

## WORK SESSION – Thursday, March 2, 2023

**Minutes of the Huntsville Town Council work session held at the Huntsville Town Maintenance Building at 6:00 p.m.**

The work session was scheduled to discuss the topic of annexation requests throughout east Huntsville. Residents from east Huntsville were present. The requests for east Huntsville to be included in a town wide annexation are being considered at the request of the east Huntsville residents after receiving notices from the Lieutenant Governor's office of a valley wide incorporation.

**Attending:** TCM Sandy Hunter, TCM Bruce Ahlstrom, Mayor Sorensen, TCM Artie Powell, Ron Gault, Larry Taylor, Rex Mumford, Trent Wangsgard, Wade Tolman, Ron Hendrixson, Liza Roberts, Liz Poulter, Lonny Bailey, Bart Braegger, Sheryll Vanderhoft, Jeff Burton, Rusty Johnson, Lyle Allen

**Zoom:** Brett, jhartman, ipad, TCM Kevin Anderson

Mayor Sorensen called the meeting to order. He requested the TC take comments from those in attendance regarding their requests to be included in an annexation being considered in Huntsville Town.

**Rex Mumford** – He is unsure of what the benefits are going to be if he chooses to be annexed into Huntsville Town. Rex Mumford is here tonight to see what the possibilities are in the annexation.

Mayor Sorensen told those in attendance that the Town Council is looking to stay a class 5 Town. This means Huntsville would have to stay under 1,000 residents. The Town Council is also looking to see what water feasibility is available for those living outside of Huntsville Town.

**Jeff Burton** would like to stay in the County. There was discussion about which option would be more beneficial, Huntsville Incorporated, and Weber County Unincorporated. There was also discussion about whether residents of east Huntsville would have the option to stay in Weber County jurisdiction.

Jeff Burton stated that years ago, Jim Truett invited their family to come into Huntsville Town. The County Assessor told him they would pay \$700 additional taxes to Huntsville Town and not have any services. This is the reason that Jeff Burton would like to stay in Weber County jurisdiction. TCM Sandy Hunter commented she believed the incorporation would take all the land that was not Huntsville Unincorporated. There is confusion about whether east Huntsville would have a choice.

TCM Sandy Hunter stated the Town Council was interested in going south of Huntsville Town going toward Trapper's Loop because they are interested in gaining additional commercial property. The land that is owned by Snowbasin is being set aside to be

included in their own incorporation movement. This would exclude a lot of the property the Huntsville Town Council was interested in.

Mayor Sorensen described the incorporation process. Huntsville Town has been advised by our attorney that the Town Council has between now and the time the feasibility study is done to annex land surrounding Huntsville Town. Once the feasibility study is completed the boundaries of the incorporation will be set. Weber County is looking at a 120-day timeline from the time of submission.

TCM Anderson commented that if a successful annexation did not lead to commercial property for Huntsville Town, it might not be worth the effort. He would like to see more research on Snowbasin's intention.

The Town Council members discussed the properties that should have consideration when annexing in this year. The properties were talked about individually. The land east of Huntsville was considered. The land north to the middle inlet was considered. The land south of Huntsville and extending over to Anderson Cove was discussed. The main issues regarding individual parcels were:

- 1 – Potential Income or benefit that could be obtained by Huntsville Town.
- 2 – Services that could be provided by Huntsville Town
- 3 – Culinary water service to the properties
- 4 – The idea of creating a buffer of the current borders to Huntsville Town
- 5 – The population increases that parcels would provide.
- 6 – The potential change in government due to changes in population.
- 7- Development density of large open parcels.

The Town Council discussed the process of annexing without a petition.

**TCM Artie Powell motioned to adjourn the meeting.** TCM Bruce Ahlstrom seconded the motion. All votes Aye. Motion passed.

**Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.**



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Beckki Endicott, Huntsville Town Clerk