

Town of Leeds

Town Council Meeting for February 11, 2015

1. Call to order:

Mayor Peterson called to order the regular meeting of the Leeds Town Council at 7:00pm on February 11, 2015, at Leeds Town Hall, 218 N Main.

2. Roll Call:

ROLL CALL:

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
MAYOR: WAYNE PETERSON	x	_____
COUNCILMEMBER: RON CUNDICK	x	_____
COUNCILMEMBER: ANGELA ROHR	x	_____
COUNCILMEMBER: JOE ALLEN	_____	x
COUNCILMEMBER: NATE BLAKE	_____	x

3. Pledge of Allegiance by Mayor Peterson.

4. Declaration of Abstentions or Conflicts: None.

5. Approval of Agenda:

Councilmember Cundick moved to approve tonight's agenda and meeting minutes of January 28, 2015. 2nd by Councilmember Rohr. 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	x	_____	_____	_____
COUNCILMEMBER: RON CUNDICK	x	_____	_____	_____
COUNCILMEMBER: ANGELA ROHR	x	_____	_____	_____
COUNCILMEMBER: JOE ALLEN	_____	_____	_____	x
COUNCILMEMBER: NATE BLAKE	_____	_____	_____	x

6. Citizen Comments: None

7. Announcements:

- a. Mayor Peterson, Dumpster Days are this Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Dumpsters will be located on Babylon Mill Road and notices have been posted at the Post Office and Town Hall.
- b. Mayor Peterson, our Town businesses benefit greatly when we as residents support them with our business, so to the extent there are opportunities to do that, I certainly encourage everyone. I am certainly making an effort anytime we have an opportunity; such as the View on Southern Utah Magazine, which asked for a piece to be written on Leeds. I am trying to highlight the types of things we do have available here with the hopes of attracting some folks to increase our business activity.

8. Public Hearings: None.

9. Action Items: None.

10. Discussion Items:

a. Road Maintenance Plan

Mayor Peterson indicated the Town has started the process but unfortunately the individual who had spearheaded the effort to do a little education for us left the company that he was with and we did not end up getting a proposal for doing a survey of our roads. Subsequent to that, we have had been contacted. Angela and I actually met with Daren Cottam who is here this evening, who was offering services that he could provide in the area of street analysis and project management oversight with regards to road projects. What we have in our packets is an example of something that Longpoint Consulting Services had prepared for La Verkin City. It is only a discussion item tonight, I think it is important for Council to discuss these types of ideas and expenditures and then have at least two weeks to acquire any additional information that we may want to have before any decisions are made.

Daren Cottam with Longpoint Consulting Services, I appreciate you letting me come this evening. Basically my background is that I have been in road construction for over the last twenty five years. Just over a year ago, we sold our construction company and I started this company. The reason why I started consulting work for Cities, Towns and others is over the years that I have been in the industry, I have seen a great need for some education as far as Cities and Towns go in organizing a plan to take care of their roads.

Daren Cottam discussed his work experience and road planning further.

Councilmembers discussed the La Verkin City street analysis with Daren Cottam and what types of material are used in road repairs.

Rod Mills, principal with Ensign Engineering, I am working with Virgin who you cooperate with on certain things. My expertise is in municipal engineering. I have been doing municipal engineering on a consulting basis for my entire career since the early 80s when I graduated from the University of Utah. My personal expertise is in water resource, engineering and pavement management. I currently serve as the Chairman of the Cost Effectiveness Committee for the Rocky Mountain Pavement Preservation Partnership. We are involved in a lot of state of the art methodology to preserve pavement over long periods of time and we are connected to the two research centers in Minnesota and Alabama. The reason they are in those two places is because of the weather. They feed us information and we try to distribute that information back out about the types of products that make sense and at what levels.

Rod Mills discussed some of the projects he is currently working on.

Mayor Peterson indicated he thought it would be very valuable to the Town to have a thorough understanding of what it is going to cost to maintain and bring up to an acceptable level our roads. I expect it to be a very large number, I expect it to be more than we would be able to spend at any point in time, but if we're not able to evaluate and prioritize, it's a very difficult situation to just be reactive.

