

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE  
TOWN OF SWINK  
HELD  
May 12, 2008 (Monday)  
Two Audio Tapes Available**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

A regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Swink was called to order by Mayor Cordova on Monday, May 12, 2008 at 7:03 pm.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Mayor Cordova led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:**

City Clerk Terry Clodfelter called roll.

Present:	Cordova	Cox
	Headlee	Lytle
	Piquette	Stone

Also in attendance were:

Phillip Malouff, Attorney  
Rick Dell, Public Works Director  
Terry Clodfelter, Clerk

Absent: Wallace

**AUDIENCE:**

Mike Steeves, La Junta Tribune Democrat - Mary Jane Maddux, Swink, Co – Dr. Rocco Fuschetto, Swink School District

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Mayor Cordova requested comments regarding the Consent Agenda, which consisted of:

- ◆ *Minutes of the April 14, 2008 Regular Meeting*
- ◆ *Disbursement List*
- ◆ *Public Works Director Report*
- ◆ *Clerks Report*
- ◆ *Librarian report*

Council member Headlee moved, Council member Piquette seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimous.

**Oath of Office**

Clerk administers the oath of office to Trustees Chris Headlee. His term of office will be for four years and will expire in April, 2012.

**Audience**

No participating at this time

**Committee/Boards/CML Reports/ Class**

**A. *Swink Recreation Update – Clodfelter***

Clerk reported that we have 117 children registered for softball/baseball and t-ball. The balance in the account is \$7804.00. She stated that she send out letters for sponsors. We need 10 sponsors for each team and we have 4 sponsors to date. Clerk stated that registrations for ceramics, swimming and bowling is also underway and we have 1 week left to register for these activities. Clerk also stated that she will send out registrations forms for volleyball and football next week.

Headlee asked how we pick the baseball coaches this year. Clerk stated that this year coaches have to become certified and

she picked the ones that had already become certified thru Cal Ripken. Cordova asked about the teams how it was picked. Dell stated that if an age group had more than 1 team a draw was held with the coaches.

**B. *Financial Committee – Update***

Table till next month special meeting on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Ordinance No. 2008-5 – An Ordinance Amending the Water Conservation Ordinance of the Town of Swink**

Cordova went over the ordinance and stated that we changed the number of acres in each stage and that was recommended by Dell and council last month. Cordova asked about our allocation of water. Dell stated that we should know by June 10<sup>th</sup>. Council member Lytle moved, Council member Headlee seconded, to adopt Ordinance No. 2008-5- An Ordinance Amending the Water Conservation Ordinance of the Town of Swink. The motion passed unanimous.

**Old Business:**

**A. *Warning Signal – Chris Headlee – Update***

Headlee stated that the warning signals are up and running. We had a few problems. Headlee stated that we received phase 1 instead on Phase 3. The difference between Phase 1 and Phase 3 is that Phase 1 draws more power. Dell stated that the sirens were tested on Thursday. Headlee stated that Chief Eveatt stated that we need to allow the sirens to go off for 15 minutes during an actual disaster and not the 3 minutes that was manual set at. Lytle stated that she feels the 15 minutes is to let people know that a disaster is happening. Council all agreed that the sirens should go off for 15 minutes. Headlee stated that every Saturday the sirens will be tested for approximately 10 seconds. Dell asked about the wiring situation and stated that the boxes were not complete and Rocky's Electric had to wire the boxes. Dell asked if Rocky's Electric was going to charge us for this

and if so was Sentry Siren going to pay the extra expense. Headlee will check on this issue.

***B. Annual Celebration – Update***

Clerk stated that Lance Valliant will perform all day long for \$550.00. He will furnish his and also be the MC for the annual celebration. Clerk talked about the booths, parade, and chili cook off and also stated that KC Messick will be performing at the street dance. She also stated that the car show will be located between 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Street on Columbia Ave. Clerk also stated that the Fine Arts League will have an art show at the Community Center.

***C. Web Page – Update***

Mike Steeves gave a recap of the Town of Swink web page. He stated that he just add the Town of Swink ordinance's to the site. He also stated that the newsletter will be on the web site. He stated that Swink Recreation will have forms on the site where parents can pull them off. Steeves had a list of how many times and from the cities of who is looking at our site. Council advised him to check with Chuck Hanagan for pictures and history of the town.

***D. J.C. Carrica – Update***

Dell stated that everything is working out with the parking of the vehicles on Carrica's lot.

***E. Linda Scott – Library Hours – Update***

Lytle stated that she visited with Linda Scott about the hours the library is being open for the public. Lytle stated that Linda is keeping the library open until 6:30 pm. Lytle also stated that Scott is no longer driving the school bus and the hours should be back to normal.

