a swimming pool filter they’re not doing any

pollenating ever again. The idea behind this ordinance is not to interfere with the state or county or with a private organization of people that are willing to help their competitors and I commend you for that. We are not trying to legislate against bees we are trying to make sure people are responsible. I didn't hear any discussion when this was talked about at Council saying we want to drive bees out of Leeds. We want them here, we want them doing their proper role, but we don't want to have people who are not maintaining them properly, not reacting quickly enough, not turning to someone like you and if we know that you exist and you can provide us with two or three other names so if we get your voicemail we can get someone else involved and you wouldn't need to make those calls. I think that's where we're headed if we were to get involved with this ordinance. That's spelled out, the things in here are not anti-bee they are pro-bee as I see them, but let me ask if there's anybody else on council who disagrees with what I've represented.

Councilmember Stirling Who is doing the violations, who is giving the violations, and what funding is that, where is that funding coming from? He's already stated that the state inspector doesn't necessarily come down, so we are kind of setting this up for failure with the two basic things that we are asking for every applicant to have. I agree with the fact that yes we need to protect our citizens with bees. Help me see who's responsible for that.

Mayor Peterson –You've told us something new tonight compared to what we've heard otherwise with respect to the role the County Bee Inspector looks at themselves playing and I would certainly want to investigate that further to make sure that we get something perhaps even in writing with them to understand that they are going to be able to provide that which we've been told they would be able to. I think that would satisfy "pass state inspection" because as I understood it from what I read, the state delegates that authority in counties that are willing to provide one to an individual

Jared Taylor – Our inspector only fields phone calls as a PR person and responds if there is an urge. So getting him out to do an inspection... I don't want to say I don't like your ordinance I think ordinances are good, I'm just trying to represent that it's already in place with the state, if there is an issue you guys are contracted with the Sheriff's department. The Sheriff's department can come cite somebody under the nuisance ordinance and it's taken care of.

Mayor Peterson – I would have to inform you otherwise, that the Sheriff will actually cite against any state code violations where we have adopted the state code. However, if it is a nuisance ordinance the Sheriff will not, we need to actually swear out the complaint ourselves.

Jared Taylor – There is a state ordinance or a state law, I can't quote you that verbatim or the section it is, a few years ago they were looking at eliminating that. Utah beekeepers fought with the legislature to keep that intact so we have

responsibilities in our community as a beekeeper. So it's not just the city fighting it, it is the state statute that the sheriff can write off of.

Mayor Peterson – I think it's regrettable that you didn't have a chance to read this in advance because I don't think there are a lot of hoops that we ask people to do. We ask them to provide us with contact information, to have it available so the public could see it. But I also think that there is a question as to how quickly one can respond. I get back to what I hear you describe is what you believe is an ineffective state system and then saying you shouldn't do it on the local level because the state's already covering it.

Jared Taylor – that's where I think you have some confusion, the inspections on the state is ineffective, yes. The state's statute that is adopted by legislative council is state law you can get a citation for improper care of bees and the Sheriff's department can issue that citation.

Mayor Peterson – I guess my opinion though is that I would rather not get into citing, my first choice with any of our ordinances is to try and work with the person who's violating it to bring them into compliance, to make them understand why it exists as an ordinance and to get them to do what's in the best interest, in this instance, of the bees themselves and the public. It just doesn't satisfy me to have "good we got them cited" if the end result is that there are a lot of dead bees, or that the person chooses to no longer maintain bees. Our objective is to keep them, not get rid of them. By relying on "we are going to cite them" that's not the objective, the objective is to get people to raise bees and keep bees in a safe environment for themselves, the bees, and their neighbors.

Jared Taylor – I agree with you 100% on that, I'm just saying you already have a city ordinance in force and a state ordinance in force, why do you want to create something to cause more paperwork on your administration?

Councilmember Stirling – Let me ask one more question, is there an actual beehive class that maybe we can have individuals take the class and get certification.

Jared Taylor – There are no classes in Washington County. Educational presentations are available at the Utah Beekeepers Association Conventions.

Councilmember Hunsaker – for the improper care of bees for the state statute, what is that considered, and who decides that the care is improper?

Jared Taylor – if it becomes an issue and we have to get the state involved, Joey Caputo, he's the main guy over the Utah department of Agriculture. Joey Caputo is a great resource to reach out to, if there is a problem, he will come down but that's when we start looking to do citations. That's not where we want to get to, like you mentioned we want to address a problem.

