WORK SESSION - Thursday, June 5, 2025

Minutes of the Huntsville Town Council Work Session held at the Huntsville Town Hall 7474 E. 200 S., 5:00 p.m.

The work session was scheduled to discuss items from the regular (6/5/2025) TC agenda including the alleyway vacation and the Lowe subdivision.

Attending: Mayor Richard Sorensen, TCM Sandy Hunter, TCM Bruce Ahlstrom, TCM Artie Powell, TCM Lewis Johnson, Beckki Endicott-clerk, Ron Gault, Jim Truett

Mayor Sorensen began by discussing the Lowe subdivision. He explained that in 2023 the Lowe family was interested in annexing their property that is east of the Sage Development into Huntsville Town but eventually changed their minds. Recently they had approached the town about hooking up to Sage's septic system with Huntsville Town be the body politic over it. Beckki had talked to Summer Day at the County Health Department and they discussed the need to have an additional meeting with the attorney and others, possibly a work session. Mayor Sorensen stated that it could be a risk for the town to allow the Lowes to hook up to Sage's system. Summer Day had told the Lowes that using Sage's septic system was their only option. The TC discussed if there were any advantages for the town in allowing the Lowes to hook in.

The TC spoke briefly about the CSI contract and whether Bill Morris had resolved his concerns. Mayor Sorensen stated that Bill Morris had said that they could approve it. Lt. Butler who arrived later in the meeting clarified that CSI service fees were included in the sheriff's contract and not an additional expense.

The TC discussed the alleyway vacation while looking at the map. TCM Sandy Hunter stated that the alleyway was different than others in Town because it dead ends into private property. Currently there is a gate blocking the alleyway. Ron Gault wondered if there were irrigation lines along the alleyway and TCM Johnson stated that there were lines in the alleyway that stop at the gate. TCM Powell reminded the TC that they had already approved a petition to consolidate the lots belonging to John Falls that are along the alleyway. If the alleyway is vacated it would be split in half giving each landowner an equal portion. The TC spoke about how one roadway that had been sold by the Town to a property owner in 2012 instead of vacated was a mistake. TC Johnson stated that the Town would be setting a precedent for the future if they vacate this alleyway. If there were ever two property owners on either side of an alleyway who wanted additional land they could petition the town to vacate it.

Meeting ended at 5:53 pm

Nikki Wolthuis, Huntsville Town Clerk