Councilmembers discussed it further.

11. Citizen Comments:

LoAnne Barnes, I read in the paper about recycling, where is Leeds in terms of looking into recycling issues in the Washington County Issue?

Councilmember Rohr, the County currently has 2 RFP proposals. The reporting in there indicates if it is mandatory County wide, it would be \$2.65 per month for one can with a biweekly pick up. If it just covered the urban areas which are, Toquerville, La Verkin, Hurricane, St George,

Washington City, Santa Clara and Ivins, the cost would be about the same. That was one bid, the other bid was \$2.94 for both County wide mandatory opt out & Urban.

LoAnne Barnes is Leeds mentioned, is it urban?

Councilmember Rohr, Leeds is not part of the urban area and so that is one of the things we need to come back with an answer for the next meeting on March 9th. We are supposed to come back with what the community is in favor of and it could be that a lot of the smaller communities would just want to opt out. We would still have the binnies.

Recycling was and discussed further with Councilmembers.

Mayor Peterson asked for input on recycling from the citizens who were in attendance at the meeting.

LoAnne Barnes, I am in favor of recycling; now how it's handled is something I would have more questions about. When I read it in the paper, I just wanted to know where Leeds was in this process. I am certainly in favor of recycling; now how you can make it work is the bigger question.

Councilmember Rohr, almost every Town at the meeting said the majority of their residents were in favor and positive about recycling, they just didn't want to pay for it.

LoAnne Barnes, Well that's what I mean, the details you have to work out. We don't mind going to the binnies and its nice the Town gets the refund for that. I don't know how many people do that.

Randy Stevens, if I was to see a recycle program here in Town, I would like to see it separated, the glass, the plastic instead of it all thrown in one bin. Apparently the County does not want to do that. The big city I was in before had 3 or 4 separate bins you set out on recycle day and they had a truck that would collect and keep it separate just like the binnies.

Councilmember Rohr indicated that would require a special truck.

Councilmembers discussed it further.

Randy Stevens discussed the price for recyclables and that the land fill is no longer composting anymore because of the smell. You now just get wood chips.

Councilmember Rohr asked how we are doing on Business Licensing and discussed it further.

Mayor Peterson discussed it and asked Councilmember Rohr talk to the Deputy Clerk about that situation.

Councilmember Rohr at the DTAC meeting, I have been looking at how Leeds could benefit from the money that goes out thru the Dixie Metropolitan Transportation Committee. I think it was Washington City that indicated they got a grant thru DTAC for their Master Plan and another City for their Transportation Plan.

Mayor Peterson, Myron Lee has mentioned to me at times that we are near due and could apply for something to help with our future road plan thru the MPO. I do intend to do that as we move forward with revising the General Plan to tap into those funds.

Darren Cottom, Toquerville used some of their funds. We were redoing our capital facility plan and they will pay for the portion related to roads.

LoAnne Barnes I wrote one of those grants, that's what paid for the improvement on Main Street when they put the ditch in a pipe and discussed it further.

Councilmember Rohr responded that was a UDOT grant and this is a different one.

Mayor Peterson, I had a meeting with the Fire Chief, Chief of the Hurricane District, President of our district and President of theirs and with Mayor LeFevre. The 6 of us sat down and there seems to be complete agreement about leaving the coverage from a Special Service standpoint the same along the I-15 corridor, even following the annexation that is being proposed regarding

the wind farm. We are going to be working on a series of letters or a single joint letter to make sure the County and State are aware of the desire to maintain that status quo. I was pleased to be able to participate in that and was very appreciative of how cooperative everybody was in just trying to figure out what made the most sense.

12. Staff Reports:

13. Adjournment:

Councilmember Cundick adjourned the meeting.

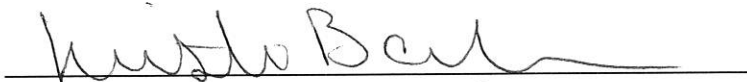
Time: 8:04pm.

APPROVED ON THIS 25th DAY OF February, 2015



Mayor Wayne Peterson

ATTEST:



Kristi Barker, Deputy Clerk/Recorder