Mayor Peterson – I would share with you that one of the challenges in enforcing a nuisance ordinance is the first person who gets told they are in violation of it, points the finger at someone else who they think is in greater violation of it. That doesn't head you in the direction of trying to make sure that you are promptly keeping the bees alive. What it does is allow us to work with multiple resources as quickly as possible in a remediation effort. By the time State Citations are issued a lot of bees are going to be dead, a lot of people will be stung, and a lot of swimming pool filters are going to be full of dead bees. The purpose of this ordinance is to allow us to have local plans in place with several options for the quick resolution of issues. This ordinance doesn't include "penalties" it gives the expectation of what people should do when they have bees. After confirming some of the other avenues we can have, I hope we could have you as an avenue but if we establish this I would like you to read it too so you can let us know if there are any major issues with it that are anti-beekeeping because that's not the intent. I'm concerned that it's in your opinion at this point that what we are doing is making things more difficult for ourselves and our beekeepers.

Councilmember Wilson – I want to thank you for coming, this type of dialog is what helps us make a more educated decision on what we are doing. We are not against bees, I know I'm not. I see it as a way to promote beekeeping, by having a resource here and hopefully we can have your name and others available. I agree we can get too many ordinances, but I do think it's important to help get them the education.

Mayor Peterson – In my checking we have three registered beekeepers in the Leeds area. One is in unincorporated Washington County, one is inactive, and one in Leeds that turned out to be the problem issue. I agree that we would be encouraging beekeeping.

Councilmember Hunsaker – This ordinance reads as a checklist with the information that you tell people. So if they don't buy their bees from you or if they are not given your name at least they have something to reference. I also see it as promoting bees. I think it gives us a better chance at mitigation before citations.

Councilmember Roberts – Asked what is a reasonable number of hives that people can place in a certain area, I'll tell you now it's a loaded question.

Jared Taylor – When it comes to pollination there is a math formula to tell how many hives. How many gardens, what's needing pollination? I have people wanting to pay me to put hives in their community garden, it's not about the money. I tell them there are already hives within the area that will take care of your garden. There are problems with people watering their grass too much and they will have an issue because it provides a fresh water source for the bees and they will go to the nearest fresh water source. I tell them to turn the water off for a

week and then water only ten minutes per day and their grass is beautiful and no bees. They receive information from the wrong people. They can call me, or the Sheriff's dispatch has all of our numbers.

Councilmember Hunsaker – So if we have a problem, we can call you and you will come out and handle it?

Jared Taylor – Yes, I will come out and talk to the owners, with the pool issue, there is a problem with the pool.

Councilmember Hunsaker – I'm telling you they're going to have an issue with that because they take really good care of their property, it's one of the most beautiful properties in all of Leeds.

Jared Taylor – The thing about chlorine, it evaporates quickly. Proper maintenance is key. I have a pool in my backyard not even one hundred feet from my hives and I only get one or two bees in my pool all summer.

Mayor Peterson – When you have a hive within one hundred feet of your pool I assume there is a fresh water source somewhere closer to that hive than the pool.

Jared Taylor – No, there's not a good source. I have water troughs for the cows and the Virgin River is a quarter mile away, there is not a good source. Bees need fresh water, in my bee yards I set up a tank of water that drips constantly to get the oxygen into the water. That's a fresh source, but at my home, I only get one or two bees a year and that's because I'm doing proper maintenance on my pool.

Mayor Peterson – You're saying that you properly maintain your pool but isn't it proper if you're keeping beehives to provide them with fresh water?

Jared Taylor – You're right and I could say I have a good source but not within a quarter mile. But because the pool is properly maintained it's not an issue. If we talk to the homeowner that has the bees, hey we need to have a solution, your bees are causing a nuisance. What do you have for a proper water source? You should have a valve that is dripping, it doesn't need to be a lot but one drip every few seconds catching it in a pond with some little rocks and sticks is adequate. The homeowner with the pool, let's check the water and actually see what the chlorine level is.

Councilmember Hunsaker – If I have to keep enough chlorine in my pool to keep the bees away, I shouldn't have to be responsible for that when I've already lived there. Now the beehives come in and are put against the fence next to my pool and the beekeeper doesn't have a checklist to follow so they don't know that they

need to keep a water source. I can't use my pool because it has to have so much chlorine that the bees won't come to it.

Jared Taylor – If your pool doesn't have enough chlorine it will grow bacteria.