***F. New Maintenance Shop – Update***

Dell stated that he has talked with a couple of people concerning the new maintenance shop. He stated that people are holding off for a bid sheet and they need to know the specification of the building. Dell stated he talked with one person that put up Del Rio's building in La Junta. He stated that Del Rio's building was a 60 x 100 and cost around \$100,000.00. Dell stated that he needs more direction of what council would like and if he if needs to work on a bid package for contractors. That way everyone is bidding on the same thing. Council went over ideas for the building. Cordova stated that we need to call CSU and get them to finish the project for us. Lytle stated that she would go on the internet and check out several different sites as we need more information while we are waiting on CSU and we should not wait for 6 months. Dell will have more information for the June 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

**G. *Sam Trotter – Update***

Malouff stated that he mailed a letter to Mr. Trotter regarding the clean up on his property. He stated that has received a release letter back from Sam Trotter.

**New Business**

**A. *Ordway/Crowley CO – Donation***

Cordova stated that we gave a donation to Holly, Colorado when the tornado hit their small town. Ordway and Crowley County had a major fire and he feels that we should donate to the Town of Ordway. Council member Stone moved, Council member Lytle seconded, to give a donation of \$500.00 to the Crowley CO Community Fund. The motion passed unanimous.

**B. *Carport for Annual Celebration/Equipment Protections***

Dell stated that we e-mailed council concerning the carport. He stated that the carport would be used for the annual celebration and he could also use this to store equipment under the rest of

the time. Dell stated that the carport is ordered and would arriving next week.

**C. Resolution No. 2008-5**

Dell stated that since council passed Ordinance No. 2008-5 concerning water that the Town of Swink would be at no water restriction at this time. Council member Stone moved, Council member Cox seconded, to adopt resolution no. 2008-5 having no water restriction. The motion passed unanimous.

**D. Swink School – Dr. Fuschetto**

Dr. Fuschetto was present and talked to the council concerning a new fire hydrant on the south east corner of the building. Fuschetto stated that the area will be paved and that a fire hydrant already exists with a 2” water line. Fuschetto is asking for a 6” line for the new school project and asked what the cost would be to change the meter out. Dell stated that it would be better to run a separate meter for each place from the 6” line. Dell stated that a 2” runs the school now and explained what is currently at the school. Dell stated that we would need to extend the city main with a 6” line to feed the fire hydrant and the school already has a tap. Lytle stated that we need to waive the entire fee for the school for this project. Dell stated that the Town would maintain the fire hydrant. Council member Cox moved, Council member Headlee seconded, to waive the fee for the extension of the line for the school. The motion passed unanimous. Fuschetto asked if we need a legal document and Malouff stated that we have it in our minutes so no need for a legal document. Dell stated that he would like to be included in these meetings.

**Information**

**A. *Special Meeting – June 2<sup>nd</sup> – Liquor License***

Malouff explained about the public hearing on June 2nd for the new liquor license at the Hogg Stopp. He stated that the needs

of the community and the desire would be grandfathered in due to a license has been held at that place within the past 2 years. The only thing at the hearing would be the character of the individual holding the liquor license.

**B. *Residents that give short checks***

Clerk told council that she sometimes receives short checks from residents that are on the shut off list. She explains this gives the residents another week for the residents that should have had the utilities shut off. Malouff explained that we can not shut the residents off because he/she did pay. He advised the clerk to check with La Junta on their procedure. Clerk will write a procedure for next month. Table until June's meeting.

**C. *OCLI***

Dell stated that the rates for OCLI will be increased to around \$19.00 to \$20.00 per capita. He stated that our current rate is around \$16.00 per capita and is paid on a quarterly basis.

**D. *PARKS***

Dell asked what we are doing on the park area and also if we are going to apply for any GOCO grants. Cordova stated that he does not want the Town to apply for GOCO grants because Swink School was going to apply and he did not want the Town to compete with the school. Cordova stated that the school is more important than the Town Park. Stone stated that we just need to keep the weeds mowed down. Headlee asked if we could start planting grass seed. Cox asked if we could get a grant this year and works on phase 1 and let the school apply next year. Dr. Fuschetto stated that the school is not planning on anything to date.

**E. *Re-cycle Program***

Cox asked if the Town has considered a re-cycle program. Malouff went over the expenses for La Junta and told the clerk to check with Jan Schooley in La Junta for details. Clerk will put an article in the newsletter and ask for comments from the citizens of Swink. Table till next month.

***F. Character Counts***

Headlee asked Dr. Fuschetto about the Character Count Program. Dr. Fuschetto stated that about 10 children met each month and a student was nominated for student of the month. At the end of year there will a student of the year voted on by the teachers. He stated that he would like to get the students more involved next year.

**Adjourn**

Mayor Cordova adjourns the meeting at 8:30 pm.