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EMIGRATION CANYON COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
Minutes for February 9, 2021  
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom due to COVID-19 State of Emergency

Members Present: Bill Tobey, Matt Velinder, Steve Borst, Paul Brown, Claire Clark, Michael Jimenez, Bryan Johansen, Greg Rudowski, Dan Anderson

Members Excused/Absent: Kate Miyagi, Stephanie Harpst, Zach Posner

Also present: Gary Bowen, Joanna Bettmann Schaefer, Michael Conn, Joe Smolka

**Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm with a quorum present. Dan Anderson moved to accept the minutes from the January meeting. Paul seconded the motion. The council was unanimous in accepting the January minutes as written.

**Treasurer's Report**

Paul Brown was present and gave the Treasurer's report to the council.

**UPD Report, Jake Elsasser**

Officer Elsasser was present and gave his monthly report to the council.

**UFA Report, Michael Conn**

Captain Conn was present and gave a report covering yearly trends over the past 5 years to the council. There was a short discussion about some details of his report.

**Miscellaneous Updates and Business**

- Community Wildfire Preparedness Plan updates were prepared by Bill Tobey and distributed the council for feedback.
- Firewise updates were discussed. Greg Rudowski will be helping plan Firewise this year with consideration for the ongoing COVID situation. UFA will be keeping the fire station closed. Joanna Bettmann Schaefer, part of Emigration Oaks HOA, was present and will be helping with Firewise planning from an Emigration Oaks perspective.
- Fire season planning updates were given by Bill Tobey. There was discussion about a planned revenue agreement between the state and the Emigration Township for costs associated with wildfire risk reduction efforts in the canyon.
- Recent MTC and ACCT meeting updates were discussed. ACCT training occurred last month as a virtual meeting. Hopefully ACCT training next year will be in person and it is

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recommended all council members attend if possible. Mayor Smolka also suggested council members attend next year and iterated that AACT is a very valuable resource.

- Two relevant bills are in the Utah legislature: House bill 98 and Senate bill 58. Bill details can be found on the Utah legislature website.
- Draft General Plan review by the council with eye towards opportunities to simplify and reduce. The council's thoughts, particularly from the development group, would be very much appreciated by Mayor Smolka and the Metro Township.
- Upcoming newsletter content was discussed and could involve:
  - RMPower article explaining the work being done on power upgrades
  - Reminder for residents to participate in upcoming US Forest Service survey questionnaires
  - Wasatch Front Waste/Recycle information
  - Explanations of Senate bill 58 implications, however; it is possibly still too early in the planning to raise with the larger community
  - Water conservation material and reminders, given our dry winter and heading towards spring
  - Introduction of newly elected council members with short bios

### **Mayor's Update**

- Planned power outage in upper canyon, roughly around Quarter Mile Road, including Pinecrest and Killyons on Feb 10, 7am to 7pm
- Main canyon road will be closed both directions Feb 10 just below upper Quarter Mile Road entrance to Pinecrest from 8:30am to 4:30pm - after which they'll open one lane with a flagger until roughly 7pm when the work is completed
- Code reds were sent. Mayor Smolka urged everyone to sign up for code reds

### **Other Business**

Gary Bowen led a discussion on a few issues:

- USDA animal control target plan to control skunks and raccoons in coordination with metro townships. Program will lend traps and dispose of raccoons for residents. The council could use this information as newsletter content in the future.
- Possibility of passing an ordinance to enforce dogs on leashes and dog walkers. Animal services could provide an officer for enforcement - if an ordinance is passed.
- Possibility of passing an ordinance for mandating fire sprinkler systems in new homes.

Captain Conn mentioned the fire danger sign at the bottom of the canyon is missing and could be replaced if not found soon.

Greg Rudowski mentioned getting information to residents for updating their contact information with RMPower to stay up to date on outages, etc.

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**Community Comment Period**

No community comments were made

**Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:44pm by Steve Borst and seconded by Paul Brown. The council voted unanimously to adjourn until the March meeting.