Mayor Peterson – I just want to ask a question about the chlorination, it seems if you are relying on a fresh water source a quarter of a mile away, you could have double digit numbers of pools between your good source and the hives. If you put a good water source close to the hive will they tend to use that instead?

Jared Taylor – Yes, they will. Bees are hard workers, but they are also lazy.

Mayor Peterson – It seems to me when you say you have a good water source a quarter mile away that you're relying on many people maintaining the chlorine levels of their pools so the bees will choose the good water source to stay healthy. Instead of relying on all these other people if we ask people to have a fresh water source near the hive is that bad practice for beekeeping?

Jared Taylor – No, it's actually in the state beekeeping laws.

Councilmember Wilson – Which is where this came from, since you're the expert in this particular case, there was no fresh water source. If there was a fresh water source do you think it would have stopped the bees from going to the pool?

Jared Taylor – I think it's a good practice especially if the water source was started when the hive was started.

Councilmember Hunsaker – And that was 50 ppm chlorine?

Jared Taylor – I believe so yes.

Mayor Peterson – If I could make a suggestion to council, we have been discussing this for about an hour. Jared I appreciate your time and knowledge. I would like to send you a copy of the ordinance as it's currently drafted so you would have a chance to read it. I think we will look to get clarification of information we had previously gotten from the state and county. I think we should bring this back at our meeting in May.

9. Discussion Items:

a. Parking

Mayor Peterson – I circulated to Council some additional thoughts that Lorrie had pulled together trying to reflect some of the comments that people had brought up in the past.

Councilmember Hunsaker – I received three more emails today with photos of where the vehicles are parking on Valley. I know there are concerns about

residents that have more vehicles than they can fit on their property. By implementing no parking between two a.m. and six a.m. we were trying to alleviate the problem with vehicles parking on Valley for long periods. We just had an RV on Main Street that was there for four days, called the Sheriff, they tagged it and it was moved within an hour. There are different problems in different areas. As far as resident parking permits, they are for residents that have more functioning/utilized vehicles than they have off-street parking for. We would ask for a sketch showing available on-site parking, the number of vehicles registered to that address and provide them with permits for the overflow vehicles for the year. There were also concerns about holidays and other events so each residence would be allowed ten overnight passes annually. I know ten doesn't sound like a lot, but these are for overnight and not many people can fit 10 vehicles worth of overnight guests. So that's my thought on it because I get the emails and texts from flustered residents. I'm not happy about the particular person leaving their vehicle for extended times but right now we can't do anything about it. I also don't believe all residents should have the inconvenience of getting a permit because of one person so I was trying to find a compromise.

Councilmember Stirling – Is it different on Main Street?

Councilmember Hunsaker – It's for all streets, UDOT will only agree if the ordinance applies to all roads equally.

Councilmember Stirling – So how was the vehicle on Main different? How did it get tagged and moved.

Councilmember Hunsaker – It was an RV.

Mayor Peterson – We don't allow living in an RV

Councilmember Hunsaker – Other vehicles parking in the same area on Valley include commercial trucks and ATV trailers, but they are only there during the day and not for extended periods. I have no idea how else to write this or fix this, I was hoping you would jump in and save me.

Councilmember Wilson – So this all started over one particular vehicle. Are there other instances that have been a problem? I'm just concerned about creating an ordinance over one vehicle that will be hard to manage. This is a hard one because we fix it for one, but then no one is able to park in front of their house overnight.

Councilmember Roberts – I don't think on a long-term basis that you will like it. You may be resolving a few instances, but I find it concerning. Many places have no overnight parking for things such as snow removal, but it has nothing to do with "I don't like the looks of that vehicle." It serves a purpose. If a vehicle creates

an issue with drainage or someone decides to camp on the side of the road, those are different. It's going to be the Mayor who gets the phone calls at 2 a.m..

Councilmember Hunsaker – Do we have other solutions?

Mayor Peterson – Or do we say that collectively we're just not thinking it's an issue that should be addressed. I've heard different councilmembers express sympathy towards the people that have a vehicle move in across the way for an extended period of time. Is it only sympathy to a point and not a desire to try and figure a way to make it move and not let it happen. My personal thought is that I don't own the street in front of my home, if there is a fire hydrant people can't park in front of the that or in front of a driveway. I can understand there are times when people want to keep something in the right-of-way not obstructing traffic and able to be there when they want to use it. Do we want to move forward with this or not? I've heard definitely I don't and I've heard this is how it would work if we had it, but I haven't heard that you adamantly want it done other than stopping the phone calls.

Councilmember Hunsaker – I take the phone calls and I understand the frustration. I was all for it, I wrote it, I don't care about any of that, what I care about is that the public has not joined in. Residents had the opportunity to come meet with council and not one called and then it resurfaces again. It is always the same vehicles and I say we hang it up.

Councilmember Roberts – What is the complaint on the calls you get? I'm assuming it's "this truck has been parked here for so many days." Okay, alright what do you want us to do about it? If it is a licensed vehicle, they have a right to park there. That's really easy to mitigate.

Councilmember Hunsaker – I think I have done all I can do, I have spoken with the owner, with the RV park, I agree. Unless we are going to do this Town wide, which I am not a fan of, I'm all for shutting this down if that is what's decided.

Councilmember Stirling – We are putting all of this on our residents, maybe what we need to do is have the individuals that are parking there for an extended amount of time, maybe they need to have a permit.

Councilmember Roberts – That will get challenged in court, as soon as you designate someone between a resident and non-resident and your expectation is to have a non-resident do something different it will be challenged.

Mayor Peterson – If there is a maximum length of time all they have to do is keep moving it and that doesn't solve it.

Councilmember Stirling – Is the front of individuals homes, if the car is actually registered to that address, just because it's the front of their home and the right-of-way that does not give them any kind of...

Councilmember Roberts – It doesn't give them anymore privilege than anyone else.

Mayor Peterson – It's a public street.

Councilmember Wilson – You could put a fire hydrant in front of your house and solve the problem.

Mayor Peterson – Then you just hope there isn't a fire so when the fire department pulls up and there's no water to the hydrant.

Councilmember Stirling – So are you only doing this for a commercial property that doesn't have enough parking for its own business?

Mayor Peterson – I don't think it's commercial related.

Councilmember Stirling – How is the RV park that doesn't have enough room or somebody that doesn't want to supposedly park in there, how is that not a commercial business that doesn't have enough parking for someone that they are...

Councilmember Hunsaker – He doesn't work for them, and he has a registered vehicle in the State of Utah so he can park on any public street.

Mayor Peterson – The RV park won't let him park there because he already has two vehicles parked there.

Councilmember Roberts – The RV park provides two parking stalls for residents there, they also have other parking that you can get for an extra fee.

Councilmember Hunsaker – No, they no longer have overflow parking.

Councilmember Roberts – If it's causing an issue with some type of drainage or something than that needs to be handled different whether it's that vehicle or another one.

Councilmember Hunsaker – He wasn't but as the residents kept placing larger and larger boulders in the right-of-way then he would go into the ditch.

Councilmember Roberts – The fifty-foot right-of-way went down to about twenty-five feet very quick when they added the boulders.

Mayor Peterson – The boulders, I will be following up on, everyone is expected to pay their trash bill soon, presumably they read that they are not permitted in the right of way. I will be sending letters to the specific addresses about that. The one other parking thing before we may be putting it to bed is, I have gotten even more calls about, and that's ATV trailers. They are parked off the paved road particularly on SITLA property in terms of the frontage where there are no homes, but I still get people calling to complain that they don't like them there. I think what they really don't like is the noise of the ATVs. They are attached to a legal vehicle and I ask them if it is legally parked, is it more than two feet on the paved surface? They don't stay overnight so this ordinance was more focused on the other issue. I don't see where we are trying to change that as well, they are not obstructing vision which is something we could act on. Is the general agreement among council that we have talked about it, we've heard about it, and it's unfortunate that some people are parking vehicles for extended periods of time, but it is not something we believe an ordinance is going to address?

All Councilmembers – Agreed

c. General and Master Transportation Plan Proposal Review Process

Mayor Peterson – We have our Town Planner on the line, Scott would you provide your thoughts having received from me the two sealed packages from the bidders.

Scott Messel – Mayor and Council we properly noticed an RFP for our General Plan and there was a fair number of various companies that attended the meeting via Zoom. We ended up getting two proposals one from Sunrise Engineering with Shannon Ellsworth as the lead and the other is Jones and Demille with Michael Hansen is the lead on that one. Both companies are very competent and know what they are doing. Considering we are under time constraints to try and get it going so we can get our funding for it, my recommendation is we have a committee of three of us the Mayor, myself, and a Councilmember meet and review the two proposals. Have a discussion about it then bring a recommendation to the council with which one we think we should move forward with.

Mayor Peterson – Repeated what Scott Messel had said to those in Town Hall adding that our two sources of funding are two grants, one from the Community Impact Board and one from the Dixie Metropolitan Planning Organization. Both have an expiration of next May. Are there any disagreements about approaching it that way? Okay, any volunteers? Lorrie do you feel like taking this on?

Councilmember Hunsaker – I'll have a lot of free time now that parking is over, so I guess so.

Mayor Peterson – Would the rest of Council be okay if it was Lorrie, Scott, and I who reviewed them and then brought it back to Council at the next meeting? That meeting will be May 12th. Council had no objections.

10. Citizen Comments

Tiffany Jones - Just a quick comment about beekeeping, your newsletters have been very informative, and I believe most residents read those so maybe you could include the information in that as well as Jared's phone number and information about the annual convention he spoke of. I feel like rather than mandate an ordinance that will restrict the few people that do have them that are doing it in the right way, help educate the ones that need education.

Gary Findlay – I'm a new member of your community, I was glad to be here to listen to all the comments. I ran a business for forty-one years here in Southern Utah and over those years one of the things I learned was as I listened to you is that we always believed in a process. With communities you have to have a process, sometimes what will happen is one person comes in and says "I don't like your process," do you change the process for one person? You only solve the problem for one person, don't change your process. I really enjoy being a part of your community.

Kerry Bennion – I think as a Town Council and the Mayor you represented the beekeeping perspective and many of the things that have occurred over the past three years. Unfortunately, after listening to Mr. Taylor, in my opinion, he discredited himself completely by saying that he as a beekeeper and yet knowingly doesn't provide a water source for his bees. I can also confirm that the pool in question is a covered pool and is well maintained, twice weekly with proper chlorination levels. Which did not deter the bees, thousands of them daily were extracted by the filters. The situation has improved somewhat but when my grandchildren and contractors that I have working at the property are not able to freely go on a patio and pool area, I feel that is a significant problem and it is not associated with the maintenance of the pool. The other thing I would like to say is that the beekeeper who is now registered was not registered when they started their bees. They moved the bees from my fence where it was originally located to the opposite fence line, which because they have a very narrow lot, is approximately fifty feet from my fence. There is not a flyway or currently to my knowledge no current water source.

Mayor Peterson – May I ask if the problem is the same with the bees being fifty feet away instead of ten?

Kerry Bennion – The problem is less, instead of thousands of bees getting into the pool it's down to about a dozen.

Councilmember Hunsaker – If Jared were to come out there and talk to the beekeeper do you think it would do any good?

Kerry Binnion – I would hope it would. My concern is for the neighbor on the other side who has a beehive on their fence line. In my opinion we need an ordinance. I'm not anti-bees, I have fruit trees and bees are a very important resource, but the handling and maintaining of bees is very important. In very small lots within the city where they are not maintained there needs to be something done from an education perspective, because I should not be a prisoner from my patio or pool because my neighbor chose to start a beehive.

Rex Ballou – I just want to thank the council and the Mayor for their hard work, I appreciate what you are doing.

11. Staff Reports

Councilmember Stirling – I just have something that Jared Taylor wrote. He said I spoke wrong when I said it's 50 ppm in swimming pools, it's 5 ppm.

Mayor Peterson – Regarding the every other week Covid 19 meeting, Washington County schools are now being pointed to by other schools across the country and being called to speak with them about how to successfully open a school in a Covid 19 environment. They've had a very successful year with an in person learning option and it has worked out very well with the primary focus being kids wearing masks. There has been some question whether or not they would choose to opt out of masks for the balance of the year if there is an opportunity to override that requirement on the state level. They are choosing not to do so and they want to get through this year and hope by the start of the next school year it will not be necessary. We also get reports from the hospital at that meeting. Very encouraging single digit number of cases there. The one thing that was shared was in the recent weeks they have found that every single case they've had is someone who did not yet get the vaccine. In the early days there were some who thought it was over and managed catching Covid before the vaccine took hold is their perception. The facilities are very adequate for the kind of activity they are seeing. It is hoped that will continue going forward.

12. Closed Meeting – None

13. Adjournment
Meeting was adjourned at 8:47 PM.

Approved this 12th day of May, 2021.



Wayne Peterson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Aseneth Steed, Clerk/Recorder